

'eyewatch' & crime prevention in Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai

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

## eNewsletter # 290 - 01 May 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.

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27 April, Penrith LAC - NSW Police Force



WHATS IN YOUR CAR?

STEALING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES - WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Most people don't think about the amount of property they leave in their cars at night after coming home from the shops or a long day at work. But to an offender there's plenty of items they'd love to take. Most items in your car are also not covered by insurance if stolen. Here are some tips to protect your vehicle and yourself.

1. **LOCK IT** - DO NOT leave your vehicle unlocked when you are away from it, even for only a short period. Make sure all windows and doors are secured before leaving the vehicle.
2. **REMOVE VALUABLES** - Do not leave ANY property in sight. Take EVERYTHING with you. If you can't then secure it in the boot.
3. **PARK SAFE** - Where you choose to park can help protect your car. Well lit areas, areas covered by CCTV, behind gates at home or up the driveway near the house where sensor lights will activate if someone approaches.

**ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOKOUT** for someone who is acting suspiciously.

If you are a victim of a stealing from your car ALWAYS report it to your local Police Station, The Police Assistance Line 131444, The Community Portal on-line [here](#) or you can also report any crime or suspicious activities anonymously to Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

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**27 April, from The Manly Daily**



A GUNMAN is on the loose after posing as a prospective 'buyer' before stealing a \$230,000 luxury sports car and pistol whipping its owner....the drama all unfolded on the northern beaches.

Full story [here](#)

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**27 April, from The Hills LAC - NSW police Force**



**27 April, Police Transport Command, NSW Police Force**



A very grateful 92 year old WWII veteran was reunited with his camera after accidentally leaving it on the train while heading home from Tuesday's Anzac Day dawn service. The camera, located in an bag, was located by a member of the

public who handed the property to PTC Morisset police.

The camera had captured photo's of aircraft carriers and warships taken during the earlier dawn service to show his few remaining mates who weren't able to attend.

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### **26 April, Don't get scammed by a fake online store**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is warning online shoppers to be wary of scammers masquerading as legitimate online retailers, often selling well-known brands at too-good-to-be-true prices.

Already in 2017, the ACCC's Scamwatch service has received more than 1000 reports of online shopping scams worth more than \$150,000 in total.

[Click here for more details.](#)

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### **26 April, from NSW Police Force: Don't get scammed by dodgy internet pop-ups**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is warning people to watch out for dodgy internet pop-up windows claiming there are viruses or other seemingly nasty tech problems affecting their computer.

Known as remote access scams, these pop-up windows are used as a ploy to get unsuspecting victims to call a fake support line – usually a 1800 number. The scammer will then ask for remote access to their victim's computer to 'find out what the problem is'.

"Once a scammer has remote access to your computer they can install malicious software, steal your personal data, con you into paying for a 'service' of your PC, or sell you unnecessary software to fix a problem that doesn't exist," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

[Click here for more details.](#)

The little black book of scams has the latest scam info. Get yours [here.](#)

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**26 April, from NSW SES**

As Alf Stewart from Home and Away's Summer Bay SES Unit, actor Ray Meagher has come to know a fair bit about the amount of commitment, skill and community spirit it takes to be an SES volunteer.

On May 10, you can join Ray in thanking the diverse members of the SES right across Australia by wearing something orange to show your support for their efforts – you'd be a flamin' galah not to!



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

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**\*I just got caught speeding\* starter pack.**

<b>Revenue raising</b>	<b>I need the toilet</b>
<b>I thought the speed limit was 150km/h?</b>	<b>Can't I have another warning?</b>

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## Ku-ring-gai Council, Festival on the Green



See Neighbourhood Watch at the Police stall number 11 on this map for the Festival on the Green at St Ives this Sunday 07 May from 10am till 4pm. Our volunteers are assisting the officers from Ku-ring-gai NSWPF Local Area Command with the crime prevention advice. Please come and say Hi. It should be a great day! Lots of freebies for big and little kids!  
More details [here](#).

