



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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06 February: Hornsby Police news, 6/2/2017 The following relate to local

issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Break, enter & steal incidents.

Pacific Highway, Warrawee

Thurs 2nd 5pm to Friday 3 6.30pm

Unit complex storage cage forced open with snow skiing gear stolen

Also same complex Wednesday 1st to Thursday 2nd.

Attempted entry after holes cut in wire mesh.

Cherry Street, Warrawee.

2.50pm to 4.50pm Saturday 4th

Forced entry to a home with internal fittings stolen.

Pacific Highway, Warrawee.

Sunday 29th to Monday 6th

Storage cage forced open, 3 x off road motor bikes were stolen from the cage. The bikes were secured inside the cage by wire rope which was cut.

Stealing incidents

Shop inside Westfield Hornsby

Saturday 4th 2.30pm to 3.30pm

2 x wallets and a necklace were stolen. Value is an estimated \$735.

St Johns Avenue, Gordon.

Saturday 4th 10am to 12pm.

Wallet and contents were stolen from a seat while owner was nearby.

Steal from motor vehicle incidents.

Norfolk Street, St Ives.

Sunday 5th to Monday 6th

\$20 cash stolen from a VW golf which had been left unlocked.

Mona Vale Road, St Ives.

Thursday 2nd 8am to Friday 3rd 9am

Window smashed and laptop stolen from a VW Passat

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.

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06 February: Hornsby police are investigating the cause of a fire yesterday at Crosslands Reserve Hornsby Heights.

The fire started about 3pm and appears to have been deliberately lit. Police are appealing to any witnesses who may have information about the fire or who saw any suspicious persons or cars in the area at the time. Any information received will be treated confidentially, please call **Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

03 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Investigation into fiery M1 B-double truck crash continues with freight company raided in Blacktown

The company responsible for a truck that exploded when it hit a mobile crane on the M1 motorway near Brooklyn on Tuesday causing 19km-long traffic queues was raided by police and RMS inspectors this morning.

[Full article here.](#)



The remains of trucks that crashed and caught fire, blocking the Northbound lane on the M1 motorway just South of the Hawkesbury River Bridge near Brooklyn on Tuesday. Picture: Troy Snook

February 03: Just a reminder for residents to be more vigilant to lock doors, including wooden doors and security doors, in particular balcony sliding doors before leaving home.

Also, during the night when you find it uncomfortable to sleep due to warm temperatures, people like to let fresh air inside their home, it's also important to lock your security screens to prevent opportunistic theft.



February 03, from NSW Alerts: FRIGHTENING: Police have issued a warning

to young people and their parents after a young girl got caught up in a terrifying child grooming incident on Facebook.

[Full article from MyGC.com.au click here.](#)

02 February: Police Entrance Exam

Candidates can undertake the NSW Police Entrance exam before submitting an application to the NSW Police Force. This option gives candidates the opportunity to complete one of the mandatory recruitment elements and be a step ahead once they lodge their application.

[Full information here.](#)

01 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby Police news for February 2017 includes drink driving and stealing cases [edited]

Hornsby police were called to an unusual break and enter case this week where the victim met the alleged offender wearing her clothes. In another case a high range drink driver allegedly said “drinking helps”.

Westleigh: A police helicopter was called to Westleigh in pursuit of a driver and passengers who fled from a car that smashed into a powerpole at high speed on Sunday afternoon. A VW Golf was seen driving at high speed about 12.10pm outside a home in Yarrabung Ave before it hit a parked Honda CRV, forcing it on to the driveway of a nearby home. The VW Golf failed to stop and allegedly continued at speed before turning into Larool Cres where it lost control and hit a powerpole. The car then did a U-turn and was eventually dumped in the middle of a road in The Sanctuary at Westleigh where three occupants were seen to flee the car. Police found the car with the key still in the ignition and searched the area with help from the Pol. Air 2 helicopter. The car was seized for forensic examination and the car’s registered owner will be interviewed.

Wahroonga: A 62-year-old man who allegedly told police “drinking helps” was charged with high range on Tuesday night. About 6.50pm Hornsby police were called by an off-duty firefighter who had allegedly seen the man drinking wine while

driving a Toyota Hilux that was mounting median strips on Millewa Ave. The firefighter allegedly followed the ute on to the Pacific Hwy at Wahroonga and managed to get the ute to stop and removed the keys from the driver. At 7pm police spoke to the driver who allegedly admitted to drinking wine while driving. He blew .221 at Hornsby police station and in relation to his drinking allegedly said: "I'm in a bad place and drinking helps me". His licence was suspended and he will face court at a future date.

