



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.

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22 December, from NSW Police Force: 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

22 December, from NSW Police Force

Police are sending a warning to drink-drivers in the lead up to the Holiday period, as new procedures for RBT sites roll out across the State during Operation Safe Arrival.

So far this year 53 people have died and 565 have been injured in serious crashes where alcohol was a factor.

With new Random Breath Testing procedures in place, police will be targeting drink-drivers all over the state.

The new procedures have been developed in order to protect officer safety, and make it easier for police to conduct breath tests on more drivers, in a safe environment.

22 December: Crime Stoppers NSW



This time of year can be a problem for noise issues.

Neighbours throw more parties, the music is louder, and illegal fireworks get let off.

For noise complaints you can contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

WHEN NOISE IS A ONE OFF PROBLEM:

If you are disturbed by a particular incident like amplified music, contact your local council or the local police station. They can issue a warning or issue a noise abatement direction directing a person to stop making the offensive noise.

A noise abatement direction may be issued at any time of the day or night and can remain in force for up to 28 days from the time it was issued.

A person who fails to comply with it can be issued with an on-the-spot fine of \$200 (\$400 for a corporation). Noise abatement directions cannot be appealed against.

The police and authorised officers of councils have powers that allow them to seize equipment used to make noise (e.g. a sound system in contravention of a noise abatement direction).

WHAT IS OFFENSIVE NOISE?

The definition of offensive noise in the POEO Act is noise:

(a) that, by reason of its level, nature, character or quality, or the time at which it is made, or any other circumstances:

(i) is harmful to (or is likely to be harmful to) a person who is outside the premises from which it is emitted, or

(ii) interferes unreasonably with (or is likely to interfere unreasonably with) the comfort or repose of a person who is outside the premises from which it is emitted, or

(b) that is of a level, nature, character or quality prescribed by the regulations or that is made at a time, or in other circumstances, prescribed by the regulations.

For further information about what constitutes offensive noise see [here](#).

22 December, from NSW Maritime: Offshore Boating

Every skipper should plan and prepare before heading out on the water, especially if going offshore.

Your most important piece of safety equipment is your lifejacket, make sure it's in good working condition and above all, wear it when you're out on the water.

Full article [here](#).

22 December, from NRMA

Travelling with kids

Sometimes travelling with children can be a little overwhelming. Here are some tips that can help you all enjoy the journey. Filling up fuel

- Where possible fill up at a service station that lets you pay at the pump.
- Take your child with you when you pay for fuel.
- Never leave your child in the car.

Shopping Secure your child safely in the child restraint first. Then put away your shopping and the pram.

[Full article here.](#)

21 December, from NSW Police Force [Edited]



Detectives are appealing for information from the community as investigations into a number of murders across Sydney continue.

Strike Force Osprey was established by the State Crime Command's Homicide Squad to oversee a number of ongoing investigations into eight fatal shootings over the last 18 months.

Homicide Squad detectives are also being assisted by specialist officers from across the State Crime Command and NSW Police Force.

As part of ongoing inquiries, Strike Force detectives have released a series of CCTV images of vehicles that they believe were in the area at the time of three of the murders, which are believed to be linked.

The first series of images relate to investigations under Strike Force Nevorie.

The body of Mark Easter, 37, a senior member of the Rebels OMCG Sydney City chapter, was found in bushland on the side of the Pacific Highway at Cowan, north of Sydney, on the morning of Friday 26 June 2015.

It is believed Mr Easter was executed at another location, before his body was dumped at Cowan.

The images depict a white van seen in the vicinity of the bushland where Mr Easter's body was located.

21 December, from NSW Police Force



21 December, from NSW Fair Trading

Santa wants everyone to have a safe summer. Make sure Christmas stocking stuffers are safe for young children.

Find out more [here](#).

20 December: From NSW police Force

General Holiday Safety Information

Holidays can be a wonderful time of the year – as long as you stay safe! Here are some helpful precautionary steps you can take to ensure your holiday period is a safe, secure and happy one.

