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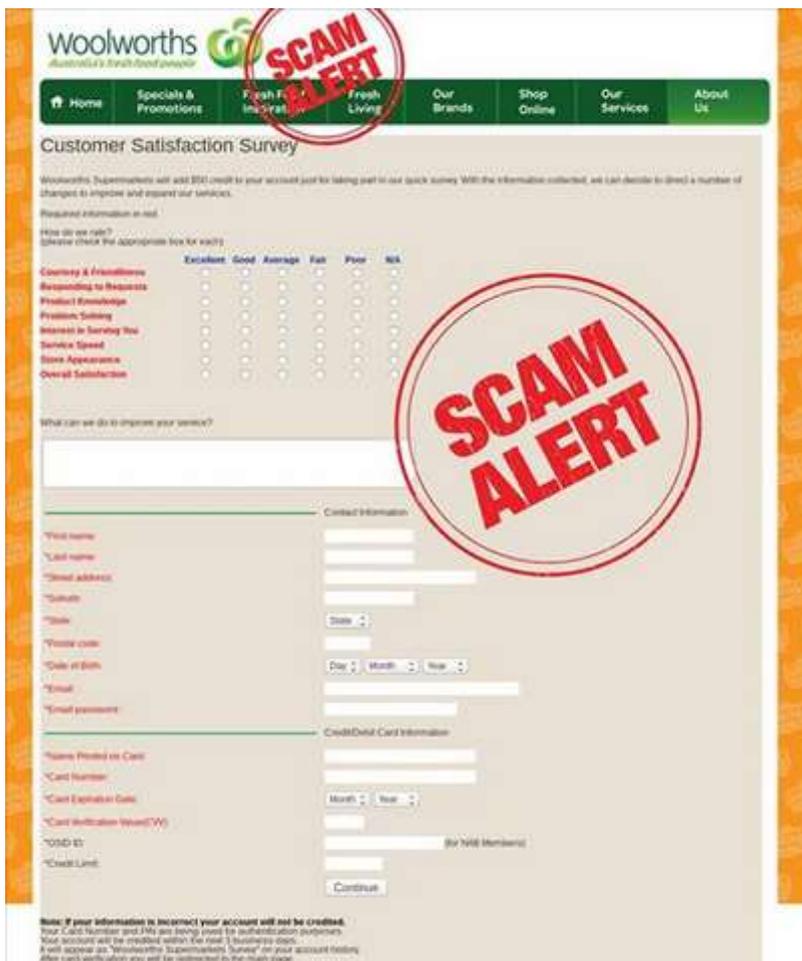
eNewsletter # 279 - 13 February 2017

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](#).**

10 February: Woolworth's Scam Alert!



WOOLWORTHS SCAM ALERT! Fake emails from 'Woolworths Rewards' with the subject line 'Customer Satisfaction Survey!' are offering instant cash for taking part in a 'quick and easy' online rewards survey.

The email contains a link to an online form that will try to trick you into giving personal information, including your email and password, contact info and bank account details. The promise of an instant cash reward may make users overlook a poorly worded email and suspicious questions in the form, such as asking for your email password and credit card limit.

Sound familiar? The Woolworths survey phishing scam has been in circulation for at least two years—despite the survey asking for sensitive personal information (info that should trigger your alarm bell!), the continued reappearance of this scam indicates its effectiveness in successfully stealing personal information.

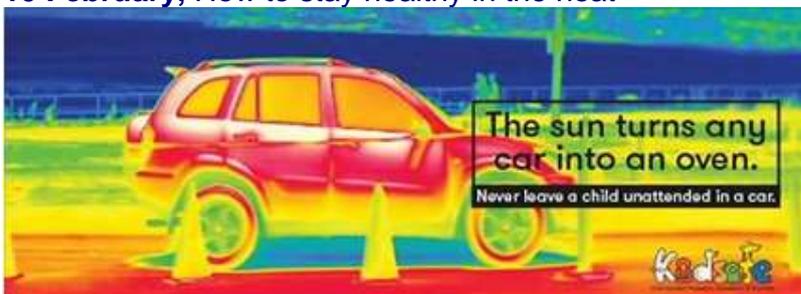
Phishing is one of the most severe and prevalent cybercrime threats—email users

need to be constantly on guard and curb their enthusiasm to rush forward to receive their free deal. If the offer looks too good to be true, it almost certainly is.

This Woolworths webpage provides information on this scam and others targeting the Woolworths brand. See [here](#).

For more info about protecting your email, visit Stay Smart Online [here](#).

10 February, How to stay healthy in the heat



For tips to 'Beat the Heat' visit [this place](#).

