



# Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

**eNewsletter # 283 - 13 March 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](#) (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? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. 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.

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### 13 March: Please see attached weekend crime and incidents stats for 10 to 13 March.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs	Fraud
Suburb							
ASQUITH							
BEROWRA		2	1				
BROOKLYN							
COWAN							
GALSTON							
GORDON	1	1					
HORNSBY	2	1	2				
HORNSBY HEIGHTS		1					
KILLARA							
MT COLAH							
MT KURUNG GAI					1		
NORMANHURST							
PYMBLE	1	1					
ST IVES			1				
THORNLEIGH						1	
TURRAMURRA	2	2					
WAHROONGA	2						
WAITARA		1					
WARRANEE							
WEST PYMBLE							
WESTLEIGH							
Data range	10/3 to 13/3						

**Berowra:** 2 Mal Dam, 1 Stealing

**Gordon:** 1 B&E, 1 Mal Dam

**Hornsby:** 2 B&E, 1 Mal Dam, 2 Stealing

**Hornsby Heights:** 1 Mal Dam

**Pymble:** 1 B&E, 1 Mal Dam

**St Ives:** 1 Stealing

**Turrumurra:** 2 B&E, 2 Mal Dam

**Wahroonga:** 2 B&E

**Waitara:** 1 Mal Dam

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### 13 March, from the Hornsby Advocate: Alleged drug driver in Berowra on Pacific Hwy had three kids in car tests positive for cannabis

A MAN with three passengers all aged under 12 in the car was suspended from driving for 24 hours after he tested positive for drugs during an RBT operation on the Pacific Hwy in Berowra on Saturday morning.

[Full article here.](#)

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### 09 March, What to do after a car crash



NSW Police Force

## WHAT TO DO AFTER A CAR CRASH

To help reduce danger to road users and manage crashes more efficiently, you may no longer have to wait for police at a crash site in NSW.

Follow the chart below to find out what to do.

### ENSURE YOU ARE IN A SAFE LOCATION AWAY FROM THE TRAFFIC



### DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN A CAR ACCIDENT?

You will need to call Triple Zero (000) if any of the following apply:

- Someone is trapped or injured
- Police are needed to direct traffic or deal with hazards
- Any drivers appear to be intoxicated or drug affected
- A BUS or TRUCK requires towing
- Someone is failing or refusing to exchange details.

If nobody is trapped or injured, drivers can exchange details and can drive away from the scene you do NOT need to report the accident to police – It is an

insurance or civil matter.

You will need to call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7) once you are home safe if:

- your car requires towing (at the scene of the accident you will need to organise your own tow through your insurance company or your preferred tow company)
- You are later treated for an injury
- If you are unsure or have any further questions.

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### 08 March, from NSW Police Force



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### 08 March, Safety Tips for School Zones

## Safety tips for school zones:



## Safety tips for students:



## Demerit Points:

\*The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allows penalty points to be awarded for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has **zero** points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you reach the maximum number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is issued. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: [www.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety/rules/demerit/](http://www.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety/rules/demerit/)

### 08 March, from NSW Police Force

Hornsby Police are continually receiving complaints from various schools in the Ku-ring-gai area about parents not complying with parking rules. Please consider children's safety when dropping kids off at school.

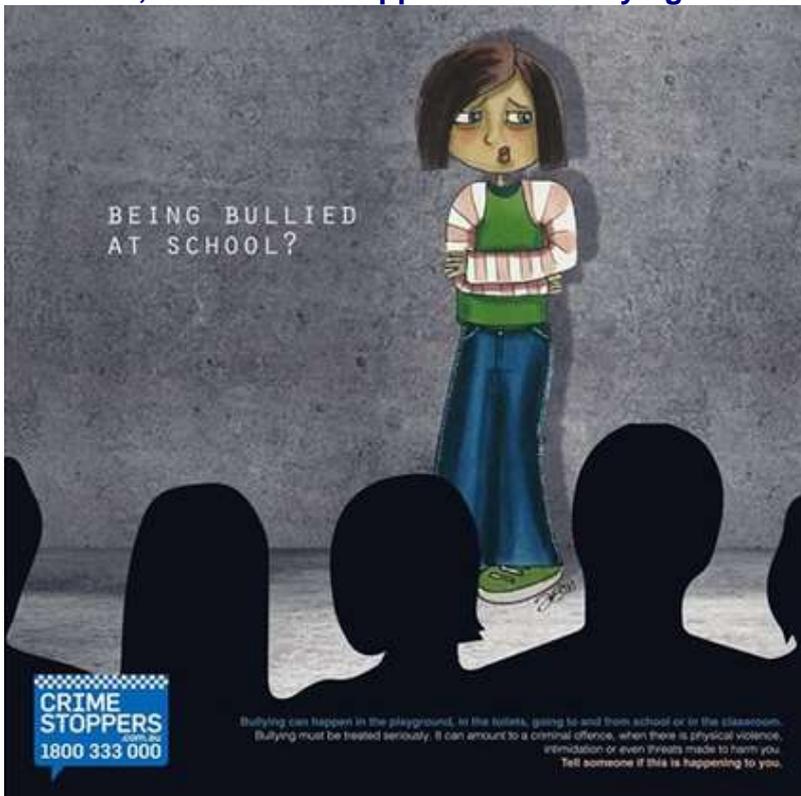
**PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!**