MOTORISTS:

- Make sure your vehicle has been serviced and is roadworthy
- Rest every two hours – share the driving if it is an extended journey (stop revive survive).
- Be prepared for any emergencies which may arise – have a torch, batteries and fully stocked first aid kit packed
- If travelling with children, ensure they are in the correct child restraint
- Research the road conditions if you are going into an unfamiliar environment
- DO NOT drink and drive or drive while under the influence of prohibited drugs or medication that can make you drowsy
- Stick to the posted speed limit at all times

BOATS / TRAILERS

- If towing a boat or trailer, make sure they are serviced and fully operational.
- Check the tyres and brakes if fitted.
- Make sure the trailer lights work.
- Make sure the trailer load is secured with approved straps and loaded correctly.

HOME SECURITY

While you are away enjoying your holiday, ensure that your home still looks lived in / occupied: crooks don't necessarily have holidays.

- Cancel newspaper deliveries, and anything else you may have delivered regularly
- Use automated lights on a timer
- Ask a neighbour or friend to:
 - * collect your mail
 - * keep an eye on your home and contact police if they see anyone suspicious
 - * put your garbage bins out
 - * move your cars around if you are gone for an extended period of time
- While it's important to notify your neighbours you are going away on holidays – don't post it online on social media!
- Do a mini security audit of your house - check all window and door locks are working and not damaged
- Lock up! Including gates and the garden shed lock up anything that can be used

to climb to upper floors (ladders, bins).

Most importantly have a good break, enjoy our great country and come back home safely, cheers.

20 December, from NSW Police Force

Hornsby Police news,
19/12/16

The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Fraud Stealing

Time/Date: 14/12

Place: St Ives Shopping Village

Person 1: Male Indian appearance, 40-45yo, large build, Gucci hat, glasses, white t-shirt, grey shorts

Person 2: Male Indian appearance, 35-40yo, slim build, light blue jockey hat, blue & white stripe t-shirt, camouflage coloured shorts

Person 3: Male Indian appearance sitting in a light blue Toyota Corolla with South Australian registration plates

Details: Male 1 attended local chemist and purchased a tub of Vaseline. He handed the attendant a \$100 note and while attendant was getting change, male allegedly took the note out of her hand, as well as pocketing the change. It's alleged the same male committed a similar offence in several shops. Between male 1 and male 2, six offences took place.

Police are investigating.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: 3.25pm, Sun 18/12

Place: Westfield Hornsby

Person 1: Male, brown skin, 30yo, yellow cap, sunglasses

Details: A male (described above) is seen on CCTV to approach a locked cabinet in a Telco store, manipulate the lock and steal 3 mobile phones. The total retail value of the stolen phones is \$677.

Police are investigating.

Incident: Break and Enter

Time/Date: 9.30-10.30pm. Sat 17/12

Place: Carrington Road, Wahroonga

Details: The owner of a property at Carrington Road, Wahroonga was notified that the generator in his home was active, and a large amount of glass was on the floor. Police attended and found a double glaze rear door smashed open and a number of rooms, including the master bedroom, had been disturbed. Several jewellery boxes were found strewn across the floor. Police observed the generator had been moved in what they believe to be an attempt to steal it, alarm sensors had been disabled by pulling them from the side wall.

The home had CCTV which will be reviewed when the property owner returns.

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.

Incident: Posses Prohibited Drug

Time/Date: 6:05pm, Sat 17/12

Place: Cenotaph Park, Station Street, Hornsby

Details: Police observed youths at the Cenotaph Park in Station Street, Hornsby. As police were speaking to a 17 year old male, it's alleged he removed a clear plastic sealed bag containing green and brown vegetable matter from his pocket and allegedly made allegations to the matter being Marijuana. The male was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station where his mother was requested to attend. The gross weight of the vegetable matter was about 7 grams.