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## 30 April, A great Emergency Day at Hornsby



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### Dates for the Diary:

**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

**Wednesday 10th May:** WOW Day. Wear Orange Wednesday to support SES volunteers. [Info](#)

**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.**

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### **29 April, MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN MOTORCYCLE AND UTE COLLISION**

A 31 year-old male has been airlifted to hospital with suspected spinal injuries after an accident in the Hawkesbury region this morning.

The man was riding with a group of motorcyclists when he was involved in a collision with a ute.

CareFlight's rapid response rescue helicopter was tasked to Wisemans Ferry shortly before 10am.

The accident took place on a windy section of the Old Northern Road, south of the township.

A NSW Ambulance crew, at the scene providing initial treatment to the man, coordinated a local vehicle to immediately convey CareFlight's critical care team to

the patient from the nearby landing site.

CareFlight's specialist doctor and critical care paramedic provided treatment for facial injuries and suspected spinal injuries.

The man was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital in a serious but stable condition.

### Crime Stats for March - Berowra

INC. CATEGORY	FURTHER CLASS	ADDRESS	START DATE	START TIME	DAY
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	HILLCREST RD	28-03-17	1900	TUESDAY
BUSINESS INSPECTION	LICENSED PREMISES	PACIFIC HWY	17-03-17	1130	FRIDAY
BUSINESS INSPECTION	LICENSED PREMISES	PACIFIC HWY	25-03-17	2250	SATURDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	PACIFIC HWY	01-03-17	1530	WEDNESDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	KOORONG ST	11-03-17	30	SATURDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	HILLCREST RD	13-03-17	2342	MONDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	HILLCREST RD	31-03-17	1530	FRIDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM PERSON	PACIFIC HWY	07-03-17	230	TUESDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	PACIFIC HWY	22-03-17	900	WEDNESDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	PACIFIC HWY && M1 MTWY	12-03-17	1900	SUNDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	PACIFIC HWY && M1 MTWY	10-03-17	1200	FRIDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	GOODWYN RD	26-03-17	1400	SUNDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	PACIFIC HWY && ROWY RD	28-03-17	800	TUESDAY
STREET OFFENCE	OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR	BEROWRA WATERS RD && PACIF	11-03-17	1850	SATURDAY

### Crime Stats for March - Gordon

INC. CATEGORY	FURTHER CLASS	ADDRESS	START DATE	START TIME	DAY
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	MCINTYRE ST	10-03-17	800	FRIDAY
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL	NELSON ST	16-03-17	1800	THURSDAY
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	HIGHLANDS AVE	24-03-17	530	FRIDAY
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	NELSON ST	24-03-17	830	FRIDAY
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL	EDWARD ST	23-03-17	2330	THURSDAY
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	BURGOYNE ST	31-03-17	129	FRIDAY
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	MCINTOSH ST	23-03-17	2030	THURSDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	GRAFFITI	PARK AVE	30-03-17	1200	THURSDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	LYNN RIDGE AVE	05-03-17	830	SUNDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	PACIFIC HWY	06-03-17	1250	MONDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	PACIFIC HWY	04-03-17	2200	SATURDAY
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	NELSON ST	02-03-17	900	THURSDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM DWELLING	EDWARD ST	23-03-17	2200	THURSDAY
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	EDWARD ST	21-03-17	1200	TUESDAY
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	PACIFIC HWY	27-03-17	1500	MONDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	PACIFIC HWY	19-03-17	1349	SUNDAY

### 25 April, from Hornsby Shire Council



The next time you step off the kerb, think about all the facts your brain is

computing - can I see a car, how far away is it, how fast is it going, will I get across in time?

Now crossing the road just got a lot more dangerous. Don't make it worse by adding a mobile phone into the mix.

