



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](#).**

19 December: DOUBLE DEMERIT POINTS

Christmas / New Year from **Friday 23 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017** (inclusive 11 days). Double Demerit Points apply to:

- Mobile Phone offences
 - Speeding offences
 - Seat Belt & Child Restraint offences
 - Motorcycle helmet offences
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19 December, from Cop Humour Australia: Here's the Christmas Roster for the #ThinBlueLine! These are the men and woman who leave their families over Christmas to protect yours.



19 December, from 9 News Sydney: A cyclist has died after she was hit by a car in Pymble, on Sydney's north shore, this morning.

A cyclist has died after she was hit by a car in Pymble, on Sydney's north shore, this morning. The 33-year-old was riding with a small group southbound on Mona Vale Road around 10am. Police were told a Toyota Corolla travelling in the opposite direction collided with the woman at the intersection of Woodlands Avenue. They believe the driver was attempting to turn right when he hit the woman.

[Full article here.](#)

18 December, from M1 Pacific Motorway: If you see an incident on any NSW roads (goats on the motorway, a ladder in lane 3, delays etc) please report the incident to the **Transport Management Centre by calling 131700**. For life threatening emergencies call 000.

15 December, from Consumer Reports: GM's Child Reminder Feature Is a Simple, Clever Way to Save Lives

'Rear Seat Reminder' has been added to several of the carmaker's models

[Full report here.](#)

14 December, from Harbourside command: There are MAJOR changes for NYE celebrations on this side of the bridge this year, relating to times of road closures, times that parks become fenced off with bag searches put in place and some venues expecting to be closed when they reach the capacity level rather early.

There will be some inconveniences for our local residents and for that we apologise, but the North Side is now becoming the place to be for NYE with the greatest views and crowds. Everything put in place is to try and ensure a happy and safe welcome to the New Year, so please be a little patient with us. If you're planning your NYE, the council link has all the information you will need and some. Please remember all the foreshore viewing areas are alcohol/glass free and the early bird gets the worm.

Full information on [North Sydney council website here.](#)

13 December [edited]: Make sure to plan ahead and be prepared for the heat.

- Drink plenty of water even if you do not feel thirsty.
 - Wear light coloured, loose fitting clothes made from natural fibres like cotton.
 - Cool your house by closing windows, shutting curtains and blinds, opening windows at night if you can to let in cool air.
 - Visit or telephone elderly friends, neighbours and relatives, at least once a day.
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13 December, from Crime Stoppers; Knowing what number to call Police on can be the difference between life and death.

*****Triple Zero (000)*****

Calling 000 is free and is the fastest way to get the right emergency service to help you. It should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance in life threatening or emergency situations which are occurring now.

*****The Police Assistance Line (131 444)*****

You can also contact police using their non-emergency phone number of 131 444. It is important to note that you should NEVER use this number in an emergency situation. Our operators are highly trained on this line and can still dispatch police to a location; however, it may delay police if you call this number.

You should use 131 444 to report a crime that has already taken place, and where there is no further threat to life or property. Types of crimes you can report are;

- Break and Enter (where the offenders are no longer on the premise)
- Motor Vehicle/Marine Vessel theft
- Stealing incidents
- Malicious Damage, including graffiti
- Tow Only Accidents (where no persons are injured, everyone exchanged details and nobody is affected by drugs or alcohol)
- Lost Property
- Taxi Fare Evasion
- Fail to pay for Fuel (Service Stations only)
- General enquiries to police

The NSW Police Force now offers online reporting for Stealing incidents, Malicious Damage Incidents and reporting Lost Property. Check out: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_portal/home

*****Crime Stoppers NSW (1800 333 000)*****

You can call Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000 24/7 to report crime information. You can remain anonymous.



