



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](#) (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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24 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: Treelopper crushed by falling tree at Mt Kuring-gai freed after two hour operation

A TREELOPPER suspended in the air for more than two hours, after being crushed between two trees, has been released. A Careflight spokesman said a rapid response medical team was tasked to an operation at Mt Ku-ringgai at 1.10pm on Monday, April 24, after reports a 57-year-old male treelopper had been crushed between two trees.

[Full article here.](#)

24 April, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: ROUNDABOUT DRIVING Part 9, Road Rules, 2014, rules 109-119.

[Link to Roads & Maritime Roundabouts page here.](#)

Never forget those who spent
their lives protecting yours



Thanks to Daniel Amos

21 April, from ACMA dot gov: ANDROID PHONES—SMS MALWARE ALERT!

Attention Android users—have you had an SMS that says: ‘You have received an MMS message. Read here: hXXp://message-info[.]cf/mms/. This dodgy URL is one of many variations. While you might be curious about the MMS video or photo, if you click on the link in the message your phone will download malicious software that will give it complete control over your device. This includes access to your text messages and login details for email, banking, social media and other ecommerce apps.

- If you receive a suspicious SMS, you can report it to the ACMA by **forwarding the message to 0429 999 888**.
- If you’ve clicked on the link you should immediately contact your financial institution for help.

For advice about the steps you can take to protect your identity online, visit [Stay Smart Online here](#).



21 April, from ACMA dot gov: Wondering why you’re still getting telemarketing calls even though you’re on the Do Not Call Register?

Certain organisations—including registered charities and political parties—are allowed to conduct telemarketing to numbers on the Do Not Call Register. But!

Strict rules apply, including rules about when calls are allowed, when calls must be terminated and what information must be provided to you (they must provide a number to allow you to call them back).

There may times when telemarketers have your permission to call. But you call the shots—you can give permission and you can take it away! There's direct permission (like ticking a box on a form) or indirect permission through an existing relationship (such as with your bank).

- You have the right to end a call and the caller must comply. Be polite but firm: 'Thank you, but I do not wish to continue this call.'
- You can also avoid future calls from the telemarketer. Again, be polite but firm: 'I want to be removed from your calling list.'

More advice about dealing with telemarketing calls is within our [telemarketing consumer guide here](#).



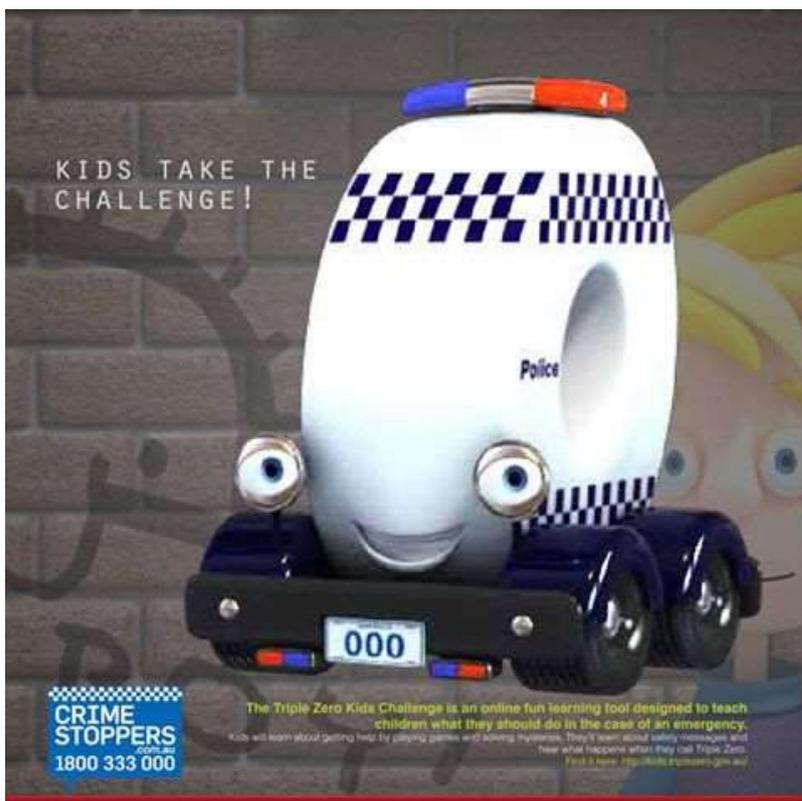
20 April, from 7 News Sydney: Domestic violence is the reason more Australian women go to hospital than any other assault.

