



# 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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OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs
Suburb						
ASQUITH						2
BEROWRA						
BROOKLYN						
COWAN						
GALSTON						
GORDON						1
HORNSBY		1	2		1	
HORNSBY HEIGHTS						
KILLARA		1				
MT SOLAH						
MT KURING GAI						
NORMANHURST						
PYMBLE						
ST IVES	1					
THORNLEIGH			3			
TURRAMURRA			2			
WAHROONGA		2	2			
WAITARA						
WARRAWEE						
WEST PYMBLE						
WESTLEIGH						

**Asquith:** Drugs 2

**Gordon:** Drugs 1

**Hornsby:** Malicious Damage 1; Stealing 2; Steal from Motor Vehicle 1;

**Killara:** Malicious Damage 1

**St Ives:** Break & Enter 1

**Thornleigh:** stealing 3

**Turramurra:** Stealing 2

**Wahroonga;** Malicious Damage 2; Stealing 2

**12 January, from the Hills LAC:**



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### 11 January, Hornsby Police News, 11/1/2017

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

**Incident:** Arrest and charge following pursuit.

Time/Date: About 4am Tuesday 10th

Place: Alexandra Parade, Waitara

Person 1: 24 year old male

Details: About 4am patrolling police have seen a Holden Commodore leave a unit complex, Police have attempted to stop the driver for a random breath test. The driver has driven a few streets before allegedly travelling at speed away from police without stopping. The car was followed and returned to the same unit complex crashing into a timber wall. The driver is then alleged to have run off. Police have attended the car owners unit and have arrested a 24 year old male who was well known to police. The male also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The male was charged and bail refused. Further charges are impending.

**Incident:** Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: 6pm Friday 6 to 12pm Sunday 8

Place: Moorina road, Pymble

Details: A home in Moorina road was broken into via a ground floor rear door, several rooms were ransacked tossing clothes and property all over. A watch valued at \$4,500 was stolen in the incident.

**Incident:** Malicious damage incident

Time/Date: About 9.55pm Sunday 8th

Place: Leighton Place, Hornsby

Details: 2 cars in Leighton place were extensively damaged by 2 males using sledgehammers on Sunday night. CCTV footage from a business shows 2 men smash a VW Caddy P/Van and VW Golf. Virtually all panels and windows were smashed on both cars. The men seeing CCTV cameras have then smashed into these also. The males were wearing all black clothing, one with a hoodie and cap the other with what appears to be a paper bag on his head (not sure if the eye holes were there).

**Incident:** 5 cars broken into in one night

Time/Date: Monday 9th night time.

Place: Goodlands Avenue, Thornleigh and Nabic Place, Westleigh.

Details: 4 cars in Goodlands avenue were broken into 2 of the cars were not locked but had no property taken, one car had credit and debit cards taken (the offenders attempted to use the card in a nearby service station). One car a Ute had tools taken from the rear tray; these were recovered in a nearby neighbour's front yard.

1 car in Nabic place was also broken into the same night, this car was also not locked and nothing appears to have been taken.

Warning: regardless of whether or not you have property in the car LOCK IT. One unlocked car that makes it easy and attractive for a thief means they more than likely to try other cars, this only spreads the problem wider offering the thief encouragement. So lock it or lose it.

**Incident:** Malicious damage incident

Time/Date: During Saturday night.

Place: Westfield Hornsby

Details: A Jeep was parked in the shopping centre car park. At some point several

panels were scratch and windows were smashed. Not being satisfied with this a fire hose was placed in the car and turned on, flooding the floor of the car. Damage to the jeep is extensive.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident 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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**11 January: NSW Police Force**



**11 January, from NSW SES:**



Heatwave conditions are forecast this week for much of New South Wales, so make sure to keep you, your family - and your pets - safe and cool.

For information on the forthcoming extreme weather refer to the Bureau of Meteorology [here](#).

For tips on beating the heat go to NSW Health [here](#).

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**10 January, from NSW Maritime: Operation Boatsafe hits the water NBN News**

Boaters are encouraged to use our Operation Boatsafe campaign as a timely reminder to ensure their lifejackets are serviced and certified annually or in accordance with the manufacturer's specified timeframe.

**[For details, click here.](#)**

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12 January, From Hornsby Advocate

### **HORNSBY**

**1** Two men wielding sledgehammers caused extensive damage to two cars in Leighton Place about 9.55pm last Sunday. CCTV footage from a nearby business showed the men smashing a VW Caddy panel van and a VW Golf. Virtually all panels and windows were smashed on both cars. The men then noticed the CCTV cameras and smashed them, too, a police spokesman said. The men were wearing all black clothing, one with a hoodie and cap the other with what appeared to be a paper bag on his head. There was no immediate explanation why the cars were targeted.