Thornleigh: Cash was stolen from the register at a discount chemist by a criminal duo who distracted staff and broke into the till on Saturday about 12.40pm. A woman described as of Aboriginal appearance about 40-50 with dark hair wearing a black and white striped shirt asked staff about tablets while a man broke into the till. The man was described as caucasian, 25 — 30, solid build, wearing a black cap, cream shirt and cargo shorts. Inquiries continue.

Galston: A 36-year-old woman was charged with stealing from a car and break and enter offences after she allegedly spent Monday afternoon eating and drinking at a house that was not her own. Personal documents were stolen from a car on Crosslands Rd in Galston, which were allegedly found on the 36-year-old when she was arrested on Monday. The woman allegedly drove her car into the driveway of the Galston Rd home, entered via the backdoor and rummaged through several rooms in the house. She then allegedly showered, dressed herself in clothing belonging to the owner, ate, drank wine, and took a slice of birthday cake from the fridge. About 6pm the victim arrived home. Police allege they found the woman laying on the lounge using a pillow and a blanket listening to music through earphones.



Senior Constable Alison Campbell and Senior Constable Colin Mitchell, start work at Hornsby Police Station. Picture: Peter Clark

[Link to full article here.](#)

01 February, from Cabramatta command: With the use of Drones becoming more popular, Cabramatta Police are reminding residents of their responsibilities should they wish to fly drones in the local area.

Most important is that a fair portion of the Cabramatta area is directly under the flight path for Bankstown airport which means extreme caution must be taken NOT to exceed 120 metres/400 feet above ground level. Some areas of Cabramatta and especially Lansvale fall within the 5.5km radius limit of Bankstown airport which makes privately flying any drones illegal within these areas. Drones must also not be flown within 30 metres of people such as beaches, parks or sporting ovals when there is a game in progress. People who don't comply with these rules face fines of up to \$9000

Further information from the [Civil Aviation Safety Authority can be found here.](#)

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

You must only fly during the day and keep your RPA **within visual line-of-sight**.

This means being able to see the aircraft with your own eyes (rather than through first-person-view [FPV]) at all times.



If you are in controlled airspace, which covers most Australian cities, you must **not fly higher than 120 metres**.

You must keep your RPA at least **30 metres away from other people**.



You must **not fly over populous areas** where—if your drone was to fail—it could hit someone. This could include beaches, parks, or sport ovals where there is a game in progress.

You should **not fly within 5.5km of an airfield**



It is **illegal to fly for money or economic reward** unless you have an RPA operators certificate, or you are flying an excluded RPA in the sub-2kg or private landholder category.



Remember, you must not **operate your RPA in a way that creates a hazard** to another aircraft, person or property.

Respect personal privacy
Don't record or photograph people without their consent—this may breach state laws.



FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions about flying your RPA recreationally, or have other RPA operational enquiries, please contact CASA's RPAS Office at rpas@casa.gov.au

casa.gov.au/rpa

31 January: Hornsby Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding a two vehicle collision involving a silver Mazda 323 and a silver Isuzu table top truck, which occurred about 11:15am on Tuesday, 24 January, 2017 at the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Ayers Road St Ives.

One person was injured and taken to hospital in a stable condition. The cause of the crash is yet to be determined. Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call **Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 and quote E 64173773.**



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

'ALL AREAS' NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING 6PM WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017 [Please note the date change - Ed.]

The first meeting this year of all the Neighbourhood Watch groups within the NSWPF Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) will take place on Wednesday 22 February at 6pm in the meeting room at the Hornsby Police Station.

Please consider coming along and joining in if you'd like to help our Crime Prevention Officer to educate the community. This year, in particular we will be assisting with mail drop warnings in those suburbs being hit with crime, such as mailbox theft (leading to Identity Theft). This is also an opportunity to discuss any issues you may have in your area. Everyone is welcome.

[Email us here](#) if you'd like to know more.

WARNING!!!!

Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse a product or service. We always try and include new items that could be useful to the community. Please be vigilant and do your own due diligence and research the market place.