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### From the North Shore Times, 27 April

#### NORTH TURRAMURRA

**3** Memorabilia from the 2000 Olympics was stolen from a Kedumba Cres home between April 1-22, while the owners were on holiday. An Australian flag signed by an athlete, a number of collectors' pins and a volunteer's uniform, with a total value of \$4000, were stolen.

#### PYMBLE

**4** Police are investigating an aggravated break and enter at Beechworth Rd on Saturday, while a mother and children were home asleep. The mother heard a noise and used a torch to investigate. She realised the door had been opened and returned upstairs. She alerted police, who responded in four minutes. They searched the area but could not find a suspect. Information to Kuring Gai LAC on 9476 9799.

**Waste matters**  
**CleanOut your household chemicals the right way**

 **Household Chemical CleanOut**

**You can drop off:**

Paints	Fire extinguishers
Garden chemicals	Pool chemicals
Motor oils and fuels	Hobby chemicals
Batteries	Acids and alkalis
Gas bottles	Fluorescent globes and tubes

**FREE SERVICE**

**At these locations between 9am and 3:30pm:**

<b>Saturday 6, Sunday 7 May</b>	St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Road, St Ives Ku-ring-gai Council residents only. Proof of residence required.
<b>Saturday 24, Sunday 25 June</b>	Mona Vale Beach car park, Surfview Road, Mona Vale

**For more dates and locations call the Environment Line on 131 555 or visit [www.cleanout.com.au](http://www.cleanout.com.au)**

 **EPA** Only household quantities accepted.  
This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy. Visit [www.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au)

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### From the Hornsby Advocate, 27 April:

## TURRAMURRA

# Teacher in jail

A TEACHER accused of having sex with a 14-year-old student remains behind bars after he chose not to apply for bail on Tuesday.

Daniel James Gillen has been remanded in custody since his arrest in February following an investigation by the State Crime Command's Child Abuse Squad.

Detectives launched the investigation after reports the 40-year-old had befriended a girl at Ku-ring-gai High School.

Police charge sheets tendered to court allege the offences took place at Marsfield, Toukley and Newtown.

He will reappear in court on May 16.

## WAITARA

**1** A spate of thefts in a unit block's underground carpark in Orara St on Tuesday morning was allegedly the work of a "bogan" who left residents' property strewn across the basement. Between 2.50am and 4am, tools were stolen from a locked cabinet and attempts to steal other items were evident when the building's strata manager interrupted a man at 3.55am. The manager was on the way to an Anzac Day service when she challenged the man, who allegedly said in a "bogan" accent that he was visiting a friend. The man fled and was described as caucasian, late 20s to early 30s, thin build, 175cm tall, wearing long pants, a long-sleeve shirt, a cap and a backpack. Police are waiting on CCTV footage and are calling for witnesses to phone them on 9476 9799.

#### THORNLEIGH

**2** A man, 31, was charged with high-range drink-driving after his car was detected as unregistered by an automatic numberplate reader in a police car travelling on Duffy Ave about 12.55am on Sunday, April 23. The motorist allegedly said he had drunk "five or six schooners" in Berowra before driving his yellow Hyundai Getz which, he said, he did not realise had an expired registration. The man allegedly blew .207 at Hornsby police station, where his licence was suspended. He will face court on May 18.

#### MOUNT KU-RING-GAI

**6** An elderly female may have stolen a phone worth \$850 from Aldi about 11.10am on Saturday, April 22. A 52 year-old woman left her phone on a packing counter at the store. CCTV footage shows an elderly female near the counter. Investigations are continuing.

#### WAITARA

**4** A man, 28, was charged with resisting arrest and hindering police, among other offences, after he allegedly stole a woman's handbag at the Bluegum Hotel about 5pm on Tuesday, April 25. The 33-year-old victim had won some money and put her handbag on a bench where she was sitting. Five minutes later, her bag was missing. Her husband saw a male leave the toilets, near where she was sitting, and found her bag on a cistern. Police saw CCTV appearing to show the 28-year-old enter the bathroom with a bag. The man allegedly became aggressive when police spoke to him and, when arrested, he began aggressively swearing. He was searched and police allegedly found the victim's debit card in his jacket pocket.

