



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](#).**

14 November, from the Centre for Maritime Safety: Personal watercraft (PWC)

- Know the Rules

When riding a PWC, it is important to note that the rules and regulations for safe and responsible boating apply. Just like our road rules, these water traffic rules must be observed to help ensure the safety of people in other vessels or enjoying the waterways. Important rules and regulations include:

[Approaching vessels head on](#)

[Overtaking](#)

[Give-way \(powered vessels\)](#)

[Give-way \(non-powered vessels\)](#)

[Speed](#)

[Lookout](#)

[Safe distance](#)

[Obey the signs](#)

[PWC restriction zone](#)

[On the spot fines](#)

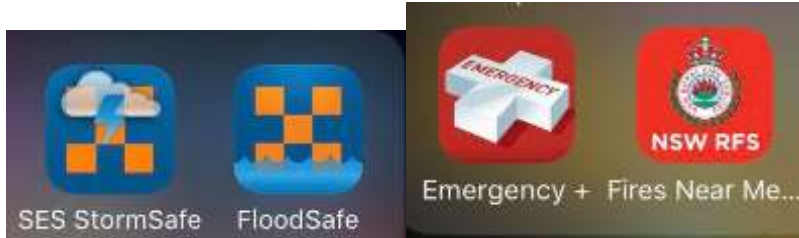
More info at [Transport for NSW website here.](#)



14 November, from NSW SES - Hornsby Unit: Do you know what to do in an emergency storm or flood situation?

Why not download the two free SES apps - [StormSafe](#) and [FloodSafe](#)?

The [Emergency +](#) and [Fires Near Me Apps](#) are also FREE invaluable resources.



12 November, from our neighbouring Ryde command:

Between 10.30am and 5pm on Wednesday 12th October 2016, a unit was broken into at Annes St, Ryde. Several items were stolen including cash and jewellery. Police wish to speak with the male depicted in the photo, which may be able to assist with enquires. If anybody has any information about the identity of this person please contact Eastwood Police Station on 9858 9299 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000. (Ref E63884955)



11 November: "Walk the Talk" Community Walk at Hornsby Mall on Friday 25 November.

7:30am Start the Walk. 8:30am FREE Sausage Sizzle 9:00am Information Stalls and Performances



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign
NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10



WALK THE TALK
COMMUNITY AGAINST VIOLENCE
ZERO TOLERANCE VIOLENCE VICTIMS

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COMMUNITY AGAINST VIOLENCE

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ALL WELCOME

Hornsby Mall
Friday 25th November 2016

 @walkthetalkhornsby

Registration and further information: sihornsby@siswp.org



Hornsby Ku-ring-gai
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK
A collaborative network



NSW Police Force



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay



HORNSBY
SHIRE COUNCIL



In support of
Australia's campaign to
stop violence against women
White Ribbon



[Neighbourhood Watch volunteers will be helping with a Crime Prevention stall at this year's "Wall the Talk" event in Hornsby. Please pencil the date in your diaries. Maybe see you there?]

Other events -

Tuesday 22 - 29 November: Family & Domestic Violence display @ Hornsby Library

Thursday 24 November: Community Against Violence Community Connections Hot Desk 2-4pm @ Hornsby Library

FREE 20min appointments with experts incl Police, court and family support.

Bookings: Hornsby Library Info Desk or **9847 6614**.

10 November, from Queensland Police Service: Not only are drugs illegal, but each could affect your body differently.

Mixing alcohol and drugs can be very dangerous



09 November, from our neighbouring The Hills command: Did you know that It is an offence for people to cross a road within 20m of a crossing?

For those crossing at pedestrian or traffic lights, they can only start walking when the light is green for them to walk. If the light is orange, flashing red, or red, they must not stay on the road for longer than necessary.