Court:

Incident: Pedestrian Motor Vehicle Collision

Time/Date: 10:20am, Sat 17/12

Place: Westfield Hornsby car park

Details: Two pedestrians were walking into the Albert Street entrance to the Westfield Hornsby car park, when an 84 year old female driving a Toyota Corolla allegedly failed to brake at a T-intersection. It's alleged the motorist accelerated into the two pedestrians. One pedestrian was flung into a plate glass window, while the second pedestrian was flung into a concrete wall. Both pedestrians were conveyed to Hornsby Hospital – one has no reported injuries and it is unknown what injuries, if any, the other pedestrian sustained.

The motorist allegedly made admissions to accelerating. Drugs and alcohol don't appear to be a contributing factor. Police will conduct a 'Question of Fitness' on the drivers suitably to hold a licence.

Incident: Motor Vehicle Accident

Time/Date: 2:15pm, Thurs 15/12

Place: M1 Motorway

Details: A KIA sedan driven by a 58 year old male was driving northbound on the M1 motorway at Cowan, when for unknown reasons the car collided with a rock wall and flipped onto its roof.

The motorist was conveyed to Gosford Hospital for treatment.

Police are still waiting to hear what happened and are awaiting for blood test results before proceeding with actions, if any.

Incident: Motor Vehicle Accident

Time/Date: 10:20pm, Tues 13/12

Place: M1 Motorway

Details: An HSV Clubsport driven by a 45 year old male was travelling South on the M1 motorway at approx. 110 k/h in lane 2 of 3, while a Mazda MX5 further ahead was also travelling South in lane of 2 of 3 at approx 60k/h in a fully sign posted 'road works' zone. It's alleged the HSV failed to realise the speed limit decrease and rear ended the Mazda, causing it to veer out of lane 2 and into a rock wall next to lane 3. The driver of vehicle 1 was conveyed to Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment.

Police will await blood test results before proceeding with actions, if any.

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20 December: Protect your selfie from crooks this Christmas

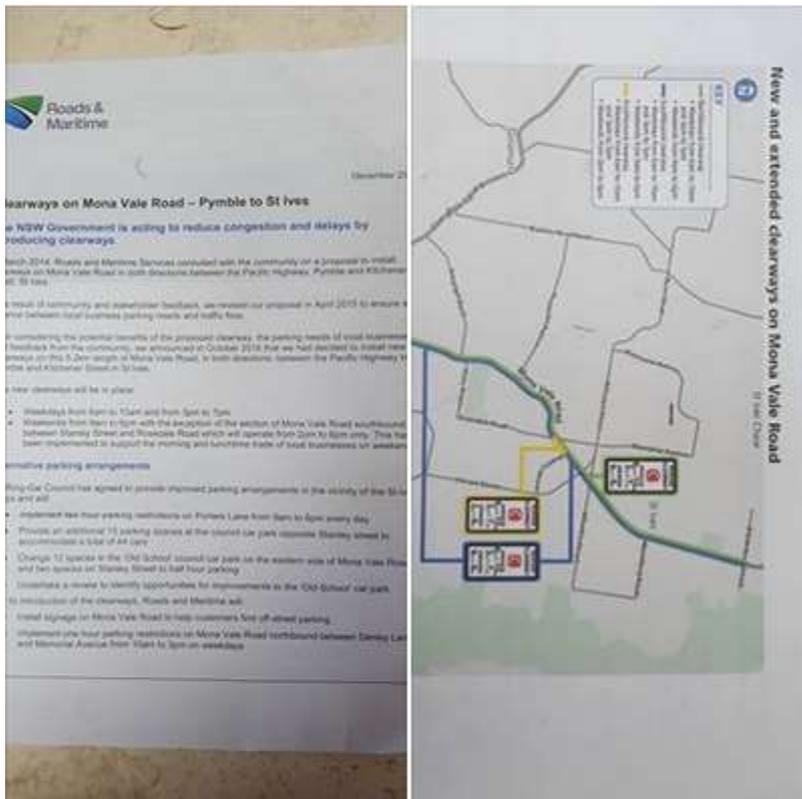
Just a reminder about home security while you're away on holidays. Don't advertise you're going away on social media. Make sure your security settings are tight and that you know who can and can't see your posts. Make sure your children know about these rules as well. Remember, just because you're on holidays doesn't mean the crooks are!!!