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KNOWING WHAT NUMBER TO CALL
CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH
PLEASE KEEP 000 FOR EMERGENCIES

13 December: SCAM ALERT! Watch out for fake parcel delivery scams this Christmas

Scammers are sending emails pretending to be from Australia Post or FedEx, to try and trick you into believing you have an 'undeliverable package'. In some cases, these emails may include your name and address and include legitimate-looking company information, complete with fake logos. The email may threaten to charge you a fee for holding your 'undelivered item', and will ask you to open an attachment, click a link or download a file to retrieve your parcel. If you follow these instructions, you will likely download a ransomware virus that locks your computer. To unlock your computer, scammers demand payment in the form of bitcoins (a form of online currency) or wire transfer. Even if you pay the fee, there is no guarantee that you will be able to access your computer again. Australia Post will never call you out of the blue to request payment or send you an email asking

you to click on an attachment. If you receive an email about an un-deliverable package, don't open any attachments or download files – delete it straight away!

Find out more at [Scamwatch here](#).

From: Australia Post [info@aust-post.biz] *Incorrect email address*
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 10:21 AM
To: 3447372148 information about your parcel
Subject: 3447372148 information about your parcel



Information about your parcel

A courier did not deliver the parcel to your address **14 February 2014**, because nobody was at home. Please [view information](#) about your parcel, print it and go to the post office to receive your package.

Scam email

[DOWNLOAD INFORMATION](#)

Attention

If the parcel isn't received within 30 working days Australia Post will have the right to claim compensation from you for it's keeping in the amount of 3,11 for each day of keeping. You can find the information about the procedure and conditions of parcel keeping in the nearest office.

Incorrect grammar

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Thanks to Fatality Free Friday.

From the Hornsby Advocate, Dec 13: A woman missing since Monday lived in Hornsby and police are concerned for her welfare

Laura Thomas, 33, contacted her workplace about 8am on Monday, telling them she would not be coming in. When Ms Thomas failed to come to work in the following few days and could not be located at her Albert St, Hornsby home, concerned relatives contacted police.



[Full article here.](#)

From Crime Stoppers, Dec 14: There is now an easy way to report your lost items to Police. COMMUNITY PORTAL - Check it out.

[Watch NSW Police YouTube video here.](#)

Or to make a report, click [**Community Portal here.**](#)

To register:

Privacy and confidentiality are very important to us, therefore, Community members need to create a MyServiceNSW Account with Service NSW then Link with the NSW Police Force. This is easy to do directly from the home page of the [NSW Police Force Community Portal](#) - simply click on the REGISTER button and be guided through the registration and Linking process. Once created, this logon can then be used to conveniently create reports and view report statuses and history, anytime and anywhere an internet connection is available.

From the ACCC 12 Dec: ACCC takes court action on “flushable” wipes

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has instituted proceedings in the Federal Court against Kimberly-Clark Australia Pty Ltd (Kimberly-Clark) and separately against Pental Limited and Pental Products Pty Ltd (together, Pental) alleging that they each made false or misleading representations in relation to ‘flushable’ wipes they marketed and supplied in Australia. The ACCC alleges that, by labelling these products as “flushable”, consumers were led to believe that the products had similar characteristics to toilet paper, would break up or disintegrate in a timeframe and manner similar to toilet paper, and were suitable to be flushed down the toilet, when this was not the case.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

TIP OF THE MONTH

This holiday break, have a good clear-out and filing session. In order to reduce the chance of Identity Theft, **SHRED** old out-of-date documents that contain personal information, such as birth date, bank account details etc. Don't have a shredder? Many of our Neighbourhood Watch groups' coordinators have a shredder for you to borrow (courtesy of The Shed a few years ago). [Email us](#) to find your nearest shredder.



From Ku-ring-gai Council, Dec19: Free 2017 road safety calendar now available Revel in the retro road safety calendar that's free to residents of northern Sydney council areas while stocks last.

Have you ever let someone merge in front of you and received a thank you wave? Or stopped at a pedestrian crossing and received a smile in return? To help inspire more of this old-school courteous behaviour, a unique retro-themed calendar has been developed to celebrate and promote road safety etiquette.

[More info here.](#)

From Hornsby Shire Council, 16 Dec: Council to build new RFS station

It's official that Hornsby Shire Council is going to build a new Rural Fire Station in Berowra, with the plans approved at this week's meeting.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate, Dec 15: [Online viewer, click here.](#)

Why do you copy these items out of the Hornsby Advocate? Half our readers live in the North Shore Times (NST) (not the Hornsby Advocate) area and have no easy access to this information. The NST steetwatch page reports on crime occurring in the neighbouring North Shore command (not our Kuring Gai command!)

