



# 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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**31 December, NSW Police Force**



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### **29 December, Australian Federal Police**

We hope you received a ton of presents from Santa this year.

While most of Australia was celebrating Christmas with their loved ones, we were working together with our partners from [NSW Police Force](#) and [Australian Border Force](#) to ensure more than a tonne of cocaine didn't make it to our streets.

Along with our domestic and international partners, we seized 500kgs of cocaine from a fishing vessel in NSW, and a further 600 kilograms of cocaine, destined for Australia, in Tahiti.

Fifteen men were charged this week in relation to their alleged involvement in the Australian criminal syndicate responsible for the attempted importations.

This investigation was two-and-a-half years in the making, and culminated over this holiday period. A massive thanks to all the investigators involved for sacrificing precious time with their families this Christmas to keep Australia safe.

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### **28 December, NSW Police Force**



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**28 December, NSW Rural Fire Service**

Get ready. A heatwave is on its way to parts of NSW over the next few days. Prolonged heat also increases the risk of fires. Know what you will do if a fire starts near you - especially if you're travelling for the Christmas break.



I have assessed my home's bush fire risk, Have you?  
For more, click [here](#).



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**2 January 2017, from the Daily Telegraph: 5 New laws that could change your year**

2017 is here, and so are a range of new laws which will impact on millions of Australians. Here's what you need to know.

[Click here for more.](#)

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**1 January 2017: What is SIT?**

We were asked for the sound file to put as an answerphone message, or to play on your phone, when you are subjected to spam phone calls.

It is a SIT file (Special Information Tones) with a tone that suggests the call has failed. The idea is to trick the spammer robot into thinking your phone number is no good.

There's some information on it [here](#).

If you email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com), we can send you the audio file.

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**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**

**Thursday 26 January:** Happy Australia Day!

**Friday 03 - Sunday 12 March:** Seniors Week

**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.

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**Happy New Year! 2017**

**REMEMBER:**

**It takes 24,637 bolts to put a car  
together, but only ONE NUT to  
spread it all over the road.  
DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE!**



**LIKE AND SHARE TO SAVE A LIFE**

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**31 December: NSW Police force**



Police have renewed their appeal to the public to identify a man who may be able to assist with inquiries into a child assault at Wollie Creek last month, with a maximum reward of up to \$1000 for anyone who can assist with the incident.

About 9.20pm on Friday 4 November 2016, a woman and her 12-year-old daughter were preparing to alight from a city-bound train as it approached Wollie Creek Railway Station.

Police have been told that a man, described as being in his mid to late 30's and with a dark complexion, reached under the skirt of the child and grabbed her on the buttocks.

The woman got off the train and immediately alerted police who were nearby; however, they were unable to locate the man.

Investigators from St George Local Area Command have continued with their investigation and have released an image of a man they believe may be able to

assist.

The man was seen to leave the train at Granville Railway Station shortly after the incident.

He is described as having a dark complexion, black, short hair and a large build.

At the time of the incident he was wearing a red polo shirt.

Police have urged anyone with information about the man to come forward immediately and contact police. A reward of up to \$1000 is payable for information which leads to an arrest.

Anyone with information should contact St George detectives on (02) 8566 7475 or Crime Stoppers on 1 800 333 000.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page [here](#) Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our social media pages.

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## **28 December, From Sydney Morning Herald: Gun owners' addresses revealed in simple privacy blunder**

Dozens of home addresses of gun owners have been easily obtained in a simple privacy blunder that a veteran police officer fears may be utilised by thieves.

The treasure trove of addresses has been discovered by simple online searches of publicly available information. .

It has prompted a warning from NSW Police's Firearms Squad to "use common sense when providing personal details in conjunction with information about firearms".

A gun owner and veteran police officer, who did not want to be identified, alerted researchers to his findings and a list of about 30 home addresses was passed on to law enforcement to show how much information gun owners were unwittingly revealing.

Click [here](#) for more.

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## **26 December, Redfern LAC**

### **VEHICLE SAFETY**

Redfern Local Area Command are asking everyone to be vigilant about removing property, particularly valuables (GPS, phones, handbags, cash, Ipads, keys, cameras etc), from their vehicle at all times. Please ensure your vehicle is always locked when unattended. This is crucial in preventing crime (theft) and potential damage to your vehicle.

PLEASE also ensure that children are not left unattended in a vehicle at any time. Remember that the temperature in vehicles can be far higher than external temperatures, a warm reminder to keep hydrated.

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### **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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**Our mailing address is:**

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