



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](#).**

23 January, from Quakers Hill command: Please keep your children safe!

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY & THE LAW

EVERY swimming pool* in NSW must be surrounded by a child-resistant barrier that complies with the Swimming Pools Act 1992

*Under the Act a 'swimming pool' means ANY excavation, structure or vessel capable of being filled with water to a depth greater than 300 millimetres, that is used for any human aquatic activity, including spa pools, flotation tanks, temporary, inflatable and portable pools.

Under the Act a child-resistant barrier means:

- a fence or a wall, and includes any gate or door set in the fence or wall
- any other structure or thing declared by the regulations to be a barrier for the purposes of this Act

A3 sized resuscitation warning notice must be displayed close by all pools

KEEP WATCH

All doors & gates which access the pool **MUST** be kept securely closed at all times when not in actual use (the occupier of property is responsible for this)

OUTDOOR SPAS
Must be covered & secured by a lockable child-safe structure (such as a door, lid, grille or mesh) that is substantial in construction.

PONDS & DAMS
Ponds & Dams don't require a child-proof barrier (as they don't fall under the definition of a 'swimming pool' under the Act).
Owners can be encouraged to place metal grilles/mesh under the pond surface to prevent children falling in.

EXEMPTIONS:
Under Sections 8 and 9 of the Act

- a pool built before 1 August 1990 OR
- a pool built before 1 July 2010 on a property **GREATER** than 2 hectares (4.34 acres / 20,000 m²) OR
- a pool built before 1 July 2010 on a property of **LESS** than 230m² OR
- a pool on waterfront property is **not** required to have a fence directly around the pool, however access points between dwelling & pool must be **secure & restricted**. 'Access points' include house windows and doors, side gates etc with direct entry to the pool.

[Email us here](#) for your personal copy.

23 January: Double demerits 25 to 29 January 2017 Think twice before breaking the rules

In partnership with NSW police, we have developed the 'Double Demerits - Think Twice' road safety campaign to encourage safe driver behaviour on our roads. The campaign reminds drivers and riders that during double demerit periods the consequences for breaking the road rules are more severe. More information,

including dates etc, at the [Transport for NSW website here](#).

20 January, from the NRMA Blog: Have you ever needed to drive an unregistered vehicle? Here's what you should know.

When can you drive an unregistered vehicle legally?

It's important to have your [registration](#) renewal organised before it expires if you intend on driving a vehicle. If you're caught driving an unregistered vehicle, you may be fined, and police may remove the number plates on the spot. Police may also seize the vehicle. With this said there are some instances in NSW when you can drive an unregistered vehicle legally but only provided that the vehicle is safe for use on the road. Let's outline these two scenarios below:

[Click here for full article](#).

19 January: Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding a multi-vehicle crash in Cowan.

Shortly before 10pm (Wednesday 18 January 2017), police and emergency services were called to the northbound lane, south of the Hawkesbury River Bridge, M1 Motorway, following reports of a multiple-vehicle collision. It is believed seven vehicles have collided. Eight persons have been injured. One person is in a critical condition and a number of children have been taken to Hospital as a precaution. The cause of the crash is yet to be determined.

M1 northbound is currently closed and cars are being diverted to the Old Pacific Highway, Berowra. For the latest traffic information, visit www.live.traffic.com or call **132 701**.

Officers from the Crash Investigation Unit attended and are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash. Police are urging anyone with information in relation to the crash to contact police via **Crime Stoppers**.

18 January, from the Hornsby Advocate: It's everyone's worst nightmare and it all happened so quickly. This is how easily internet criminals used a mobile phone number, email address and Facebook to access Eryn Ford's bank account.

THE relative ease with which criminals were able to hack into his wife's phone and then steal her identity has turned Brad Ford into a campaigner to prevent this happening to others. The ID theft has since forced Mr Ford and his wife Eryn, of Stanhope Gardens, to apply for new passports, drivers licences, close their bank accounts and change virtually anything which could identify themselves.

[Full article here.](#)

Our Crime Prevention Officer's comment: To a motivated offender it IS that easy. Note, the thief got this woman's date of birth from Facebook, the last piece of info needed to 'hack' her accounts.