NO STOPPING	BUS ZONE	NO PARKING
 <p>Stopping is not permitted at any time.</p>	 <p>Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign.</p>	 <p>Drivers may stay in this zone to drop off or pick up children, but note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum stop time is 2 minutes</li> <li>• Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle</li> <li>• Vehicle must not be left unattended</li> </ul>

**HEAVY FINES AND LOSS OF DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**



**08 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Bullying at School**



BEING BULLIED AT SCHOOL?

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
1800 333 000

Bullying can happen in the playground, in the toilets, going to and from school or in the classroom. Bullying must be treated seriously. It can amount to a criminal offence, when there is physical violence, intimidation or even threats made to harm you. Tell someone if this is happening to you.

[Click here](#) for details.

**07 March, Road Safety Education - NSW Department of Education**

Do you know the difference between a children's crossing and a pedestrian crossing?



[Click here](#) for details.



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**Sunday 26 March: Neighbour Day - 12-1pm 'Chinwag Over the Virtual Fence' - a Closed Group discussion on Facebook. [Join in here.](#)**

Here's a chance to chinwag over the virtual fence with others in your community. In our Closed Group on Facebook -

[facebook.com/groups/NHWKuringgaiHornsby/](https://facebook.com/groups/NHWKuringgaiHornsby/) we will have the opportunity to get together and discuss anything affecting safety in the block.

Need a rant about something that's bugging you? Graffiti? Hoons? Abandoned shopping trolleys? Illegal parking? Email scams? Mail theft? That other person in the unit block who lets anyone in?! Maybe you worry about the elderly person living alone next door? Let's find some answers. Come and meet your neighbours.

We especially like to discuss crime prevention tips that are appropriate for crimes currently happening in our police command. But hey, if you need to borrow a cup of sugar...

**Are you going to join in?**

**Step 1.** Request to join our Closed group before Neighbour Day (26 March)

**Step 2.** Set the alarm for noon on Sun 26 March.

**Step 3.** Chinwag with others in our Facebook group.



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**Dates for the Diary:**

**Tuesday 21 March:** Harmony Day

**Wednesday 22 March:** Neighbourhood Watch Development Day 8am-3pm @ Room 4.07, Level 4 702 Harris Street, Ultimo. Registration necessary. [Email us for more info.](#)

**Thursday 23 March:** \*\*\*Learner Drivers - Get 20 hours Off Your Logbook\*\*\* Courses are booking FAST and spots are LIMITED, so call the club on 9477 2310 or book online [here](#).

**Sunday 26 March: Neighbour Day** - 12-1pm 'Chinwag Over the Virtual Fence' - a Closed Group discussion on Facebook. [Join in here](#).

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

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

**Thursday 13 April:** \*\*\*Learner Drivers - Get 20 hours Off Your Logbook\*\*\* Courses are booking FAST and spots are LIMITED, so call the club on 9477 2310 or book online [here](#).

**Wednesday 19 April:** 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

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

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

**Wednesday 28 June:** 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

**Wednesday 23 August:** 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

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

**Wednesday 01 November:** 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

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### **From Kuringgai Council: Implementation of clearway on Mona Vale Road St Ives and parking changes**

From Monday 13 February Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) are working with the Council to create additional parking in the car park opposite Stanley Street St Ives. When completed by mid March, there will be an extra 15 car spaces available in this car park.

RMS have advised the Council that they intend to implement a clearway along Mona Vale Road during peak periods at St Ives along both sides of the road. The clearway will extend from Pacific Highway Pymble through to Kitchener Street St Ives from Monday 20 March 2017.

This means there will be no parking along Mona Vale Road St Ives during peak periods. Peak periods are as follows:

- 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm on weekdays
- 9am to 6pm on weekends, except southbound between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road which will operate between 2pm and 6pm on weekends

Changes to the clearway including signage will be carried out by RMS staff between Tuesday 14 March and Sunday 19 March during the hours of 8pm to 5am.