New data found in 2013, 6,500 females were hospitalised after assaults. In the majority of cases, their attacker was a partner or spouse. The research also found, 1 in 12 victims was pregnant at the time of the assault.

19 April, from Crime Stoppers: Are you looking for a fun activity to do with your kids?

The Triple Zero Kids Challenge is an online fun learning tool designed to teach children what they should do in the case of an emergency. Kids will learn about getting help by playing games and solving mysteries. They'll learn about safety messages and hear what happens when they call Triple Zero.

[Find it here.](#)

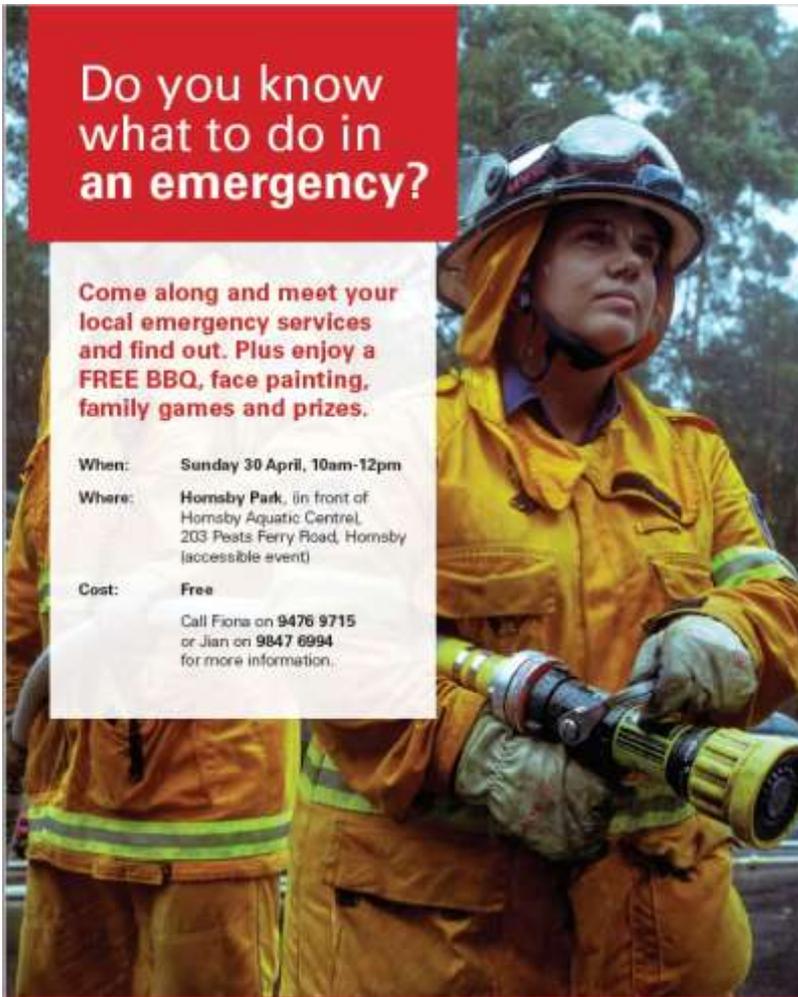


Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

March 2017 Crime Stats are now available - [Email us here](#) with your suburb.

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

Please come along and either say Hi, join in, or grab some crime prevention advice! We'll have the usual flyers, stickers and leaflets, the Little Black Book of Scams, various Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) freebies (Wow! Yes!), as well as Mother's Day colouring-in for the kids. Think fingerprinting, stamps, balloons, NHW window stickers (have you one on the front and the back of your home?) and a wealth of pertinent information to make your family safe. Any questions? If we don't know the answer, we'll find it out for you. And that's a promise.



Do you know what to do in an emergency?

Come along and meet your local emergency services and find out. Plus enjoy a FREE BBQ, face painting, family games and prizes.

When: Sunday 30 April, 10am-12pm

Where: Hornsby Park, (in front of Hornsby Aquatic Centre), 203 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby (accessible event)

Cost: Free

Call Fiona on 9476 9715 or Jian on 9847 6994 for more information.