More than 10,000 pedestrians were fined for jaywalking across three years during a crackdown between 2013 and 2015. Those who don't obey these rules can be fined \$72 or up to \$2200 if you challenge the offence in court and are unsuccessful. "So far this year over 55 pedestrians have been killed on NSW roads. That's more than 19 per cent of the total road toll in 2016".



08 November, from Crime Stoppers: INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLIES

Schoolies month runs from 19 November through to 3 December.

This is a time where school leavers will go to certain well known "schoolies"™ spots to celebrate. With the celebration comes certain risks, and arming yourself with information can be the difference between the experience of a lifetime, and an experience you wish had never happened.

10 Tips to keeping safe and having a good time:

1. Don't mix drugs and alcohol
2. Drink plenty of water
3. Don't drink or take anything offered by a stranger
4. If you mix alcohol and energy drinks, you could feel alert yet be intoxicated, so don't drive or go swimming
5. Know your limits: check the label as many premixed drinks are more than a standard drink
6. Slow down and alternate alcohol with non-alcoholic drinks
7. Stay close to people you know and trust and look out for each other
8. Call an ambulance if someone needs help. The police won't be called. Just the ambulance service
9. Practice safe sex, take condoms with you! Don't put yourself at risk later
10. Be on guard for older people who don't belong at schoolies and leave any

place if you sense aggression.

PLEASE SHARE THIS POST WITH PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SCHOOLIES EVENTS – THANK YOU

08 November: Easy English Victim of Crime Fact Sheets - Use an interpreter to report a crime



Use an interpreter to report a crime

An interpreter will

- tell you what the police say in your language
- tell the police what you say.



You can use an interpreter to report a crime to the NSW Police.



The police can get an interpreter in any language other than English. This includes Auslan. An interpreter can be used at any time.



You may speak some English. You can still use an interpreter if you want to.



An interpreter will not cost you any money.



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Police can get

- a staff member who speaks your language
- an interpreter on the phone
- an interpreter in person.



You must tell the police officer

- what language you want to speak
- all of the different languages you speak
- the dialect you speak
- when you would like to have a female interpreter
- other special things you need.



Interpreters can **not** tell anyone what you say to the police.

For a copy in your inbox, [click here](#).

08 November, from Stay Smart Online: Be wary of fake mobile apps in the leadup to Christmas

You are reminded to be wary when installing mobile apps from application stores, following [media reports](#) of a sharp rise in fake retail and product apps being marketed through a popular online store ahead of the holiday season.

More info at [Stay Smart Online website here](#).

08 November, from White Ribbon: Who are the women in your life?

In Australia, one in three women has experienced physical or sexual assault in her

lifetime. These women are our mothers, girlfriends, wives, daughters, colleagues and friends. Our silence and inaction allows this violence to continue. Take the first step. Join nearly 200,000 others and take the oath this White Ribbon Day [click here](#). Stand up, speak out and act for the women in your life. Because violence against women is [#AMansIssueToo](#).



08 November, from the Department of Justice NSW: MALE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WILL RECEIVE DEDICATED SUPPORT

For the first time in NSW, male victims of domestic and family violence will receive dedicated support.

As part of a NSW Government record investment in domestic and family violence prevention, victims no longer have to shop around to get the services they need, nor will they have to re-tell their story to a multitude of government agencies. From this month, the Men's Referral Service (MRS) pilot will provide a centralised service for all male victims of family violence to connect them with specialist, local support.

The Men's Referral Service has been established as a Local Coordination Point to assess male victims and refer them onto local support services set up in 48 locations throughout the State. In 2015-16, NSW Police identified 3,700 male victims as being at serious threat and referred them to Victims Services for support, as part of the Safer Pathway program.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

08 November, from the North Shore Times: Police are investigating the alleged assault and attempted robbery of a man carrying \$94,000 worth of gold in Chatswood.

[Full article here.](#)



Crime Stats for September for ASQUITH & DURAL.