09 February: Hornsby Police news, 9/2/2017

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

Break,enter & steal incident

Water Street, Hornsby

8.30am Friday 3rd to 10am Wednesday 8th

House broken into, kitchen appliances and a laptop stolen.

Stealing

Westfield store

4pm Monday 6th to 10am Wednesday 8th

Wallet and necklace stolen from shop.

Pacific Highway, Berowra

About 2am Thursday 9th

Shop broken into, cigarettes stolen.

Steal from motor vehicle

Burdett Street, Hornsby

5.30pm Wednesday 8th to 11.45am Thursday 9th

Number plates stolen

Linda Street, Hornsby

9pm Tuesday 7th to 8am Wednesday 8th

Wallet and contents stolen from a car parked on street.

Hunter Street

10pm Tuesday 7th to 7.30am Wednesday 8th

Cash and sun glasses stolen.

Malicious Damage incident

King Road, Hornsby

6.30pm Wednesday 8th to 8.30am Thursday 9th

Glue used to damage lock at a business.

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.

Police pursuit

About 3.25am Thursday 9th Hornsby police were patrolling the Pacific Highway near Killara and Lindfield. At this point a radio message was broadcast in relation to an incident involving a Black Commodore Ute. At this time a Black Holden Ute was seen to drive into the 7/11 Servo and proceed to fill with fuel. Police drove to the rear of the ute and stopped, at this point the female filling the car threw the fuel hose and got in the car which sped off. Police have commenced a pursuit north along the Pacific Highway towards Gordon. The Commodore is alleged to have reached in excess of 120 in the 70 speed zone. At the intersection of St Johns Road, Gordon the Commodore has lost control and crashed into the median strip and spun around before crashing into the wall of a nearby business. At this point police allege the driver and passenger were trying to change seats.

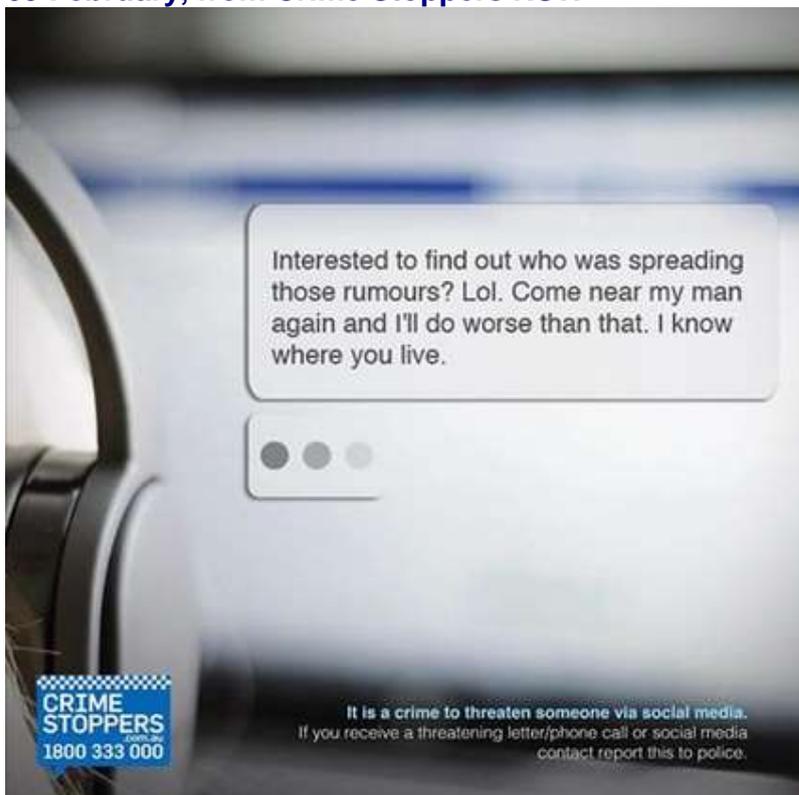
A male 31 was arrested as was the female passenger. Certain admissions were allegedly made in relation to male being the driver. Checks revealed the male has

never held a drivers licence.

The male driver was charged and is to face Hornsby Local Court at a date yet to be set.

END

09 February, from Crime Stoppers NSW



If you receive threatening letters/phone calls/social media contact – what should you do?

