



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](#).**

February 20: Here's some crime and incident stats from the weekend:

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs
Suburb						
ASQUITH		1				
BEROWRA		1				
BROOKLYN						
COWAN						
GALSTON						
GORDON			1			
HORNSBY		2	2			2
HORNSBY HEIGHTS			1			
KILLARA						
MT COLAH	1					
MT KURUNG GAI						
NORMANHURST						
PYMBLE						
ST IVES						
THORNLEIGH		1				1
TURRAMURRA			1	3		
WAHROONGA				1		1
WAITARA	1					
WARRAIVEE						
WEST PYMBLE		1				1
WESTLEIGH						
Date range	17 Feb to 20 Feb					

Asquith: Malicious Damage 1

Berowra: Mal Dam 1

Gordon: Stealing 1

Hornsby: Mal Dam 2, Stealing 2, Steal Motor Vehicle 2

Killara: Stealing: 1

Mt Colah: Break & Enter 1

Thornleigh: Mal Dam 1, Drugs 1

Turramurra: Stealing 1, Steal from Motor Vehicle 3,

Wahroonga: Steal from Motor 1, Steal Motor 1

Waitara: B&E 1

W. Pymble: Mal Dam 1, Drugs 1.

February 20, from NRMA Blog: Ask NRMA: Are police allowed use mobile phones while driving?

Over the years, images of police officers using mobile phones while driving have generated lots of attention on social media, posing the question: is this illegal?

[Full Blog article here.](#)

20 February, from the Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Can I Drink Alcohol While in a Car?

We all know that [drink driving is against the law in NSW](#) – but what about drinking while behind the wheel if you stay below the blood alcohol limit?

[**Full Blog article from Sydney Criminal Lawyers here.**](#)

20 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Parents, community leaders call for safer roads and traffic management after child was hit outside Waitara Public School

PARENTS are calling for improved traffic management systems outside Waitara Public School, after a 10-year-old boy was hit by a car in Edgeworth David Ave on Friday last week.

[Full article here.](#)

17 February, from NSW Road Safety: To help keep younger drivers safe on NSW roads, our online P1/P2 list of vehicles lets provisional drivers quickly find which models they can drive.

[Link to their Vehicle Restrictions webpage here.](#)

16 February: Hello all, Ku-ring-gai LAC has had a few community events called Coffee with a COP.

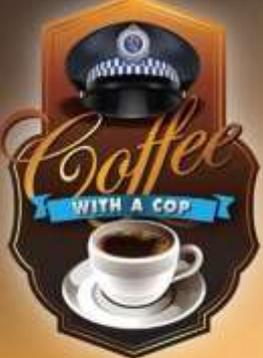
These were very successful and well received. Well hold on because we are having another one,

10.30am - 11.30am Thursday 23 February.

The venue is the Blu Water Grill Cafe, Hornsby Mall. See the flyer for details.

As in previous Coffee with a COP events there are no agenda's and no speeches just a meet and greet and a free coffee. No bookings necessary, you are welcome to come along for a chat and if you like have a cuppa on us. Our Commander Superintendent Jenny Scholz will be there with other police officers. So come along. Look for the police vehicle in the mall.

**Join your neighbours and police officers for a
FREE coffee and conversation**



Thursday 23 February 2017
10.30am
Blu Water Grill, Hornsby Mall,
next to the fountain.

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know officers in your neighbourhood.



NEW Police Force

16 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: Man suffers serious head injuries after falling from vehicle in Asquith

A 36-YEAR-old man was flown to Royal North Shore hospital in a serious but stable condition after falling from the top of a tree-removal truck in Asquith, CareFlight has said. The incident happened at 10.49am, at Baldwin Ave, Asquith.

[Full article here.](#)



A 36-year-old man suffered from suspected spinal injuries after falling from a tree-logging truck in Asquith.

15 February, from Crime Stoppers: "SEXTING" – Implications for young people

What is 'sexting'?