In last week's eNewsletter we included a post from Facebook about a **personal**

alarm from SIREN SONG. We need you to be aware of some problems that have occurred since then. One reader says that Siren Song has taken their order for a product, and then having obtained the bank details, Siren Song has set up a monthly subscription that wasn't expected. Another reader says that Siren Song debited their bank account incorrectly.

We are sorry that this has happened, and will double our efforts when deciding whether to include such safety and crime prevention products. (We did find this item on Amazon, which we thought was a legit place for legit products??)

We do hope these readers get a satisfactory resolution.

From the NRMA: TEST TIME: You are driving vehicle C. You must give way to

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- Both vehicle A and B
- Neither vehicle A or B
- Vehicle B only
- Vehicle A only



TEST TIME ANSWER: Vehicle C must give way to vehicle A. A driver entering a roundabout must give way to any vehicle already on a roundabout; vehicle A is already on the roundabout and travelling in front of vehicle C. Vehicle B does not

affect either vehicle A or C.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday 22 February: 'All Areas' NHW meeting. 6pm @ Hornsby Police Station. Do you want to do more for the safety of your community? [email us here](#).

Thursday 23 February: Statewide 'Coffee with a Cop'. [NHW volunteers not needed after all at this event.]

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: 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.

On our travels, we found a **Swimming Pool Fact Sheet** available for download from Fair Trading NSW, [click here](#).

It has safety guidelines for consumers, including sections on: Registration and certification requirements, When building a new pool, Protect Your Pool, Protect Your Kids video, Pool cleaning systems, Electrical hazards, Fencing requirements and Inflatable Pools.

Get spam? Watch this one. It should make you feel better. What a hoot!

[Click here](#) for YouTube TED Talks video: **The agony of trying to unsubscribe** | James Veitch



Here's another for you, [click here](#) for YouTube TED Talks video: **This is what happens when you reply to spam email** | James Veitch

From realestate.com.au: Transferring property – the new rules you need to know

There are many things to think about when looking to buy or sell property, but have you considered the process of changing ownership of the land title? As a way to reduce the risk of land title fraud, each state authority is introducing reforms for a new Verification of Identity (VOI) policy.

[Full article here.](#)

From Crime Stoppers, February 02: Dating Abuse...

Teens and young adults can experience the same types of abuse as adults in relationships, including:

- Physical Abuse: Any intentional use of physical force with the intent to cause fear

or injury like hitting, shoving, biting, strangling, kicking or using a weapon.

- **Verbal or Emotional Abuse:** Non-physical behaviours such as threats, insults, constant monitoring, humiliation, intimidation, isolation or stalking.
- **Sexual Abuse:** Any action that impacts a person's ability to control their sexual activity or the circumstances in which sexual activity occurs including rape, coercion or restricting access to birth control.
- **Digital Abuse:** Use of technologies and/or social media networking to intimidate, harass or threaten a current or ex-dating partner such as demanding passwords, checking cell phones, cyberbullying, non-consensual sexting, excessive or threatening text or stalking on social media.

If you are a victim of dating abuse visit your local police station or call the **Police Assistance Line on 131444 (24/7)**. Always call **Triple Zero (000)** in an emergency. If you know about Domestic Violence happening to someone else stand up and speak out as the final piece of the puzzle in addressing this crime. There are no innocent bystanders. You can report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or **Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)**. You can remain anonymous.

Source: www.breakthecycle.org



From Cars Guide: What are my rights when pulled over by police?

"Since the introduction of the random breath test, a police officer can pull you over anytime they'd like."

[Full article here.](#)

From Crime Stoppers, February 01: Worried about your bike being stolen?

To help you protect your bike from theft here are some bicycle security tips, [click here.](#) [A really good list of tips! - Ed]



This post is brought to you by Cammy who are proud sponsors and supporters of Crime Stoppers NSW.

From the Daily Telegraph February 01: M1 Pacific Motorway crash: B-double collides with mobile crane near Brooklyn

[Full article here.](#)



The incident is blocking the Northbound lanes on the M1. Picture: Troy Snook

Shared by the AFP: Everyone's heard of Crime Stoppers (if you haven't, where have you been??) but do you know what it is and what it's for?