Letters

- * Limit the amount of contact you have with the letter
- * Do not show it to other people and let them touch it
- * Keep the envelope
- * Place the letter into a paper bag with the envelope
- * Contact Police

Phone calls

- * Record the date and time you received the call
- * Record a description of the call, including voice, background noises, what was said, etc.
- * If you have caller ID, record the number of the incoming call
- * If the call relates to a bomb threat, don't hang up the phone
- * Contact Police

Emails

- * Print a copy of the email (including the extended header if possible)
- * Don't delete the email
- * Don't reply to the email
- * Contact Police

Social Media

- * Print a copy of the post/comment
- * Don't delete the post/comment
- * Record the time and date the comment was posted
- * Record the user name of the person who made the comment
- * Don't reply to the post/comment
- * Contact Police

Police Emergency – Triple Zero (000)

Police Assistance Line - 131 444.

Crime Stoppers – 1800 333 000

If you have any information relating to this type of crime please report online [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

09 February, Hornsby Police News

Hornsby police are investigating a suspicious bushfire, a truck crash on the M1 motorway and a series of burglaries this week.

Berowra: Police are investigating a suspicious bush fire in Berowra Valley National Park that was sparked on Sunday, February 5. About 3pm police were called to Crosslands Reserve at Somerville Rd, following reports of a bush fire. A nearby camping ground was evacuated and the NSW Rural Fire Service extinguished the

blaze. No one was injured. A crime scene was established and police are treating the fire as suspicious. Call Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 if you have any information.

Warrawee: Storage cages at a unit complex on the Pacific Hwy were broken into twice, between Thursday, February 2 and 6.30pm on Friday, February 3 as well as between Wednesday, February 1 and Thursday, February 2. Thieves stole snow skiing equipment during one incident and cut holes in a wire mesh cage during the other incident.

West Pennant Hills: A resident arrived at her home in Highs Rd, just before 2pm on Tuesday January 31, to find that an area at the side of her house was alight. Minor damage was caused by a fire in the mulch stacked at the side of the house. The fire was extinguished before any structural damage occurred. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Hornsby: Two wallets and a necklace worth \$735 were stolen from a store in Westfield Hornsby on Saturday February 4 between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

West Pennant Hills: Two women were injured when a car crashed into a tree after they reportedly swerved to avoid a cat. The accident happened about 5.30pm on Sunday, January 29 at the intersection of Westmore Dr and Dickson Ave. The fire brigade released the elderly driver and her passenger from the car. The two women were taken to Westmead Hospital.

Cherrybrook: A 39-year-old man stopped by police on New Line Rd at 2.30am on Saturday failed a random breath test. The driver, from Cherrybrook, was taken to Castle Hill police station where he recorded a reading of 0.146.

West Pennant Hills: A \$1100 mountain bike was stolen by an opportunistic thief who took it from an open garage on Castle Hill Rd on Friday. The owner told police the bike disappeared between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

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was securing the motor bikes inside the cage.

Brooklyn: Hornsby Police are investigating a truck crash on the M1 Motorway involving a Scania prime mover with a B-double trailer attached and a rigid truck with a mounted mobile crane. The crash, at about 4.05am on Tuesday January 31, caused both vehicles to burst into flames and the Motorway northbound to be closed. Anyone with information or DASH cam footage in relation to this incident should call Crimestoppers or Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

07 February, from NSW Police Force

Hornsby Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding a serious two vehicle collision involving a Scania prime mover with a B-double trailer attached and a rigid truck with a mounted mobile crane. The collision occurred about 4:05am on Tuesday, 31 January 2017 northbound on the M1 Motorway, Brooklyn.

The impact between the two vehicles caused both vehicles to burst into flames.

M1 Motorway northbound was closed for several hours.

The cause of the crash is yet to be determined.

Police are urging anyone with information or DASH cam footage in relation to this incident to call Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 and quote E 63115024.



07 February, Today is Safer Internet Day!

We're reminding all Aussies that online scams and malicious software aren't always obvious. Always be careful about providing personal information online, or clicking on unexpected links sent to you via email, SMS or social media.

Scammers often use trusted brands and logos to make their messages look like the real thing. If you're not sure, talk through the suspicious message with a friend, or check its legitimacy by contacting the relevant business or organisation directly.

If you want to see what a sophisticated online scam looks like, check out the Netflix scam that was circulating last year—a scam email directed users to a fake Netflix website with the aim of stealing your Netflix credentials. Click [here](#).

For more tips to protect yourself online, visit the Stay Smart Online website [here](#).

07 February, NSW Maritime: Check the weather before you go out on the water

When preparing to go boating, always check the Bureau of Meteorology round-the-clock forecast service for all Australian coastal waters.

A great day on the water is a safe day.

Five vital checks

There are five things to take note of when planning your boating trip:

1. Are warnings current for your boating area?
2. Are there weather conditions affecting safe navigation and comfort?
3. What are the wind trends?
4. What are the wave conditions?
5. When is the next high and low tide?

For details, click [here](#).



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.

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: 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.