- * Taking naked or partly naked photos or videos of yourself (posing in a sexual way) and sharing the photos or videos with others online or through your mobile phones; and
- * Receiving, forwarding or posting these photos or videos online or through mobile phones. Sexting can be a crime, depending on the age of the people sexting and whether the pictures would be considered 'offensive' or 'indecent' by a court. It is a crime if you make, send out, or have an 'offensive' picture of someone under the age of 18 (including yourself) who is:
 - * showing their private parts, which includes a person's genital area, anal area or female breasts;
 - * posing or acting in a sexual way;in the presence of another person involved in a sexual activity or pose; or
- * involved in a sexual activity.

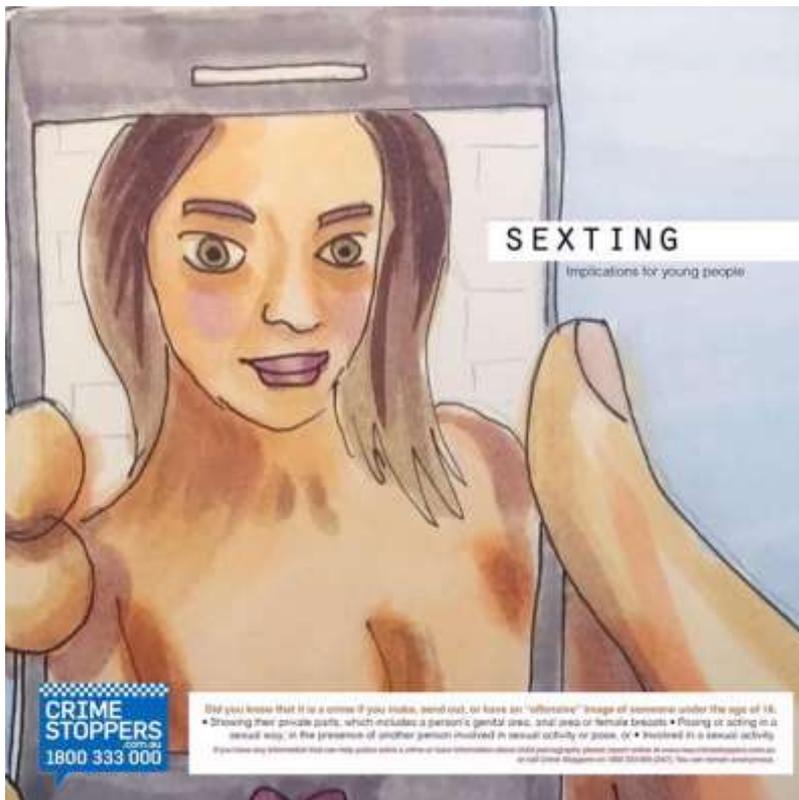
The law calls these images 'child abuse material', or more commonly, child pornography. Child abuse material can include films, photos, digital images and videos sent by SMS, email, in chat rooms or published on blogs. It can even include pictures that have been photo-shopped to make a young person look naked, or cartoons of young people having sex. **The maximum penalty for making, sending or having child abuse material is 15 years in gaol.** Anyone who sends, receives or even asks for a naked or sexual image of a person who is or appears to be under the age of 18 is at risk of committing a crime and of being charged. If you are found guilty of a sexting crime, you may be placed on the Australian National Child Offender Register. Some of the restrictions for people on the register include telling the police every time you move houses or change jobs. If registered, you will not be able work or volunteer in a job where you are likely to have contact with children and young people such as coaching a junior sporting team or becoming a surf lifesaver.

It is important to protect yourself by deleting any pictures you are unsure or uncomfortable about straightaway. It is really difficult to keep images private and once they are shared, you will never be able to delete those pictures forever. Never share it online or through SMS, and only show it to a trusted adult.

For more information go

to: <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/factsheets-and-resources/online-social-networking-sexting>

If you have any information relating to this type of crime please report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7). You can remain anonymous.