Find out more at [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Sharing the letter received today regarding the making of Mona Vale Rd in St Ives into a clear way. It also details parking suggestions and changes to surrounding car parks.



Man charged, off-duty officer indecently assaulted - Police Transport Command

Saturday, 24 December 2016 08:54:26 AM

Police have charged a man with 12 offences after an incident on a train in Sydney's north yesterday.

About 7.15pm (Friday 23 December 2016), a man on board a train between Hornsby and Woy Woy was allegedly behaving in an abusive manner towards other commuters.

An off-duty female police officer attempted to speak to the man, when it's alleged

he touched her inappropriately and pushed her away.

It's alleged two male passengers intervened and were also assaulted by the man.

Two Sydney Trains officers assisted to detain the man.

During this process, it's alleged he tried to bite and punch the officers before biting the off-duty officer and indecently assaulting her.

When the train arrived at Woy Woy Railway Station, the 60-year-old man was arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station and charged with 12 offences, including:

- Assault with act of indecency (x2)
- Assault police officer in execution of duty
- Assault law officer (not police officer) (x2)
- Resist officer in execution of duty
- Resist person aiding officer (x2)
- Behave in an offensive manner on railway land
- Use offensive language on public passenger vehicle
- Spit in/on public passenger vehicle, and
- Wilfully interfere with the comfort of others.

He was granted conditional bail to appear at Gosford Local Court on Tuesday 24 January 2017.

From TEN News

NSW Police CRACK DOWN on mobile phone use while driving.

500+ tickets issued in one week during Operation Safe Arrival.

Officers URGE safe driving these Christmas holidays - and for drivers to keep their

hands off their phones.

9 Clever Gadgets that'll Stop a Home Intruder Cold

In days gone by, the concept of home security meant locking your doors, securing your windows, and maybe even installing an expensive, wired home security system. How times have changed.

While wired home security systems like the X10 wired home automation solutions have been around for a very long time, the advent of robust Wi-Fi home networks have fueled a surge in wireless home security products. The marketplace is now filled with devices that can be installed in your home and providing security and peace of mind in just minutes.

Click [here](#) for details.

From the Hornsby Advocate, Dec 22: [Online viewer, click here.](#)

HORNSBY

1 An 84-year-old woman allegedly accelerated into two pedestrians in Westfield Hornsby car park about 10.20am on Saturday. Both pedestrians were walking into the Albert St entrance to the car park, when the 84-year-old, driving a Toyota Corolla, allegedly failed to brake at a T-intersection. One pedestrian was flung into a plate-glass window, while the other was flung into a concrete wall. Both were taken to Hornsby Hospital – one has no reported injuries while it is unknown what injuries, if any, the other sustained. The motorist allegedly made admissions to accelerating. Police said drugs and alcohol didn't appear to be a contributing factor, but they would conduct a 'question of fitness' on the driver's suitability to hold a licence.

COWAN

3 A KIA sedan northbound on the M1 motorway at Cowan hit a rock wall and flipped on its roof, for unknown reasons, about 2.15pm on Thursday, December 15. The 58-year-old male driver was taken to Gosford Hospital. Hornsby police are waiting to hear the driver's version of events and blood test results before proceeding with any action.

WAHROONGA

2 A home in Carrington Rd was ransacked and alarms pulled out of the walls between 9.30pm and 10.30pm on Saturday. The owner was notified the generator in his home was active. Police found a double-glazed rear door smashed and rooms ransacked, with jewellery boxes strewn across the floor. Police said the generator had been moved in what they believed to be an attempt to steal it, and alarm sensors had been disabled by pulling them out of the wall. CCTV will be reviewed when the property owner returns. Police ask witnesses or anyone with information to contact [9476 9799](tel:94769799), or Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000).