### **WAITARA**

**2** Police arrested and charged a man following a car pursuit in Alexandra Pde about 4am on Tuesday. Officers saw a Holden Commodore leave a unit complex and tried to stop the driver for a random breath test. The driver travelled a few streets before allegedly driving at speed away from police without stopping. The car was followed and returned to the same unit complex, crashing into a timber wall, a spokesman said. The driver then allegedly ran off. Police went to a unit and arrested a 24-year-old man who also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was charged and bail refused. Further charges are pending.

#### **HORNSBY**

**4** Police have located a woman who went missing from Hornsby for a week. The 33-year-old woman failed to attend her workplace on Monday, December 12, and police were contacted. Officers from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command commenced a search. She was found safe at a unit in Albert St, Hornsby, about 9.40am on Monday, December 19. The woman was taken to Hornsby Hospital for assessment.

#### **THORNLEIGH**

**5** Thieves were active in Thornleigh and Westleigh on Monday, breaking into five cars in one night. Four of the cars were in Goodlands Ave, Thornleigh. Two were not locked but had no property taken. One car lost credit and debit cards, which the offenders tried to use in a nearby service station. The other car, a ute, had tools taken from the rear tray, which were recovered in a neighbour's front yard. The thieves also broke into a car in Nabiac Place, Westleigh, a spokesman said. It was not locked but nothing appeared to have been taken. Police called on all car owners to lock their vehicles, regardless of whether they have property in them. "One unlocked car that makes it easy and attractive for a thief means they are more likely to try other cars," a spokesman said. "This only spreads the problem wider, offering the thief encouragement. So lock it or lose it."

## HORNSBY

**7** A Jeep parked in the Westfield shopping centre carpark was vandalised and flooded last Saturday night. Several panels were scratch and windows were smashed, police said. Not being satisfied with this a fire hose was placed in the car and turned on, flooding the floor of the car. Damage to the Jeep was extensive. Police ask witnesses who may have information to contact Hornsby police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799), or call Crime Stoppers.

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### **14 January, Wide Impact: Highly Effective GMail Phishing Technique Being Exploited.**

A new phishing technique that affects GMail and other services and how to protect yourself

For details, click [here](#).

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### **13 January, From our neighbouring command**

A man has been charged after allegedly using counterfeit currency to make multiple purchases on the Central Coast.

Between Sunday 8 January 2017 and Wednesday 11 January 2017, a 25-year-old attended numerous locations in The Entrance, Long Jetty, Bateau Bay, Killarney Vale, and Tumby Umbi, where he allegedly used counterfeit \$50 notes to purchase items.

About 2.30pm yesterday (Wednesday 11 January 2017), police attended a home on Ocean Parade, The Entrance, and arrested the 25-year-old man.

A search of the property allegedly uncovered items believed to be used in the making of counterfeit material.

The man was taken to Wyong Police Station where he was charged with 28 offences including numerous counts of utter counterfeit money knowing it to be counterfeit and dishonestly obtain property by deception.

He was also charged with take and drive conveyance without consent and drive whilst disqualified after he was located allegedly located in possession of a stolen motorcycle.

He was refused bail to appear Wyong Local Court today (Thursday 12 January 2017).

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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!

**Thursday 23 February:** Statewide 'Coffee with a Cop'. NHW volunteers invited to take part in our local event (tbc).

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

**Saturday 18 March:** Yet tbc, crime prevention stall at a Harmony Day event in the area.

**Tuesday 21 March:** Harmony Day

**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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**12 January, ACCC Consumer rights!**

**Dud device? Use your rights**

**Watch the video [here](#).**

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**11 January, Crime Stoppers NSW: Please report butt tossers!**



It's HOT! 🔥

**REMEMBER:** Throwing lit cigarette butts from cars and trucks is dangerous. Cigarettes can start bush and grass fires, and place lives at risk. It's also bad for the environment.

There are heavy penalties for people caught throwing lit cigarette butts from vehicles, especially during the Bush Fire Danger Period and days of Total Fire Ban.

You can do your bit by reporting people who throw lit cigarette butts from vehicles.

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**11 January, Northern Beaches LAC - NSW Police Force**

## Help Police Stamp Out Beach Theft

*Please enjoy your visit to the beach and remember:*

- Secure your car & don't leave bags or valuables on car seats.
- Mobile phones, wallets & bags are prime targets for beach thieves. **DO NOT** leave them unattended.
- Leave someone to look after your property by alternating your swim with a friend or family member.
- Do not leave your property with a stranger.
- Some lockers are available on beach sites.

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### EMERGENCY 000

For reporting a life threatening, emergency situation or a crime in progress, contact 000, ask for Police. Also available for Ambulance and Fire Services - 24 hour service.

### POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE 131 444

For reporting of crime, which does not require immediate police presence, e.g. car theft, lost property, minor traffic accidents, burglary, damage to property and stealing, 24 hour service.

### CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000

This community based policing service gathers details of criminal activity volunteered by members of the public. Information can be given anonymously.