15 February: Here's a couple of reminders about the need to securely lock your doors, especially in the hot weather.

Hornsby police were called to a break and enter offence in Pymble today. Police were informed that due to the hot weather the home owner had left the front timber door open and had secured their house only with a fly screen door. The male owner was in the lounge room when he heard a noise inside. What had transpired was an opportunistic thief had seen the timber door open and the screen door and well tried his luck. It appears the would be thief was spooked at the sight of the owner and bolted back out the door and up the street. What was also alarming

here is the owner informed attending police the family car was also unlocked in the driveway. So please regardless of how hot it gets unless you have a proper security rated screen door don't leave your normal timber door open to cool your house. Thieves are out and about even in hot weather. They seek out opportunities and have a good eye for the easy target, don't let that target be your family home.



14 February, from Wagga Wagga command: NSW POLICE FORCE ON-LINE CCTV REGISTER

CCTV footage has become an important investigative tool for Police. It is regularly used to investigate and solve, often serious, crimes and has proven to be very useful to identify offenders. Police often encounter difficulties knowing where CCTV cameras are located. The objective of NSW Police Force is to establish an accurate and comprehensive register that identifies the location of as many CCTV systems as possible across NSW. Your home security CCTV system could hold the information, Police need to solve a crime. Registration is purely voluntary and your details will be secure.

You can register on-line here at the [Register My Business CCTV Details](#) webpage.



NSW Police Force

Residential
CCTV Register



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.

Our premise - "**We are here to educate the community about all aspects of crime prevention.**" Do you agree? Come and discuss where we are going. Exciting new ways forward! Everyone is welcome. [Email us here](#) if you'd like to know more.



Thanks to Laugh or Croak

Last registration date for this great Neighbourhood Watch Development Day is this Friday 26 Feb!

Please consider coming - it's the best event of the year for finding out more about Neighbourhood Watch.

- * No longer are we out-of-date, old-fashioned or seen as only for old people! We are able to point you to crime prevention advice regarding Cybercrime, ID Theft and other pertinent issues.
- * No longer are we curtain twitchers! We are empowering teenagers thru to seniors on scams, internet topics and self-protection from criminals.
- * No longer are we about households, break-ins and streets! Neighbourhood Watch is getting personal! If it's a crime and it affects you, then we can help!

Register via email to nhwinfoday@police.nsw.gov.au or **phone: 02 9768 0723 or 02 9768 0724.**



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 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartment Security':

Tip #1: Only 'buzz in' those people you know., even if they seem trustworthy. Ensure the door shuts behind you.

Tip #2: Be aware of wi-fi security, and items such as baby monitors. Password protect your wi-fi, router, computer, laptops, mobiles, everything!

Tip #3: Secure your storage cage with a good padlock. Triple hinge the cage, with triple locking points. Have a qualified trades person inspect it and advise how best to improve the security.

Tip #4: Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office.

For your copy of these or others in the series, see [our website here](#): **or** [email us here](#).

Dates for the Diary:

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: 'Coffee with a Cop' 10:30 - 11:30am @ Blue Water Grill, Hornsby Mall. [NHW volunteers not needed after all at this event.]

Friday 24 February: Last date to register for the NHW Development Day (Wed 22 March) **Ph: 02 9768 0723 or 9768 0724**

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](#).

Sunday 26 March: Neighbour Day - This year the annual theme is: **The importance of social connection for the elderly**.

Monday 27 March 2017: Turrumurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 8pm @ Turrumurra Uniting Church.

Sunday 30th April: "Emergency Service Program" - 10am -12pm, @ Hornsby Park, opp Police Station - Police Crime Prevention stall

Sunday 7th May: Festival On the Green 10am - 4pm @ St Ives Village Green - Police Crime Prevention stall

Saturday 07 October 2017: Community Picnic @ St Ives Village Green as part of NHW Australasia's NHW Week.

We found a new App for you! A GPS Phone tracker

Please do your own research, as NHW can't endorse any product or service.

THANKS.



Family Locator - GPS Phone tracker app lets your family be in touch and stay connected with your friends anytime. Download the app for iPhone or Android.

[Apple version here.](#)

[Android version here.](#)

RMS Number Plates and Labels

All vehicles registered in NSW must display official number plates. Some vehicles also must display registration labels and warning labels.

More info at the [**RMS webpage here.**](#)

From Crime Stoppers: SLAVERY IS REAL AND IS STILL OCCURRING...