CHANGES TO BOAT TRAILER LAWS

Hornsby Council has joined other local government areas across Sydney to enforce new boat trailer parking laws. Previously boat trailers were permitted to park in residential streets for an unlimited time. Under the new Boat Trailer Impounding Act boat trailers cannot park for a period exceeding 28 days.

For details on the legislation changes, please visit the Office of Local Government website: olg.nsw.gov.au/boattrailers

800-000-0000 / HORNSBY

We're in the safest place in NSW

Lowest crime rate with fewer malicious damage incidents, burglaries than a year ago

Major milestones

800-000-0000 has the lowest crime rate in NSW and police are working residents to be empowered. The lowest crime areas in Sydney are all on the north shore, with Lane Cove, Mosman and Hornsby the best subset areas during the 12 months to September, according to Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data.

In all of these areas crime rates are below the state average for all major offences. Hornsby Police crime prevention officer Henry Cusack said "People should not be concerned when they are these months particularly over the Christmas period." "Annual and domestic violence incidents, as well as reported," he said.

There were 17 fewer malicious damage reports this year than last year because of less graffiti tagging. Meanwhile, there were 88 more fraud incidents in Kuring Gai but all were in Hornsby. There were 41 fewer reports of stealing from homes in the Kuring Gai area but in NSW the city's biggest fall in 2008 - and 10 fewer in Hornsby. "A number of good arrests by several police operations

have identified a number of people involved in fraud," he said. "Two or three people may be responsible for 4000 fraud and other on shared systems. With those out of action, it will drive down people should be empowered when they see these results." "People should also take an active role in protecting their homes and be a risk assessment of their security."

There were 60 fewer reports of stealing from stores in Hornsby, the lowest figure in NSW. In fact, there were 11 more stores reporting thefts. Kuring Gai state Liberal MP Andrew Haston commended police and said residents also played a part "by reporting crime, working closely with our local police officers and ensuring vital."

2010 numbers

30 Malicious damage
600 Hornsby, 340 Kuring Gai (LNC)
30 Break ins
100 Hornsby, 100 Kuring Gai (LNC)
30 Domestic assaults
100 Hornsby, 100 Kuring Gai (LNC)
30 Assaults
241 Hornsby, 100 Kuring Gai (LNC)
200 Hornsby, 100 Kuring Gai (LNC)
200 Hornsby, 100 Kuring Gai (LNC)
600 Hornsby, 100 Kuring Gai (LNC)

Closure of Gorge road

THERE will be partial road closures of Galston Rd in Galston Gorge to install signage this week – right up until Thursday, December 22.

The work will take place every day, excluding Saturdays, from 8am to 5pm and from 8pm to 5am – weather permitting.

There will be eight shifts to complete the work but further details were not made available from Roads and Maritime Services before the *Advocate's* deadline yesterday.

HORNSBY

1 A 14-year-old boy, from St Ives, was allegedly caught with cannabis and MDMA after a shoplifting spree between on Thursday, December 8 at Hornsby. The boy allegedly stole a pair of sneakers from a store before entering the City Beach store at Hornsby Westfield with some friends. The teen allegedly removed security tags from clothing when he took a blue Adidas cap and pants to the change room. He allegedly concealed items before a staff member stopped him and called police. A search of the boy's backpack allegedly revealed stolen items and a small bag alleged to contain cannabis and a powder police allege is MDMA. The teen's mother was taken to Hornsby Police station for an interview. He is being dealt with by way of a youth caution and was banned from Westfield for three months.

BROOKLYN

3 A 2006 Holden Astra was set alight on George St between 8pm on Sunday and 6.10pm on Monday. The fire appears to have originated in the boot. The roof, interior and windows were all damaged and no witnesses have come forward.

HORNSBY

2 Police are appealing for witnesses after a 14-year-old girl was approached by a man in a white van while she was walking home from Hornsby train station along Pretoria Parade on Saturday about 8pm. She was approached by a man described as caucasian, in his 20s, about 175cm-180cm tall, with a beard, and dark short hair. He was last seen wearing a white T-shirt and long pants. The van was described as white with purple writing down the sides possibly relating to a company. Anyone with information can phone Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000).