18 January, from the NRMA Safer Driving School Blog: This will make you think twice about putting your feet on the dashPutting your feet on the dashboard is dangerous and potentially fatal. Upon impact passenger frontal airbags are deployed from inside the dashboard so if your feet are up at the height of the dash your legs will be pushed upward rather than keeping your legs and lower body secured in a seated position.

[Full article here.](#)

18 January: Just a little reminder about this little creature.

From now until autumn they will be out and about. If you have a pool check it before you or the kids get in, they can live under water for up to 24hrs. Check shoes left on the veranda/porch or in the laundry. Digging in the garden, have a good look around and wear gloves. Most of all don't be scared of them just be aware of them and give them a wide berth. [Click here for more info](#) from the Australian Museum.



18 January, from KidSafe Australia:



18 January: Online fraud, email scams call them what you will, they are annoying and have only one purpose; to fleece you of your money.

Don't get 'conned' by email scams or cold-calling scams. Never give out or confirm personal details to people you don't personally know or who you haven't called yourself (i.e. you call your bank and they need to confirm who you are).

Over \$200 million is lost to online scams in Australia each year. Look out for these signs that an e-mail may be suspicious:



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Wednesday 22 March: Neighbourhood Watch Development Day 8am-3pm @ The Great Hall, UTS, 15 Broadway Ultimo. Registration by Fri 24 Feb.

For all CPOs, NHW group coords and active members of NHW groups.

Email us for more info and **registration documentation etc.**



Neighbourhood Watch Development Day



To all Crime Prevention Officers, Neighbourhood Watch Group Coordinators and active members of NHW Groups.
**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
the Neighbourhood Watch Development Day.**

Date: Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017

Time: 8am for registration
Starting at 8.30am until 3pm

Morning tea and lunch will be provided

Location : The Great Hall, UTS, 15 Broadway Ultimo NSW 2007
Registration forms must be received by Friday, 24th February 2017

Please email registration forms to:
nhwinfoday@police.nsw.gov.au

For further info please phone: 02 97680723 or 02 97680724

Topics covered

- **Trade fair / Networking NHW Groups** – NHW Groups displaying samples of projects and information sharing (indicate on Registration form if you would like a stall)
- **Mail safe**
- **NSWPF Community Portal**
- **Benefits of promoting the NOK (next of kin) data base**

From the North Shore Times, January 16: Killara homes the target of thieves breaking in

A series of break and enters in Killara have been linked, after a homeowner came upon an intruder in his home on Thursday night. Police were called around 9.20pm after the Prince St man disturbed the alleged offender and confronted him at the back door of his home.

[Full article here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate, January 20: IT'S the sleepy suburban street that backs onto Waitara Public School, but the residents of Highlands Ave in Wahroonga say they have had "weekends from hell" following a spate of violent parties.

Residents fear for safety after weekend parties sees teen stabbed in street

[Full article here.](#)



Police setup a crime scene on the street outside a home in Highlands Ave Wahroonga. Picture: Gordon McComiskie

From the Hornsby Advocate, January 21: HORNSBY Council staff and Westfield Hornsby believe they are on the way to solving Hornsby's trolley-trashing scourge.

Westfield Hornsby and council staff believe end to trolley-trashing saga could be in sight

HORNSBY Council staff and Westfield Hornsby believe they are on the way to solving Hornsby's trolley-trashing scourge. After continued community backlash, the council arranged a meeting with Westfield management and supermarket retailers late last year. A council spokesman told the Advocate talks were underway to see the installation of a wheel-locking system, to stamp out the two-decade-long problem.

[Full article here.](#)

Saturday 21 January, NSW Police Media Release: Inquiries are continuing after four men forced their way into a home in Sydney's north overnight.