#### WAITARA

**8** Antique scales worth \$1000 were stolen from an underground garage at a unit complex in Park Ave between 3pm on Saturday, April 22, and 12pm on Sunday.

#### HORNSBY

**5** Several letterboxes at different apartment blocks in Linda St were broken into between midnight and 10am on Wednesday, April 19, as well as between 1pm on Friday, April 14 and Thursday, April 20.

#### HORNSBY

**10** An \$800 phone was stolen from a Vodafone store in Hornsby Westfield between Tuesday April 18 and Sunday April 23.

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### From Ku-Ring-gai Council, Chemical CleanOut coming to Ku-ring-gai

Clean out your shed and the back of your cupboards and dispose of old household chemicals safely at Ku-ring-gai Council's free Chemical CleanOut at St Ives Showground on Saturday 6 May and Sunday 7 May 2017, 9am – 3.30pm.

The event is a free service for Ku-ring-gai residents for the safe disposal of a range of household chemicals that could cause harm to human health and the environment if they are not disposed of correctly.

Residents can take household quantities of the following household chemicals and items up to a maximum of 20 litres or 20 kilograms of a single item:

- solvents and household cleaners
- fluorescent tubes and globes
- batteries
- paint
- poisons
- pesticides and herbicides
- gas bottles and fire extinguishers
- pool chemicals
- motor oils, fuels and fluids

Make sure to pack your unwanted chemicals in secure containers to ensure they don't leak or spill.

For more information and a full list of chemicals accepted visit [www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/chemicals](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/chemicals)

Chemical CleanOut details

Where: St Ives Showgrounds - 450 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

When: Saturday 6 May and 7 May 2017, 9am – 3.30pm

Cost: FREE

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**25 April, 18 adorable K9 puppies in training who are trying their best to act tough**



Like our police officers, our K-9 units are here to protect and serve. They train diligently to ensure the safety of our communities, and in the process, they form unbreakable bonds with their handlers and fellow police-dogs-in-training.

More [here](#)

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## **FROM OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR NEW NEIGHBOURS**

**Tip#1.** IDENTIFY YOUR 6 IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS — 2 TO YOUR LEFT, 2 TO YOUR RIGHT, ACROSS FROM AND BEHIND YOU. Make an effort to get to know them and swap contact details.

**Tip#2.** SUGGEST AN ARRANGEMENT WITH NEIGHBOURS FOR WHEN ANY OF YOU ARE ON VACATION, eg for clearing the local newspapers, putting out & retrieving garbage bins, clearing mailboxes, parking in driveways/spaces, etc.

**Tip#3.** JOIN IN WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. They are your eyes and ears when you aren't at home. Contact your Crime Prevention Officer to find out about a group in your area.

**Tip#4.** INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION. Where should you park? What information is available there? When is it manned?

**Tip#5.** LOOK FOR YOUR LOCAL POLICE ON FACEBOOK FOR UP-TO-DATE WARNINGS & INFORMATION. <like> them at facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC.

Consider joining local social groups to meet new people, eg facebook/NorthShoreMumsGroup or Neighbourhood Watch in your area.

**Tip#6.** STORE YOUR NEW EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR LANDLINE AND MOBILE PHONES. Include Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799, Gordon Police Station: 9418 5399.

**Tip#7.** LOOK AT YOUR HOME, GARDEN, SHED, & IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD AS IF YOU WERE A BURGLAR. What gives you cover from being seen? Where is the quick getaway? Have you sensor lighting? Are your windows & doors secure?

**Tip#8.** INVITE A TEENAGE RELATIVE TO TRY AND GET INTO YOUR HOME. Can they climb up to balconies? Can they fit through gaps?

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**Spot the difference**



There are 5 differences between the 2 pictures. See if you can spot them.  
Answers next week.

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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

[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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