BEROWRA

4 A 23-year-old man driving a Toyota Camry was charged with mid-range drink driving after he was pulled into a stationary RBT site on the Pacific Highway in Berowra about 8.40am on Saturday. The man allegedly admitted drinking 12 full-strength schooners over 10 hours and blew .119. His licence was suspended and will face Hornsby Court at a future date.

HORNSBY

5 A phone charger, a bottle of shampoo and personal documents were stolen from a women's handbag in Hornsby Westfield while she had it on her shoulder, between 7.30pm and 9pm on Monday. The victim said she may have been robbed while charging her phone at a charging point in the shopping centre.

HORNSBY

7 An iPad Air 2 was taken from a cupboard at a store in Westfield Hornsby between 2pm and 7pm on Monday. The owner of the iPad traced it via the find my iPad app to an address in Hornsby.

HORNSBY

8 A 54-year-old man driving a Nissan Patrol was charged with mid-range drink driving after he was pulled over on Edgeworth David Ave at 10.35pm on Friday. Police allege they saw him wander in and out of marked lanes and travel below the speed limit. He allegedly made admissions to consuming alcohol and blew .108.

SECURE YOUR HOME WHEN AWAY

Nigel Gladstone

IN THE lead-up to the Christmas holidays, research by Crime Stoppers has found only one in five people out of 1000 people surveyed worried about home security when going away on a holiday.

Ramping up home security when holidaying is at odds with most homeowners' actual experience with intruders, Crime Stoppers director Peter Price said.

"Of those (surveyed) who had been the target of a break-in, just 4 per cent were away on holiday," Mr Price said. "Twenty-six per cent had left the house for a short

period of time and 9 per cent were actually at home."

Basic home security oversights were common, such as lock and key care, the report found.

Many people did not change the front door lock when they moved into their current home, 20 per cent didn't know how old the lock on their front doors was (it should be changed every 10 years), 87 per cent had a deadlock on their front door - but only 57 per cent had one on their back door.

"It's all about easy access and having a quality lock and making sure you use it, (to) prevent access," Mr Price said.

From the North Shore Times, Dec 15:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary Road Closure

Council has approved the temporary closure of Greengate Road (near Pacific Highway) on Christmas Eve 2016. The temporary closure will be in place from 3pm on 24 December to 1am on 25 December. Lane closures on Pacific Highway will be in accordance with approval by Roads & Maritime Services. The purpose of these traffic control measures is to provide safety for Greengate Hotel patrons and staff. Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 18 January 2017: First aid course for young people 845am-4:30pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Rm 2 \$90. Info. **Contact: 9424 0994**

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.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Once a year it is a good idea to confirm your credit status with a Credit Reporting Body (CRB), to help protect yourself from Identity Theft. All hopefully is as you would expect it to be and your details are accurate. An example of a CRB is Veda. Veda offer a FREE credit check if you are prepared to wait ten days. In an emergency, it is possible to access details asap for a fee. Also for a fee, they can search and obtain data on commercial entities and individuals if you need to help make informed business decisions.

[Click here for Veda's 'My Credit File' webpage.](#)

NOTE: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse a product or service. We can simply bring the marketplace to you, to inform you of good practice, or new items available, so you can do your own research.

Don't know whether to believe an email you have just received?

For example, this week we were asked about the validity of this email:

Warning claims parking lot carjackers are placing flyers or \$100 bills on the windows of cars, then taking the cars when drivers step out of their vehicles to remove them. Is this warning true? [The answer is here.](#)

Check whether an email is a scam/rumour, by reading websites such as [SNOPEs](#) "the definitive Internet reference source for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumors, and misinformation", [Urban Legends](#), etc.

Here's a good article by TechRepublic, ["Top 10 sites to debunk urban legends"](#)
Has this ever happened to you? You're busy working on an intense project when someone in the company excitedly forwards you one of those stupid urban legend chain mail spams asking if it is true. Or worse, they simply forward it to everyone in the company without checking with you first...



Thanks to Macquarie Fields command

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, 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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