Just before 9.30pm (Friday 20 January 2017), emergency services were called to a home on Edwards Road, Wahroonga, following reports of a home invasion. On arrival, police were told a resident had been assaulted by four armed men. It is believed the men were armed with baseball bats and a metal bar. The men stole property before fleeing in a vehicle. Officers from Kuring Gai Local Area Command attended and established a crime scene. The occupant, a 19-year-old man was treated by NSW Ambulance Paramedics for a laceration to his head before being taken to Hornsby Hospital

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 26 January: Happy Australia Day! **Ku-ring-gai** - Bicentennial Park, W Pymble 1030-130pm [Info](#). Hornsby - Aquatic and Leisure Centre 9-12noon. Entry: gold coin. Proceeds go to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. [Info](#).

Thursday 16 February: **FREE** Teaching your Learner Driver, Hornsby Shire Council Chambers 6:30-8:30pm Ph: 9847 6616 [Info](#).

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

Thursday 02 March: Child Seat Safety Checking Day @ Brickpit Sports Centre undercover carpark, 1B Dartford Road (east side), Thornleigh 9.30am - 3.15pm **FREE** for residents & rate payers. Bookings open on **Monday 6 February**. [Info](#).

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

Wednesday 22 March: Neighbourhood Watch Development Day 8am-3pm @ The Great Hall, UTS, 15 Broadway Ultimo. Registration by Fri 24 Feb. For all CPOs, NHW group coords and active members of NHW groups. [Email us for more info](#).

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.

From the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia: Are you prepared for six of the most common first aid situations?

This free booklet will show you how to respond in six of the most common first aid situations.

[Register with the RFDSA here](#) for your copy.

 **Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia**
January 17 at 8:13pm · 🌐

Are you prepared for six of the most common first aid situations?



This booklet is what you need.

Learn what to do in an emergency.

Get your FREE Flying Doctor first aid booklet now and learn how to do the right thing in an emergency. Knowing basic first aid could help you save a life....

FIRSTAID.FLYINGDOCTOR.ORG.AU [Learn More](#)

From the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: Beware of scammers posing as ACORN officials.

The ACORN will never contact you by phone. Neither the ACORN or the police will request that you provide them with remote access to your computer, make electronic funds transfers, or download software.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

From ASIC Connect, January 19: NEW SCAM ALERT: We're warning our customers about a new scam email that contains an unauthorised link to a renewal letter.

This scam is different to the one identified in December. The email is titled 'Renewal' and informs customers that they need to renew their registration. The renewal letter has not been issued by ASIC. If you receive this fraudulent email, please delete it. Do not click on the link to the renewal letter.

Here's how to tell the difference between an ASIC email and this scam email:

1. The scam email refers to a company
2. The scam email does not contain Dear XXXX
3. The URL displayed when you hover over the Renewal Link is also not an ASIC URL.

Please share this post so you can help spread the word. You can also report it to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's [ScamWatch here](#).

More information about [protecting yourself from scams here](#).

From: ASIC Messaging Service [mailto:ASIC.Transaction.No-reply@asic.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 January 2017 7:56 AM
To:
Subject: Renewal

Please find information in the following link regarding the renewal for your company.

[Renewal letter](#)

Select this link to view, save or print the information. This link will remain active for 30 days.

If you no longer need your business name to be registered, please email us at hncancel@asic.gov.au and include:

- your business name, and
- your name and telephone number (including area code).

If you have any questions, contact us at www.asic.gov.au/question

Regards,

Caleb Edwards
Senior Executive Leader
Registry
Australian Securities and Investments Commission

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From the NSW Food Authority: [NAME & SHAME LIST](#)

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 69 premises added
- 36 premises publication period expired

Hero Sushi Train, Hornsby and Monkey King, Lindfield get a mention. Thank you to Hornsby Shire Council for checking on our behalf.

**From our neighbouring North Shore command, January 17: Stealing-
Westfield, Chatswood. Sat 3 Dec 2016**

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the persons depicted in the images below regarding an alleged stealing incident from a store in Westfield, Chatswood. If you know this person please call **Chatswood Police 94148499** or **Crime Stoppers 1800333000. Ref.# E 63114721**

Please note: Images could be unidentified victims, potential witnesses or alleged offenders.





From NSW Fair Trading: Multiple pricing

Multiple pricing occurs when a supplier displays more than one price for the same item or service. If a supplier displays the same item with more than one price then they must sell it for the lowest displayed price or withdraw the item until the price is corrected.