The clearway will operate from Monday 20 March. The RMS have advised they

intend to tow and fine cars parked in the clearway from this date.

[Click here](#) for details.

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### **From Hornsby Advocate, 09 March 2017**

Two southbound lanes on Pennant Hills Rd and one lane each way on the M1 Motorway will be closed intermittently at night for five months.[Edited]

### **CHERRYBROOK**

Fortunately no-one was badly injured when a car ran off the road at County Dr, careened across a yard and hit a house on Saturday. Emergency services were alerted just after

midnight. A Castle Hill Fire and Rescue crew removed the car from the garden. The car hit a wall but there was only minor damage to the house.

### **WEST PENNANT HILLS**

A 65-year-old woman returned to her West Pennant Hills home in Glenridge Ave on Friday to find it had been broken into. A window was forced open between 5.45pm and 10.40pm and the house ransacked.

### **GLENORIE**

A man in his 50s suffered limb injuries when he fell through a floor while working on a house in Glenorie on Sunday afternoon. CareFlight's rescue helicopter landed in Glenorie at 3.30pm, on a property across the road from the accident. The man was treated for injuries by paramedics before he was taken to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition.

### **ASQUITH**

A nine-year-old boy from Asquith who went missing on Thursday, March 2 was found more than three hours later, after police appealed for help from the public. The boy was reported missing about 3pm, outside a public school on Dudley St in Asquith. Hornsby Police were notified and started to search for the child. About 6.20pm he was found

on a train at Waitara train station.

## **KU-RING-GAI**

Ku-ring-gai SES were still receiving requests for help from residents reporting water entering their homes after being hit by the hailstorm on February 18 or recent heavy rain and gusty winds. Since February 17, the NSW SES Sydney Northern Region has received 1356 requests for help with Ku-ringgai (418) and Hornsby (142) getting about 40 per cent of all those calls. The demands on the Ku-ring-gai area have been handled with the assistance of other units from across Sydney and other services such as the Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade and other units of the NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Police Force and Ku-ring-gai Council. SES volunteers continue to give their time to help people who are unable to manage damage sustained to their home as a result of this weather. The SES is asking anyone who is experiencing delays with having their property repaired to escalate it with their insurer. NSW SES can provide emergency assistance and temporary repairs, but a tradesperson is best to do more permanent repairs. For emergency help during storms, or floods, call **NSW SES on 132 500**.

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### **11 March, A warning from a neighbouring retirement village: I wanted to let you know about the latest phone scam.**

A person rings a resident claiming to be a Police Superintendent from a local police station and explains there has been a security breach with their bank accounts. He gives you a Police Victim Number and asks you to ring 000 to get back to him securely. I believe he stays on the line. The resident dials 000 and yes he answers with Police, Ambulance or Fire? The resident says Police and gives the Victim Number, supposedly puts you through and you are now feeling confident this is a legitimate call and transfer money to the secure police site given.

Yes, this sounds ridiculous that someone can fall for this one but with the addition of 000 the resident felt it was real. A large sum of money was transferred by a very smart woman. So please make all your residents aware and ask them to contact the local police. The police will put all this information together as these scammers are targeting elderly people in retirement villages. NSW Police have a fraud squad set up for these ongoing scams - all information will be logged and acted upon.

We have once again placed a note out to all our residents to remind them of phone scams and computer hackers. This seems to be intensifying in our villages.

If you can remind your residents again it may be an opportune time.

- If you get a strange call from the government, taxation, bank or police – hang up. Government employees won't call out of the blue to demand money or account information.
- Don't give out — or confirm — your personal or financial information to someone who calls.
- Don't transfer or send money. In fact, never pay someone who calls out of the blue.
- Feeling pressured to act immediately? Hang up!! That's a sure sign of a scam.

I hope this saves at least another resident from falling into a phone scam trap.

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### **09 March, Mozilla releases security alert** Alert Priority High 9 March 2017

Mozilla has released an update to address security vulnerabilities in [Firefox](#). You should apply this update as soon as possible to minimise risk to your computers, devices and information. You are advised to review security bulletins and advisories from any vendor you use and apply their updates as soon as possible. Many vendors allow you to automate the process of updating their software. Security updates address vulnerabilities in computer systems that attackers can otherwise use to gain access to systems or information.

[Click here](#) for details. For similar email alerts, [sign up here](#) with **Stay Smart Online**.