HORNSBY

4 A man was seen on CCTV to manipulate a lock on a cabinet at a telco store in Westfield Hornsby and steal three mobile phones worth \$677 about 3.25pm on Sunday. He was described as about 30, brown skin, yellow cap, sunglasses.

COWAN

5 An HSV Holden Clubsport driven by a 45-year-old man rear-ended a Mazda MX5 on the M1 in a roadworks zone about 10.20pm on Tuesday, December 13. It's alleged the HSV failed to realise the speed limit decreased from 110km/h to 60km/h. The Mazda, when hit, veered out of lane 2 and into a rock wall next to lane 3. The HSV driver was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital.

GLENORIE

7 Police are tracking the owner of a Toyota Hilux ute involved in a road-rage incident on the afternoon of December 14. He allegedly spat at a 63-year-old man after an incident on Old Northern Rd near the intersection of Whites and Post Office roads.

DURAL

8 A 57-year-old man blew 0.081 after a roadside breath test in Dural on Saturday. His licence was suspended and confiscated and he was charged with mid-range PCA.

HORNSBY

6 A 17-year-old boy was arrested at Cenotaph Park in Station St after he allegedly admitted to possessing marijuana. Police were speaking to a group of youths at the park when, it's alleged, the teen took a clear plastic sealed bag containing green vegetable matter from his pocket and allegedly made admissions to it being cannabis. He was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station, where his mother was called. The gross weight of the matter was about 7g.

From North Shore Times, 22 December, 2016

Pinned to fence in fatal car crash

Rebecca Parish and Keely McDonough AN elderly woman was killed when she was hit by a car and pinned against a fence in St Leonards on Tuesday.

Police said the 76-year-old female driver of a silver Subaru was attempting to turn just before midday when her car hit a bollard, then crashed into a fence, trapping the 86-year-old woman.

The incident occurred at a small public carpark on the intersection of Marshall Lane and Canberra Ave in St Leonards.

It is believed the woman was trapped for more than an hour, with police holding up sheets to cover the area where the woman was pinned.

The entire area from the Pacific Hwy to where the crash occurred was blocked off for hours by police.

A construction staffer, nearby at the time, was unable to move his car for an hour. The worker, who did not wish to be named, said it was a fairly graphic scene and said he had never seen anything like it before.

The driver was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for mandatory blood and urine testing. A report will be prepared and investigations are ongoing.

The female victim had not been named at the time of going to press.

WAHROONGA

1 Police attended a house on Carrington Rd on Saturday, after the owner was notified that a generator in his home was on. When officers arrived, they found a back door had been smashed and several rooms ransacked. Jewellery boxes were found strewn across the floor and police noticed the generator had been moved in what they believe was an attempt to steal it.

From Live Traffic NSW:

Important information for those making their way into Sydney ahead of New Year's Eve.

Plan your trip ahead of time. Check [here](#).

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: 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.

Hornsby police crime news for the week ending December 21, 2016

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Click [here](#) for the rest of the crime news.

FREE BOAT! Oops.

A free boat is too good to be true!!!

Between 8pm on Monday the 21st of November 2016 and 7.30am on Tuesday the 22nd of November 2016 unknown person/s have stolen a White 4.8 metre Huntsman White Half Cabin boat, with 115hp Evinrude outboard motor (see attached photos) which was parked on a trailer on Pittwater road cross of Riverview Parade in North Manly. Unknown person/s have placed signs on the boat saying 'FREE BOAT' and "MOVE YOUR BOAT". If you have seen the boat or took it thinking it was free please contact Dee Why Police Station on Ph 99713399 or Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Join The Drive



Commuter challenge: try putting your phone in your pocket or handbag on your way to work this week. Using your phone while walking compromises necessary skills to stay safe on the road and may increase the chance of a collision with cars and other people.

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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