A price published in a catalogue or advertisement is a displayed price. If mistakes in catalogues or advertisements have occurred, they can be fixed by publishing a retraction in a publication with a similar circulation to the original advertisement.

More information on the [NSW Fair Trading Multiple Pricing webpage here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate 19 January: [\[for online viewer click here.\]](#)



SAFETY measures including a red light and camera as well as a safety barrier were promised after a tragic year on Galston Rd, but nearly 12 months later, nothing has been done. Full story in the Advocate page 5.

GALSTON A 25-year-old man was arrested and will face drug charges after police cars and the police air unit converged on a house in Bevans Rd. Police received information that the occupants of a car may have had a weapon. Ground crews intercepted the Mazda CX5 about 10.40pm last Friday, and searched the car and its three male occupants. They allegedly found 3g of cannabis in the driver's shorts and a knife under the driver's seat. All three men declined to make statements. A 25-year-old West Pennant Hills man will appear in Hornsby Local Court on a date to be set.

TURRAMURRA Police and security officers responding to alarms arrived at Turramurra High School on Monday, about 10pm, to find a small bonfire alight and two doors open. At least six males were seen running off into the bush. Police used extinguishers to put out the fire in a concrete quadrangle. A police spokesman said nothing appeared to have been stolen. The police dog squad was called in but police were unable to locate the firebugs.

WAHROONGA The windscreen of a parked car was smashed on the Pacific Highway between 7pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday. Police said nothing appeared to have been stolen from the blue Mazda sedan and are treating the incident as malicious damage estimated at \$1000.

HORNSBY Expensive designer sunglasses were stolen from a car in Summers

Ave on Saturday between 12.20pm and 2pm. Police said the Zegna prescription sunglasses, worth about \$1000, were stolen from a BMW coupe.

WAITARA A motorcycle was stolen from a block of units in Park Ave, despite being chained to a concrete pillar. Police said the green and black Kawasaki street bike was taken between 6am last Friday and 1pm on Saturday. They were unsure exactly how the theft was committed.

ASQUITH Copper piping, worth about \$900, was stolen from a building site on the Pacific Highway. Police said the copper had been cut from a ceiling in a basement carpark between 6pm on Monday and 7am on Tuesday. They said copper theft was more prevalent in times of high prices and this was the first theft of its kind for some time.

THORNLEIGH Clothing and a scooter, worth about \$570, were stolen from a business in Central Ave between 7-9am on Tuesday. Police said the stolen items had been stored under a stairwell at the premises.

HORNSBY A 23-year-old woman is expected to face charges of possessing stolen property after police responded to reports she was verbally abusing a man at Westfield about 9pm on Monday. Police said the woman and a 49-year-old man both appeared to be intoxicated or drug-affected. They searched the woman and allegedly seized a number of stolen items of clothing.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS A cyclist was injured when he ran into the door of a parked car being opened in Somerville Rd last Saturday, just after 8am. The 53-year-old man was thrown off his bike on to the road. Four other cyclists with the man avoided the Mazda 3, driven by a 60-year-old woman. The man was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for precautionary checks. Police have reminded drivers to fully look back over their shoulders, as well as check their rear-view mirror, before opening doors. They have also asked cyclists to double-check if there were any occupants inside parked cars as they rode by.

THORNLEIGH Two men were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment after a fight at a property in Thornleigh St, with one man continuing to be aggressive towards police and hospital staff. Police said a 47-year-old man, who appeared to be severely intoxicated, uttered profanities to them, resisted arrest, acted aggressively and was handcuffed and eventually sedated at the hospital. He

suffered scrapes and abrasions. A 43-year-old man also suffered scrapes and abrasions to his arms and legs and a laceration to the back of his head in the incident, which happened about 12.25am yesterday. Police were waiting to formally interview both men and talk to any witnesses.

From the North Shore Times 19 January:

GORDON A shop on Pacific Highway was broken into some time between 10.30pm on Monday and 7am on Tuesday. The ground-floor front door was smashed and cash totalling \$200 was stolen. Malicious damage to the window was set to cost \$2000. Anyone with information is urged to call **Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799**.