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### **08 March, from North Shore LAC - NSW Police Force**

Westfield, Chatswood. Mon 6th Mar 2017

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the 3 people depicted in the images below regarding an alleged incident in Westfield, Chatswood. If you know these persons please call Chatswood Police 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000.  
Ref.# E 230233697

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



Westfield, Chatswood. Sat 4th Mar 2017

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

Ref.# E 64119634

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



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### **08 March, Scam Alert**

If you receive an email claiming you've been selected as a mystery shopper, think twice about whether it's a role you applied for. If not, it could be a hoax that's currently circulating trying to phish personal information.

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### **NSW Police Force - Fraud and Cybercrime Squad have been made aware of an email scam circulating.**

If you receive a similar email please delete it straight away. Do not click on the link or provide any personal details.



1 unread message.

Commonwealth to [REDACTED]

History

This message has been forwarded.



We inform you that we have made available to you a message.

We invite you to identify yourself on your personal space to read it.

[Access your accounts](#)

When you are logged in, you can access this new message from the "Messaging"

Commonwealth 2017.

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### **08 March, Recall: Prawn Hargow Dumplings 7 March 2017 The NSW Food Authority advises:**

Tasman Foods International Pty Ltd has recalled Chan's Yum Cha at home Seafood Prawn Hargow dumplings from Costco stores in NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC and SA due to the presence of undeclared allergens (soy and egg).

See this and all current NSW food alerts at NSW Food Authority website, [click here](#).

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**Safely Home - wandering persons ID and rapid return program. Run jointly by Alzheimer's Australia and the Missing Persons Unit of the NSW Police Force.**

[Click here for more details.](#)

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**07 March: LOST & FOUND - Ha!**



Does this belong to you? Northern Beaches LAC - NSW Police Force are looking for the owner of 34 garbage bags full of cannabis found in bushland at Terrey Hills. Attend your local police station to claim ownership. We'd love to hear from you.

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**From Stay Smart Online: Online business security is more than just a technical issue.**

Do your employees recognise scams and potential malware? A secure online business means high customer confidence.

[Here are our tips on employee online awareness.](#)

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**From ABC Sydney: Man who allegedly pretended to be doctor worked in NSW hospitals for over a decade**

A man is facing a \$30,000 fine after allegedly masquerading as a doctor at New South Wales hospitals for more than a decade. Shyam Acharya is accused of stealing a doctor's name and medical qualifications while in India before moving to Australia and becoming a citizen. To find work in Australia, he allegedly used

fraudulent documents to gain registration with the Medical Council of New South Wales in 2003. Mr Acharya worked at Manly, **Hornsby**, Wyong and Gosford hospitals under the name Sarang Chitale up until 2014.

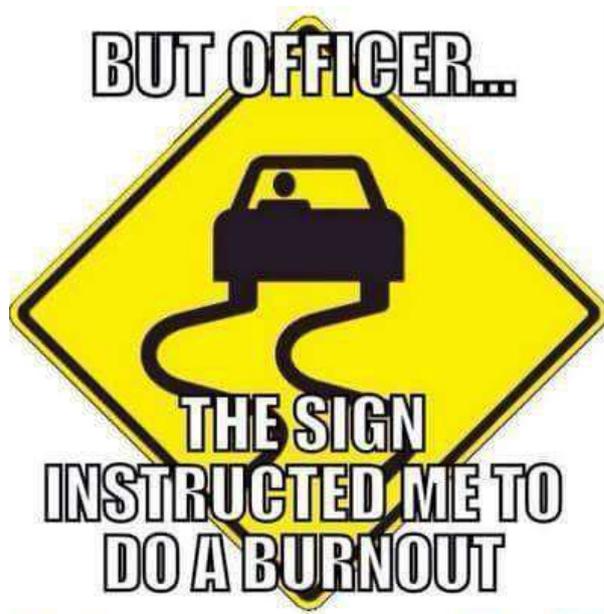
[Full article here.](#)

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### **Dumbest Criminals compiled by Wendy Lewis**

Lucky Break – Two police detectives couldn't believe their luck when they were walking past a bank one afternoon and saw a man they were very keen to speak to. He was standing in line to see a teller and fitted the description of a suspect wanted for a series of bank heists. They watched the man for a while before entering the bank to get a closer look. Unseen, they managed to stand right behind him and overhear his conversation with the teller. Weren't they amazed when, right in front of their eyes, he pulled out a gun and attempted to rob the bank! The man was equally amazed to be arrested instantly – police these days are sure quick at the scene.

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**IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS**

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**

**NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799**

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723**

**Local Police Facebook page:** [Kuring Gai LAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

**Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000**

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**

For non-urgent minor crime

**Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450**

[NSW Police - website](#) for all your crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

[Neighbourhood Watch within the Kuring Gai LAC - website](#)

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