For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Dates for the Diary:

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

Saturday & Sunday 06 & 07 May: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical Cleanout 9-3:30 @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

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

Thursday 25 May: **FREE** Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers 6:30-8:00pm @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings essential. [Info](#)

Tuesday 30 May: Volunteers Expo 11am - 2pm in the Hornsby Mall. NHW Crime Prevention stall plus NHW recruitment info. [Join in or more info here](#).

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.**

From the Australian Government's Stay Smart Online Alert Service 24 April:

Stop using unsupported software and apply new security updates

Google and Mozilla have issued new security updates for their widely used products.

[Full Alert here.](#)

Fake ASIC emails targeting users You are advised that scammers are continuing to target Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Registry customers with fake emails that attempt to obtain money and personal information.

[Full alert here.](#)

[Link to ASIC Scams webpage here.](#)

From our neighbouring Ryde command: Police are calling for witnesses following a pursuit in North Ryde yesterday.

About 4pm (Sunday 23 April 2017), police were patrolling Lane Cove Road, North Ryde, when they observed two motorbikes. When police attempted to stop the motorbikes to speak to the riders, they rode off in a dangerous manner towards Blaxland Road, Ryde. One motorbike is only described as being a Suzuki GSXR 1000 and the other bike is unknown. Officers from Ryde Local Area Command commenced inquiries into the incident and would like to speak to the riders.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, **or has dash-cam footage**, is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**.

VOLUNTEERS EXPO: Tuesday 30 May from 11am to 2pm @ Hornsby Mall

Is green your favourite colour? Please come and chat with our volunteers about helping with Neighbourhood Watch. There's more to it now than safer homes and suspicious activity. For our latest project, we are finding every kind of crime and pointing you to the best information on the Internet to protect you, or as the Police say, "Target Hardening".

[Click here to contact Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby](#)

[Click here for more info about the Expo from Hornsby Shire Council website.](#)



From Crime Stoppers: ARE YOU A MISSING PERSON?

Being a missing person is NOT a crime. It is the aim of the NSW Police to make sure that a person who is reported missing is safe and well. If you are reported as a missing person, please contact your local police station or Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000 and let us know that you are okay.



CONGRATULATIONS!

From the Bush Telegraph Weekly, 24 April: Policing Volunteer of 20 years Shirley Kelnack of Asquith and Crime Prevention Officer for Hornsby Police Station Senior Constable Paul Cleary were both recognized for outstanding service.

[Read this week's Bush Tele ONLINE now!](#)



Did you know we have a ['What's On' section on our Neighbourhood Watch website?](#)

We've also added a [link to our Twitter ID @NHWKuringGaiLAC](#) at the bottom of each webpage.

Visit
Hornsby Police Station
290 Peats Ferry Road
(Formerly Pacific Hwy)
Hornsby NSW 2077

Call
T: (02) 9470 9723
to talk to your local
Crime Prevention
Officer

Contact
NHWKuringGaiHornsby@gmail.com
Facebook: NHWKuringGaiHornsby

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So we thought we should include all our social media and website links in

the **Important Contacts & Links** section below. Yes, we're moving with the times...

From the Australian Federal Police, 20 April: The results of the first National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program Report are in – and we have to say they take the urinal-cake.

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission spearheaded the program to analyse wastewater around Australia to measure and interpret drug use within our communities as a result of work by the federal 'ice taskforce'. They measured what drugs are being used and roughly where. This is important data, as it helps us understand the extent of the illegal drug problem within the Australian community. This allows authorities to craft a cooperative, strategic response to tackling illicit drug supply and use. Did you know methylamphetamine is the highest consumed illicit drug tested across all regions in Australia?

[Here's a snapshot of the report](#)

NATIONAL WASTEWATER REPORT

58%

THE REPORT COVERS APPROXIMATELY 58 PER CENT OF AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION—ABOUT 14 MILLION PEOPLE!



ALCOHOL & TOBACCO

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO ARE THE HIGHEST CONSUMED SUBSTANCES IN ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES.



METH

METHYLAMPHETAMINE IS THE HIGHEST CONSUMED ILLICIT DRUG TESTED ACROSS ALL REGIONS IN AUSTRALIA.