ASSAULT COMMON	PACIFIC HWY	ASQUITH	INDUSTRIAL	27/09/2016	1200
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	PACIFIC HWY	ASQUITH	RESIDENTIAL	6/09/2016	1630

ASSAULT COMMON	OLD NORTHERN RD & QUARRY RD	DURAL	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	12/09/2016	300
ASSAULT COMMON	OLD NORTHERN RD	DURAL	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	17/09/2016	1600
ASSAULT COMMON	OLD NORTHERN RD	DURAL	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	24/09/2016	2000

[Email us here](#) for the stats for your suburb.

From Crime Stoppers, November 14: HELP KEEP YOUR FAMILY AND HOME

SAFE (Part 6 of 7)

There are some important things to remember to help keep your family and home safe. Share these posts with your friends and family and discuss these points at home.

AVOID:

⌘ Leaving doors and windows open when you leave the house despite how long you will be absent for.

⌘ Leaving side gates and garden sheds unlocked.

⌘ Hiding keys anywhere outside your home because thieves look in all these places to gain easy access.

⌘ Placing personal details such as your name, address and telephone number on your keys.

⌘ Leaving large amounts of cash inside your home.

⌘ Leaving cars unlocked in the driveway.

⌘ Leaving notes on the door stating that you are away⌘ or when you will be returning.

⌘ Giving personal information to a caller you don't know

⌘ Letting callers know you are home alone.

⌘ Posting to social media that you are on holidays or not at home.

⌘ Check your locks are working properly especially if you live near to the coast as rust may have corroded the inside and make sure you know who has a spare key.

Neighbourhood Watch within NSW Police - Kuring Gai LAC has [its own website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Have you had a look lately?

From NSW Food Authority, the Name and Shame List.

[Charlotte's Little Sister at Pennant Hills on the list this week.]

[Click here](#) for those newly added.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 10 November:

WAHROONGA

1 A man, 32, was arrested after allegedly breaking into a home at John Hughes Place about 12pm on Wednesday, November 2. The home's owner heard a knock on the door but was in the bath and did not respond. He then heard loud bangs. About an hour later the victim saw a man on a bike in the driveway. The owner had a conversation with the man before he saw a window of his home was smashed. Police reviewed CCTV footage from the home and on Friday November 4 at 10am arrested the man.

HORNSBY

4 Four shirts worth \$70 were stolen between 3.20pm and 3.30pm on Tuesday from JJ's at Hornsby Westfield. CCTV footage shows two girls aged about 15 in school uniforms taking the clothes. On the same day about the same time three boys aged about 14 were also seen on CCTV stealing three T-shirts from the City Beach store in Westfield.

WARRAWEE / WAITARA

2 Storage cages and letterboxes were broken into at a unit complex on the Pacific Highway between 2am and 3am on Monday. CCTV footage shows two men in a Toyota Rav 4 breaking into letterboxes at the complex before finding a remote for the garage at the complex in one of the boxes. Once in the garage the duo used bolt cutters to get into a number of cages and steal items. Letterboxes and storage cages in the Waitara area continue to be broken into recently. A unit complex in Cherry St and apartment blocks around Romsey St and the Pacific Highway have been hit. Hornsby police have urged residents to clear their mail daily and recommended using a three point lock on the top, bottom and middle of any storage cage or letterbox.

WAHROONGA

6 A man, 40, was charged with mid-range drink driving about 1.20am on Saturday after he was stopped for a Random breath test on the Pacific Highway. He allegedly blew .105 and had his licence suspended on the spot.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS

7 A 12-year-old boy was approached by a man in a van about 5.10pm on Saturday at Galston Rd near Evans Rd. The boy had left the Hornsby Relay for Life in Rofe Park with another boy but was on his own when a silver van with tinted windows and three rainbow stickers on the back window stopped. A man, described as aged 30 to 40, bald, of Middle Eastern appearance, wearing a bandana told him to 'get in the car'. The boy ran and told his mother who called police. The area was patrolled but the van was not found. Hornsby Police said informing them promptly is important so they can catch any suspects.