While slavery is often recognised as an institution confined to history, bonded labour and trafficking continues to affect millions globally. Around the world men, women and children are trafficked for a wide range of exploitative purposes, such as:

- * Servitude
- * Slavery
- * Forced labour
- * Debt Bondage
- * Forced marriage
- * Organ harvesting

Australia is primarily a country for people trafficked from Asia, particularly Thailand, Korea, the Philippines and Malaysia. Human trafficking is the physical movement of people across and within borders through deceptive means, by force or coercion. It should not be confused with “people smuggling”.

For more information go to the [AFP Human Trafficking webpage](#).

Assist the AFP in combating this global problem. Use their online form to report information regarding human trafficking for the purposes of sexual and/or labour exploitation, organ harvesting, forced marriage and slavery. Alternatively call **131 AFP (131237) or email human-trafficking-group@afp.gov.au**

In case of an emergency, call 000.

If you have any information relating to this type of crime please report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)**. You can remain anonymous.

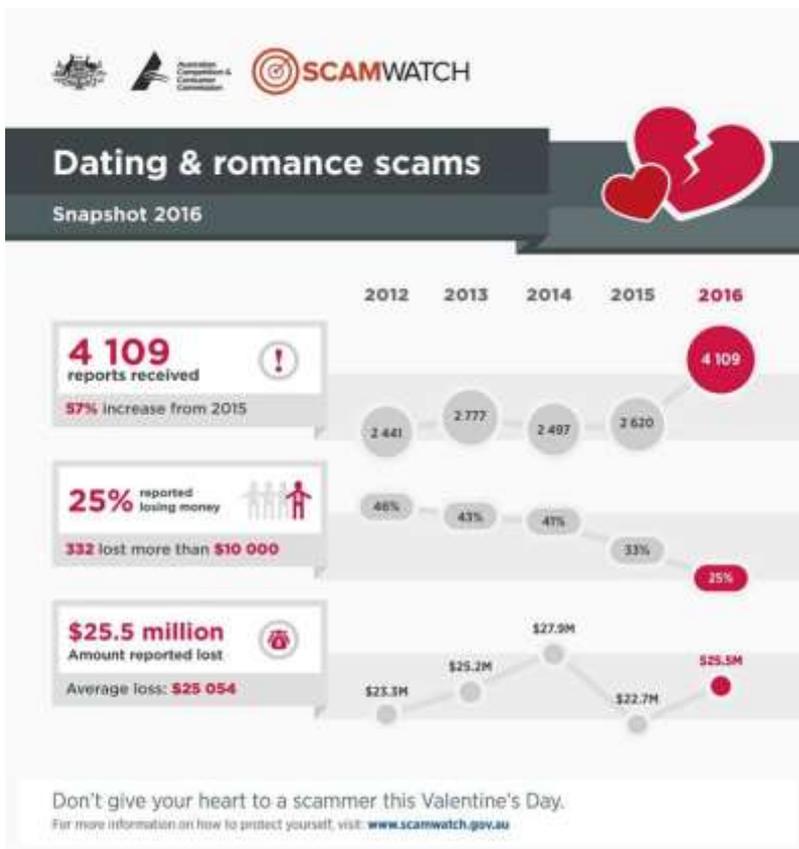


From NSW Fair Trading: WELCOME TO A NEW ERA IN STRATA

Strata laws in NSW have been modernised to suit the way we live, today and beyond. Getting renovations approved is now simpler and there are online options for meetings and voting. Your strata community will need to review its rules (called by-laws) and consider any updates, such as the decision to allow pets and on what terms. There are new model by-laws to help with this process.

Full information at [their website here](#).

From the AFP, 14 February:



From Ku-ring-gai Council, 20 February: Suggested routes for new drivers in Ku-ring-gai.

Ku-ring-gai Council is now offering learner drivers free readymade route maps to gain valuable driving experience in the local area. Get the Driving Sessions for Learners booklet. This booklet features nine pre-prepared, graded driving sessions to help learners gain experience on local roads. The drives range from easy to difficult, with clearly marked route maps, detailed instructions and a focus on particular techniques to practise for each drive.