Crime Stoppers is your one-stop-shop for reporting information that may help stop, solve or prevent suspicious or criminal activity in the community. You will never be asked to identify yourself, and there is no equipment in Crime Stoppers that records voices or traces phone numbers. Anonymity is guaranteed. Also, when you call, you'll be given a code number that allows you to claim a reward, if there is one, once an arrest has been made. The number to call? – **1800 333 000**. Save it in your phone in case you need it one day.

But don't forget, if it's an emergency, call **Triple Zero (000)** instead.

From Penrith command: There appears to be confusion over the 'Keep left unless overtaking' rule.

You must not drive in the right lane on a multi-laned road where the speed limit is OVER 80km/h OR there are signs "Keep Left Unless Overtaking".

The two most often confused aspects:

1. It is permissible to drive in the middle lane of a three lane road while not

overtaking.

2. The rule does not apply to 80km/h areas (unless sign posted).

For more information go to: Australian Road Rules Part 11 Division 2 Regulation 130. [Click here](#) for the Roads & Maritime Services page, Overtaking.

From Berowra Waters Rural Fire Brigade: 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. If you see a vehicle where a lit cigarette butt has been improperly disposed, you can report the vehicle to the NSW RFS simply by filling out the details on their [Report a cigarette butt tosser page](#). It answers all your questions, such as:

How can I report a cigarette butt 'tossler'?

If you see a vehicle where a lit cigarette butt has been improperly disposed, you can report the vehicle to the NSW RFS simply by filling out the details below. Some of the information we will need includes location, date & time, vehicle registration plate details and description of the vehicle. We will also need your contact details as anonymous reports are not accepted. Alternatively you can call **1800 679 737** and leave a message and an officer will make contact.

If the cigarette butt isn't lit, the person may still be subject to action for littering. You can make a littering complaint through the [Environment Protection Authority](#).

From the Hornsby Advocate February 02:

The Burning Issue

New laws regarding boat trailers across Ku-ring-gai came into effect yesterday (Wednesday). 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. From February 1 boats need to be moved every 28 days at least as far as a different block section of the same street. The council would have the authority to impound boat trailers for repeat offenders. For details on the laws

visit: olg.nsw.gov.au/boattrailers

Top coach backs safety-latch alarm for pool gates

IT'S the simple device that could save young lives. Australian inventors have created a swimming pool latch fitted with an alarm for when a safety gate is opened. Swim coach Laurie Lawrence is backing the device and said while nothing replaced adult supervision, it added extra protection. "Whenever you open the gate it beeps," he said. "Straight away you know the gate has been propped open or the latch has had it." Lawrence said someone contacted him to suggest an alarm would be a good idea and he in turn contacted D&D Technologies, which created the **MagnaLatch**.

From the North Shore Times, 02 February:

West Pymble

A man was taken to hospital with pain in his testicles after he crashed into a tree on Doncaster Ave last Friday. About 5.50am a 24-year-old man lost control of his vehicle and left the road. An off-duty police officer was the first on the scene and the driver allegedly told the officer he had fallen asleep at the wheel. The man was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with testicular and abdominal pain.

LINDFIELD

A unit on Burleigh St was broken into while the homeowners were out. A ground-floor window was forced open and the house ransacked. A large sum of mixed-currency money was stolen and jewellery. It occurred between 6pm January 15 and 2pm Tuesday. Anyone with information should call **North Shore police (Chatswood) on 9414 8499**.

From Ku-ring-gai Council, February 01: Council to upgrade four pedestrian crossings outside local schools

Four pedestrian crossings will be converted to raised "Wombat Crossings" to improve road safety around schools.

[Full Media Release with school locations here.](#)

From Hornsby Shire Council, February 03: We need your help.

High levels of the Dinoflagellate *Cochlodinium* have been detected by Council's water quality monitoring program at Gunyah Point (4km southeast of Brooklyn). It poses no risk to humans, but can be harmful to fish. If you see any unusual occurrences of fish death in the area please [report the sightings directly click here](#), or **Fishers Watch hotline on 1800 043 536**.

Hello Everyone

Not sure if any of you are in a position to volunteer to assist at the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic being held on Sunday 26MAR17. The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter (HKWS) will receive some of the funds generated by this event. So if you are able to assist please advise Dick Babb on dick@hkws.com.au at your earliest convenience. Many thanks in advance. Thank you. Regards Carroll

Carroll Howe OAM, JP

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Area Coordinator, NHW Area Gordon 3/4

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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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