11 February, Crime Stoppers NSW

UNSOLVED CASE...

It's been 24 years today since popular touch football referee Wayne Crossingham, 34, was stabbed to death in the stairwell of his Liverpool apartment block on 10th February 1993.

A \$100,000 reward remains in place to help solve the case.

Detectives believe he was attacked after walking home from a touch football game he had refereed at Woodward Park, Liverpool, on the corner of Copeland Street and Hoxton Park Road earlier in the day. They believe he knew his attacker but no person was ever arrested.

If you have any information relating to this case please report online [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

09 February, Australian Federal Police: DIY eSafety Checklist



We want you to stop and think for a moment.

Do you want a better internet? How can we all achieve this?

Here are five questions to think about when online:

- Do you respect others and only post what you'd say in person to someone?
- Is your time between screens and other activities well balanced?
- Do you use strong privacy settings and passwords, and update them regularly?
- Do you get consent before sharing an image or video of another person?

- Have you secured your digital lifestyle with the right software and settings?

(We hope all of our Facebook friends can say yes to all of these!)

09 February, North Shore LAC - NSW Police Force

Westfield, Chatswood. Tue 7th Feb 2017

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the female depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident in Westfield, Chatswood. If you know this person please call Chatswood Police 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000.

Ref.# E 63991549

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



08 February, A data stealer ready to invade your privacy



08 February, North Shore LAC



Westfield, Chatswood. Mon 6th Feb 2017

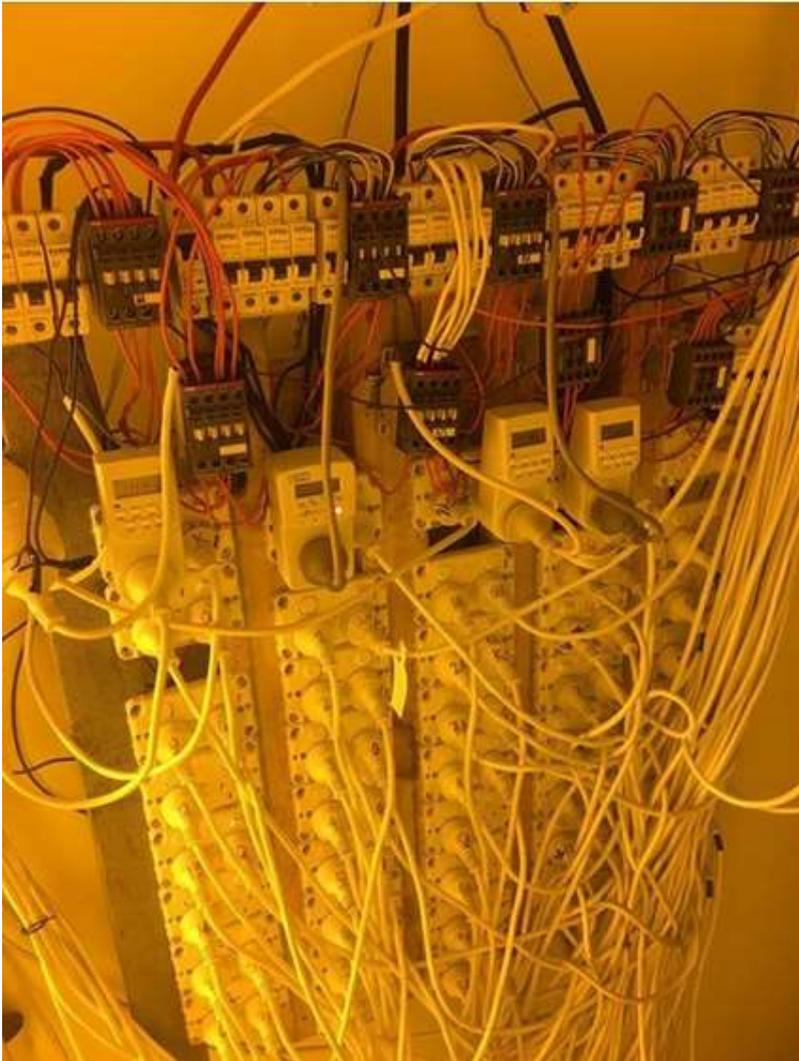
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Death By PowerPoint



This could literally be 'death by powerpoint' - the very real dangers of an illegal hydroponic setup.

From the Hornsby Advocate February 09:

Call for more truck training [Edited]

Driver says process for obtaining HR licence not rigorous enough to stop accidents at trouble spot DRIVERS of over-length trucks – more than 7.5m – have caused many blockages in Galston Gorge but one truck driver is blaming Roads and Maritime Services.