[Request a printed booklet at their webpage here.](#)

From Stay Smart Online: Apple and Adobe release security updates ALERT PRIORITY HIGH 15 February 2017

Apple and Adobe have released updates to address security vulnerabilities in their widely used products. You should apply these updates as soon as possible to

minimise risk to your computers, devices and information.

Apple has released a [security update](#) for GarageBand, applicable for OSX Yosemite v10.10 and later.

Adobe has released Security Bulletins regarding Flash Player [updates](#) for Windows, Macintosh, Linux and Chrome OS; Digital Editions [updates](#) for Windows, Macintosh and Android; and Campaign v6.11 [updates](#) for Windows and Linux.

[Full information here.](#)

From Hornsby Shire Council: Thursday 9 March, 2pm - 4pm [Community Connections Hot Desk - Ku-ring-gai Hornsby Volunteer Service](#)

Find out about a range of volunteer opportunities and be matched with a role that suits your interests, skills and availability.

Neighbourhood Watch is looking for people with IT skills in Mailchimp, website design and maintenance, graphic art skills, etc. Or may be willing to learn?

[Please email us here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate, 16 February: Use their [Digital Edition ePaper viewer here.](#)

Hornsby: A wallet was stolen from a car parked on Linda St some time between 9pm on Tuesday, February 7 and 8am on Wednesday, February 8. In a separate incident numberplates were stolen from a car parked on Burdett St sometime between 5.30pm Wednesday, February 8 and 11.45am on Thursday, February 9.

Glenorie: Two Glenorie residents, 75, were taken to Westmead Hospital on February 6 after a crash on Old Northern Rd, near Munros Ln, about 5pm. Paramedics treated one female for chest and facial injuries, and the other for head and knee injuries. The driver of the second vehicle was uninjured.

Hornsby: Glue was used to damage a lock at a business on King Rd sometime between 6.30pm on Wednesday, February 8 and 8.30am on Thursday, February 9. Hornsby police are appealing for witnesses to call them on 9476 9799.

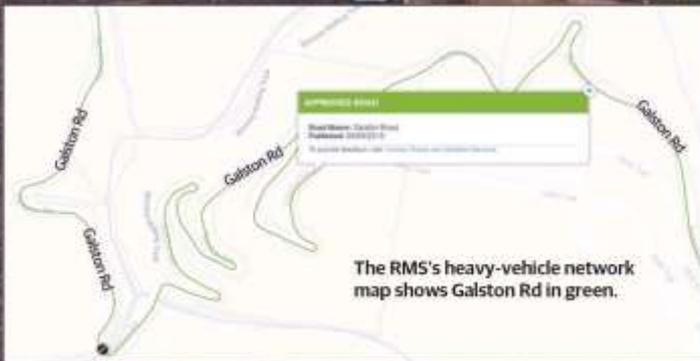
Dural: Thieves plundered a bathroom and pipes at a Pellitt Lane facility between 10.30am on Wednesday, February 8 and 10am on Friday, February 10. Copper pipes and two toilet seats were stolen.

Hornsby: A house on Water St was broken into, kitchen appliances and a laptop stolen sometime between 8.30am on Friday February 3 and 10am on Wednesday February 8.

Berowra: A store on the Pacific Hwy was broken into and cigarettes stolen about 2am on Thursday February 9.

**Heavy-vehicle network map misleading drivers [page 11] Galston Rd
'approved' for trucks [edited]**

TRUCK drivers who use the State Government's Oversize Overmass Load Carrying Vehicles Network map to navigate Sydney roads are being sent down the Galston Gorge. Roads and Maritime Services provides a detailed route-planning system for oversize-vehicle drivers for all NSW roads. However the system, which can be found on the RMS website, states that Galston Rd, Galston Gorge, is a "NSW Oversize Overmass Load Carrying Vehicles Network Approved Route".



The RMS's heavy-vehicle network map shows Galston Rd in green.

SAW BAD MAN. BIT BAD MAN.



END OF REPORT

Thanks to Laugh or Croak

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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