Closures in force

GALSTON Gorge will close for maintenance of the bridge over Berowra Creek on Monday, November 21 and Monday, November 28 from 9pm to 5am, weather permitting.

There will also be eight day shifts of work, where it will remain open, between Monday, November 21 and Thursday December 22, weather permitting.

If RMS is unable to carry out the road closure on the Monday nights they will close the road on Tuesdays.

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.

Tuesday 22 - 29 November: Family & Domestic Violence display @ Hornsby Library

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

Wednesday 23 November: FINAL East Killara NHW AGM 7:30pm @ E Killara Uniting Church.

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

Thursday 24 November: Community Against Violence Community Connections Hot Desk 2-4pm @ Hornsby Library

FREE 20min appointments with experts incl Police, court and family support.

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Friday 25 November: 'Walk the Talk' program and Info Expo 7:30-11am

@Hornsby Mall. 7:30 walk starts, 8:30 Sos Sizzle 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: Turrumurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 8pm @ Turrumurra Uniting Church.

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

From the North Shore Times 10 November:

Temporary Road Closure

Council has approved the temporary closure of Henry Street, Gordon between Cecil Street and Ravenswood Avenue from 4pm on Friday 18 November to 9pm on Saturday 19 November. The purpose of the closure is the Ravenswood School Fair. Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

LINDFIELD

4 A child was approached by a stranger along Kochia Lane, Lindfield, on Tuesday morning. About 7.50am, the 12-year-old was walking east when a woman aged between 40-50 driving a silver Volkswagen sedan pulled alongside him and encouraged him to get into

the vehicle. The child ran to school and alerted his principal who contacted police. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or similar incidents in the area is encouraged to contact Chatswood Police.



Do you know how to report illegal dumping?

Please help keep your neighbourhood safe and clean by reporting illegal dumping on Hornsby Shire Council's **Waste Hotline (02) 9847 4856**.

Illegal dumping in the Hornsby Shire Council area can be [reported at this link](#).

Illegal dumping peaks in spring. It is hazardous and threatens our local environment. Please report any dumping you see in the Ku-ring-gai area [at this link](#).

If it's urgent, call us on **9424 0000**.



Alternatively, you can use the [SNAP SEND SOLVE App](#), which allows for a photo, and automatically emails the correct council using your phone's exact location.

Loving Living Ku-ring-gai added to our Facebook post: Thanks for highlighting this! We need people to report all kinds of dumping, including garden clippings and weeds, which can threaten local biodiversity and create fuel for bushfires.

From Loving Living Ku-ring-gai: We are very excited to tell you that Sue Turner from [The Uniform Exchange](#) in Pymble beat out some serious sustainability heavyweights to be named Sustainability Champion at the NSW [Green Globe Awards](#) last Thursday night! Congratulations to Sue, pictured here with her son David. [edited]



Congratulations to Sue! Sue's [The Uniform Exchange](#) donated the shirts for our Police dress-ups, for use at community crime prevention events such as our recent NHW Security & Safety Roadshow. Well-deserved.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Emergency Works on Berowra Waters Road

Emergency works will soon begin on **Berowra Waters Road**, requiring it to be closed for several hours a day. The work will repair two sections of mesh fencing that have been made unsafe by recent accidents. It will begin on Monday 21 November and be completed by Monday 5 December, weather permitting. For full details incl times, [click here](#).

CRASH card spreading throughout the state [edited]

The roll-out of the motorcycle CRASH Card has been highly successful, with the first 10,000 already being distributed. The CRASH Card is available to anyone, not just residents of Hornsby Council. **Another 39,000 cards have now been printed**, with significant improvements based on feedback from riders and medical professionals. The updated card is now smaller in size, with a plastic sleeve to protect it from moisture, while riders are asked if they are a registered organ donor.

[Click here for more info](#), incl how to obtain one FREE.



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia.

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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