NSW Police Force  
[www.nswpolice.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nswpolice.nsw.gov.au)

### 11 January, For parents with teens into gaming, this is a MUST READ!

It suggests that in the hope of opening up communication with your teen, you embrace learning about their online world. This is in fact exactly why the Exploring Teens magazine has a gaming review section each issue. I wanted to better understand what it was my sons were playing (and get some suggestions for other games).

Our reviewer Nathan Jacobs, cuts to the chase in his review so that you get an idea immediately as to they type of game it is. I have used the information in his reviews a number of times when talking to my boys about their games and I have

also suggested some games they weren't aware of, but that looked great.

And since we're talking about the 'online world' and our teens, you won't want to miss the upcoming issue of Exploring Teens which has a focus of 'Teens Online'! We explore as many ins and outs of the online world and device usage of teens as we could fit in. So jump onto our website and grab a print subscription for only \$25, and if you elect to receive the current issue, you'll start with our brilliant Mental Health issue. Well worth it

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### **11 January, From Crime Stoppers NSW: TIPS FOR ASSISTING EMERGENCY VEHICLES...**

Too often it seems that motorists are unsure of what is expected of them when an emergency vehicle is behind them with lights and sirens.

- \* Do not panic
- \* Slow down (but do not brake rapidly)
- \* Use your indicators
- \* Be aware of other motorists; drivers should not play music at such a volume they cannot hear outside noises
- \* Do not move suddenly or move into the path of the emergency vehicle
- \* Move as far to the left of the road as you can and come to a stop
- \* If you cannot move out of the path safely, keep moving forward until it's safe to move over
- \* Remember, you are required to abide by road rules at all times

An obstructed journey can be the difference between life and death.

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### **11 January, from St John Ambulance:**

Do you know how to save a choking baby? Watch and share The Chokeables! This short video has already saved 49 children (that we know of). Please tag your parent friends and help take the fear out of weaning.

[Click here for the video.](#)

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**11 January, From the Daily Telegraph: Help us get human garbage off trains**



VILE sexual predators are using the state's public transport system to prey on women and even young girls in a sickening crime wave that has forced police to call on the public for help.

As part of The Saturday Telegraph's campaign to rid our trains and buses of these perverts, police yesterday released a dossier of CCTV images showing a variety of obscene and sickening acts — including filming up skirts, masturbating in public and actual physical assault.

The move to crack down on these depraved criminals comes as a 42-year-old man, who was already on bail for allegedly assaulting a man on a train at Maitland, was refused bail yesterday after allegedly carrying out a vile sex attack on a 22-year-old woman just before she stepped off a train at Woy Woy station last month.

Read more [here](#).

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**From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Personal Safety':**

**Tip#7.** IN APARTMENT BLOCKS, ONLY 'BUZZ IN' THOSE PEOPLE YOU KNOW, EVEN IF THEY SEEM TRUSTWORTHY.

Ensure the door shuts behind you.

**Tip#8.** INSTALL AN INTRUDER ALARM SYSTEM AND BE SURE TO TEST THE BATTERIES AND SENSORS REGULARLY.

Clean away cobwebs from sensors.

**Tip#9.**

WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME OR LEAVING HOME, LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS.

Including sheds & garages. Always set any alarm, including at night.

**Tip#10.**

NEVER LEAVE KEYS IN A HIDING SPOT OUTSIDE THE HOME.

Instead leave spare keys with a trusted friend. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks.

**Tip#11.** NEVER ACCEPT OFFERS OF WORK FROM DOOR -TO-DOOR TRADESMEN.

Report to Travelling Conman Hotline 1300 133 408. Only use tradies recommended to

you, or that you have researched. Supervise them all the time in your home.

**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.

For your copy of these or any other of the '20 Tips' series, [email us here](#).

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**Receive an Xmas pressie that needs reporting?**

 <p><b>PRODUCT SAFETY AUSTRALIA</b></p>	<p><b>Report an unsafe product</b></p> <p>You can use this form to report a general consumer product to the ACCC that you feel is unsafe.</p> <p>PRODUCTSAFETY.GOV.AU</p>
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**From Hornsby Council: Mobile for a Meal**



Recycle your mobile with MobileMuster in January and February and OzHarvest will deliver a meal to an Australian in need.

Tackle two of Australia's big waste challenges, e-waste and food waste by recycling 60,000 old mobile phones so that OzHarvest can deliver 60,000 meals. Every day OzHarvest rescues surplus food and delivers it to charities supporting people in need across the country.

For more information and to find a drop off point please visit [here](#)

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### **Dumbest Criminals Compiled by Wendy Lewis**

**Check the Fuel Gauge:** A driver pulled into a service station late one night with an empty petrol tank, but the service station was closed. While he was figuring out what to do, a carjacker ran up and took the car at gunpoint. The victim told him that the car was out of petrol but the adrenaline-charged carjacker jumped in anyway. The victim immediately rang the police and watched as the car went putt-putting down the street until it stalled about 100 meters from where it started.

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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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