ST IVES A 13-year-old boy was robbed of \$170 at St Ives Skate Park last week, as he waited for his friend to return to the park with McDonalds. While he waited alone just before 4pm on Thursday, the boy was approached by a man who allegedly asked to see the boy's wallet. In a report to police, the boy then said when he refused the alleged offender patted him down and grabbed his wallet, stealing the \$170 inside and throwing the wallet on the ground. The offender then allegedly ran in the direction of Collins Rd. When his friend returned, the 13-year-old called his parents who later took him to Gordon Police Station. The man is believed to be around 17 years old, 175cm tall and was wearing a cream jumper and tan pants.

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

Tip#13. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO STRANGERS! If they require your help in an emergency, offer to phone on their behalf.

Tip#14. WALK IN WELL-LIT REGULARLY TRAVELED WALKS AND PATHWAYS AREAS. [Report a street light fault—Ausgrid 1800 044 808.] If followed, cross the street, crossing back and forth if necessary. If pursued, DO ANYTHING to attract attention—scream, pull a fire alarm, flag down a passing motorist, etc. Carry a personal alarm. Stay calm and in control.

Tip#15. IF WALKING, USE, OR PRETEND TO USE, YOUR MOBILE PHONE. Consider using an App such as Companion, Follow Me, Circle of 6, SafeZone, MyWitness, Get Home Safe (GHS), etc. DOWNLOAD THE Emergency+ App NOW!

Tip#16. WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD & AT INTERSECTIONS, NEVER ASSUME AN APPROACHING DRIVER CAN SEE YOU. Get eye contact.

Pedestrian crossings don't give you protection.

Tip#17. IN A LIFT, STAND NEXT TO THE LIFT CONTROLS/EMERGENCY ALARM OR HELP BUTTON AND FACE THOSE JOINING YOU. Be prepared to exit.

For these and other Crime Prevention Tips, [email us here](#), or visit our [NHW within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Tips](#) page.

From Hornsby Shire Council: National child restraint laws

- Children up to the age of six months must be secured in an approved rearward facing restraint
- Children aged from six months old but under four years old must be secured in either a rear or forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness
- Children under four years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows
- Children aged from four years old but under seven years old must be secured in a forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat
- Children aged from four years old but under seven years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in an approved child restraint or booster seat
- Children aged from seven years old but under 16 years old who are too small to be restrained by a seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened are strongly recommended to use an approved booster seat
- Children in booster seats must be restrained by a suitable lap and sash type approved seatbelt that is properly adjusted and fastened, or by a suitable approved child safety harness that is properly adjusted and fastened.
- If your child is too small for the child restraint specified for their age, they should be kept in their current child restraint until it is safe for them to move to the next level.
- If your child is too large for the child restraint specified for their age, they

may move to the next level of child restraint.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: New boat trailer parking laws set to be enforced in Ku-ring-gai

Trailers and boats could be impounded under laws seeking to discourage long-term street parking

New laws are set to come into effect from 1 February 2017 in an effort to reduce the number of boat trailers parked on local streets. The new rules were adopted by the Council in the wake of changes to boat parking legislation introduced by the NSW Government last year. The new rules will apply across the Ku-ring-gai local government area and aim to ensure that owners regularly move boats parked on trailers and the trailers are in a satisfactory state of roadworthiness.

From 1 February boats will need to be moved every 28 days at least as far as a different block section of the same street.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

NEW LAWS FOR STREET PARKING OF BOAT TRAILERS



Visit www.olg.nsw.gov.au/boattrailers



From Hornsby Shire Council: A toxic marine algae has been detected in high levels near Berowra Waters. *Gymnodinium catenatum* produces paralytic shellfish toxins. People are advised not to eat shellfish or fish collected or caught in the area. Council is putting signs at all water access points around Berowra Waters and will continue to monitor the bloom.



From the Victorian Government: The Bourke Street fund has been established to help those families whose loved ones died in this tragedy. The Victorian Government is donating an initial \$100,000 to this community fund. [Full information here.](#)



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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