OXYCODONE & FENTANYL CONSUMPTION (LICIT & ILLICIT) ACROSS ALL JURISDICTIONS IS AT CONCERNING LEVELS.



The NSW Police Force Community Portal - A Review

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

It is linked to your mygov account, like you use for Medicare etc. "Easy to use, confidential and always secure." You get allocated an 'Event Number', which you may need for insurance claim purposes. Puts reporting under your control. At a time to suit you. You can upload photos. And you can follow up on a report and have a messaging conversation with NSWPF about it. Much better.

More info and access to the [Community Portal here](#). And we've included for you it

in the **Important Contacts and Links** section below.

From our neighbouring North Shore command: Chatswood Wednesday 12th April April 2017

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the person depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident at Chatswood Westfield. If you know this person please call Chatswood Police 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000. **Ref.# E 64367438**



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

App of the Month - App from Surf Life Saving Sydney for rock fishermen's safety.

[Get the App here](#)



Winner of our last week's Facebook competition was Richard.

Well done, Richard! He picked up from the Hornsby Police station a gorgeous green Neighbourhood Watch bag full of information and goodies. Thank you to everyone who took part. We will definitely run another competition in Winter.

Thanks to the North Shore Times 20 April (page 5) view online with [newslocal newspaper viewer here](#).

Illegally in nation 'for 21 years'

Man arrested over his driving

A MAN living in Australia illegally for 21 years attempted to flee police after he was arrested for running a stop sign in Gordon on Monday.

The 60-year-old was travelling along Park Ave when a highway patrol officer allegedly saw him drive through the sign, before pulling him over on the Pacific Highway, near Ryde Rd.

Senior Constable Paul Cleary of Kuring Gai Local Area Command said the man, who had limited English and no driver's licence on him, allegedly gave police a false name and Dee Why address.

"Police made checks and the name supplied did not match ... so he was placed under arrest," Constable Cleary said.

"As police were searching the vehicle for some form of identification, he's got up and done the bolt along the Pacific Highway.

"Apparently while he was running down the Ryde Rd ramp, he stumbled through

some bushes into a small park on the corner before police caught up to him and placed him under arrest again.”

The man was taken to Hornsby police station where he spoke with a Korean interpreter, before it was revealed he had been living in Australia since 1996 and had no fixed address.

It is understood the man may have been living in the car.

Constable Cleary said the Department of Immigration and Border Protection refused to issue a temporary visa, before transferring the man to Villawood Detention Centre.

A department spokeswoman confirmed the man was taken to the detention centre, but could not comment further for privacy reasons.

The incident is the second time in as many weeks that an illegal immigrant has been arrested on the north shore. A man, 26, charged with break and enter offences was found to be living in Australia illegally.

From the North Shore Times, 20 April:

Street Watch:

ST IVES Police were forced to kill an injured kangaroo on Tuesday morning after vets were unable to attend the incident on Richmond Ave. Police were called by a member of the public who had hit the kangaroo.

GORDON Mailboxes at a unit complex on Dumaresq St were targeted by thieves over Easter weekend. One owner reportedly noticed a number of mailboxes had been opened with some of the mail thrown on the ground between April 11 and 12. The same was done between April 13-15. Properties on Sturt Place and Stanley St were also targeted.

WAHROONGA A set of numberplates were stolen from a car on Junction Rd between 6pm Saturday and 11am Sunday. Police said residents could access free anti-theft screws from Hornsby Police Station or use simple pop rivets to secure their plates.

WAHROONGA Police are calling for information after a house being renovated on Moona Parade was targeted last week. The house was egged and police allege someone attempted to open a window but could not gain entry. Anyone with information can call Kuring Gai LAC on 9476 9799.

(Page 24) **ROADS and Maritime Services are installing a new electronic message sign on the Pacific Highway at Gordon.**

It is part of the \$300 million Urban Roads Pinch Point Program, which aims to reduce congestion and improve travel times on Sydney's busiest roads. The work is being carried out two nights a week from 9pm to 5am, and, at times, from 7am to 5pm, and is expected to be completed by June 30. Temporary lane closures and a reduced speed limit may be in place while work is carried out and motorists are advised to plan their trip and allow extra travel time. For traffic information, visit livetraffic.com or call the **Transport Management Centre on 132 701.**

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

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

[NSW Police - website](#) for 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:



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