Brad Greenrod, a former heavy vehicle assessor and driver trainer, hit out against the process to obtain a heavy rigid licence, which he said played a key role in the number of trucks getting stuck.

“It takes just six hours to acquire a heavy rigid class licence, which is the mandated minimum requirement of the RMS,” he said.

“How can someone with just six hours experience be educated enough to know that their vehicle might be classified as over-length for the Galston Gorge?”

“Personally, as a driver, I stay away from the Gorge, it is just bad luck down there.”

Mr Greenrod also said the “learn-on-the-job mentality” played a part.

NEW EVACUATION LOCATIONS

In case of a bushfire emergency in Hornsby or Ku-ring-gai the RFS has designated some areas “Neighbourhood Safer Places” as a last resort to be used when all other options are exhausted.

The RFS urges residents to note these places in your bush fire survival plan and know how to get to them, as well as alternate routes in case the road is blocked or too dangerous to drive on.

In Hornsby they are:

Asquith Park, Hornsby Brickpit Park stadium, Campbell Park, Cowan Public School, Dural Salvation Army, Edward Bennett Oval, Hornsby Rural Sports Facility, Middle Dural Public School, Mountview Oval Club House, Ruddock Park, St Bernards Parish, Storey Park and Waitara Park.

For Ku-ring-gai place or more details: rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places/

POLICE INVESTIGATE MASSIVE BLAZE AT BEROWRA RESERVE

Jake McCullum

A RAGING bushfire that saw Rural Fire Service volunteers scramble to Crosslands Reserve to bring it under control is being labelled as suspicious.

Volunteers from the NSW Rural Fire Service and other emergency services rushed to the reserve in Somerville Rd, Berowra, on Sunday afternoon, following reports of a bushfire.

Police officers from Ku-ring-gai local area command evacuated a nearby camping ground after arriving on the scene, while RFS volunteers battled the out-of-control blaze.

A police spokesman said they were treating the fire as suspicious.

"A crime scene was established and inquiries are continuing into the circumstances surrounding the fire," he said.

"Police are calling for anyone with

information to come forward."

A RFS spokesman said crews continued to monitor the fire, which later spread to more than 60ha across Somerville Rd, Hornsby Heights, despite downpours on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Rainfall made light work for firefighters on scene. While not extinguished, fire activity is minimal and being controlled," he said.

"Ten NSW Rural Fire Service trucks and volunteers attended during the height of the fire, alongside a Fire and Rescue and National Parks and Wildlife truck.

"The current status of the blaze sits at 'patrol', with the fire ground covering 61ha.

"However, rain in the past 24 hours did assist firefighters on the ground."

A backburning operation, which began on Monday, was still under way yesterday.

BEROWRA

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From the North Shore Times, 09 February:

KILLARA

A Roseville man, 27, was charged with drink-driving and had his licence confiscated after allegedly driving “well-above” the speed limit and losing control of his car, colliding heavily with a rock wall on Eastern Arterial Rd on Saturday. The car flipped on to its roof and slid along the roadway for several metres, however, the man was uninjured and able to free himself. Police issued a roadside breath test, which was positive, and the man was taken to Chatswood Police Station. He is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court next month.

St Ives

A car window was smashed and a laptop stolen from a black VW Passat last week. The incident happened between 8am on February 2 and 9am on February 3. Police are urging anyone with information about the incident to phone Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799, or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

WARRAWEE

A storage cage in a unit complex on the Pacific Highway was forced open and skiing gear allegedly stolen between 5pm on February 2 and 6.30pm the next day. Thieves allegedly tried to gain entry to another storage cage in the same complex days earlier. Anyone with information is urged to phone Hornsby Police Station.

It's the law

- » Councils can issue pool fines of up to \$550 and the Land and Environment Court may fine up to \$5500
- » A pool fence must be at least 1.2m high
- » A 'non-climbable zone' must be maintained
- » A door that forms part of a pool barrier must selfclose and self-latch

From Ku-ring-gai Council, February 09: Reporting Crime in Ku-ring-gai

See the document below for information on how to report crime to Ku-ring-gai Council, the NSW Police Force and other State government departments.

[Reporting crime leaflet \(pdf. 215KB\)](#)

From Hornsby Shire Council, February 03:



07 February, Take a look at Australia's biggest cocaine bust!

After more than two years dogged pursuing by officers from our Brisbane office, last week this joint investigation saw the seizure of more than 1.4 tonnes of cocaine

and the arrest of six men.

With a street value of around \$312 million, [this video](#) shows the drugs and the yacht, the Elakha, which allegedly travelled from New Zealand to a 'mothership' to collect the drugs.

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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