



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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08 May, from the Hornsby Advocate: A man was charged with dangerous driving yesterday, after an alleged hit and run on a motorcyclist - who is in a critical condition.

The man, 29, also allegedly threw a bottle at a cyclist before parking in Berowra and walking away.

[Full story here.](#)



The motorcycle involved in the crash. Picture from Muogamarra Rural Fire Brigade and Cowan Rural Fire Brigade who responded to the incident on Saturday morning.

08 May, from our neighbouring Hawkesbury command:

1800RESPECT

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC
FAMILY VIOLENCE **COUNSELLING** SERVICE

a free, confidential, 24/7 telephone service
offering counselling, support, services and advice

call 000 in
an emergency
for police or
ambulance

 **White Ribbon**
Australia

08 May, from Live Traffic NSW: COWAN: All southbound lanes are now open on the M1 Pacific Motorway after a crash between two trucks.

Southbound traffic's still heavy with queues about 6km but it will slowly ease now all lanes are open.



For up-to-date information on roads in NSW (including roadworks and events info also), go to the [Live Traffic NSW website, click here](#), or like them on [Facebook, click here](#), or download their FREE [Apple App, click here](#), FREE [Android App, click here](#).

For up-to-date information about the **M1 Pacific Highway**, go to their

alerts [website, click here](#), or [Facebook page, click here](#).

07 May, from the SES: Wear ORANGE to say [#thankyouSES](#) this [#WOWDay](#) 10 May.

If you have been meaning to say thanks to [SES#volunteers](#), now is your chance! Get involved, [click here](#). Tell them the umpa lumpa sent ya



07 May, from the Daily Telegraph: Police issue warning about ‘can you hear me’ phone scam

If you receive a phone call and somebody asks, “can you hear me”, don’t say anything and hang up the phone. Police have sent out a warning about an elaborate phone scam involving this phrasing, which has arrived in Australia after doing the round in the United States and the UK.

[Read about the scam here](#).

06 May, from Crime Stoppers: SAFTEY TIPS FOR CHILDREN...

Below are some tips that you can share with your children to help keep them safe

when they are out and about. Share with your children the 'Safe People, Safe Places' message.

- - Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- - Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- - Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- - Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- - Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- - If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- - If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

If you have any information that may assist police please report online, [click here](#), or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7). You can remain anonymous.



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CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000

Have information about someone approaching children?
Please report online at www.new.crimestoppers.com.au or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7).
You can remain anonymous.

06 May: Any person who commits an act of sexual violence against another person is committing a crime.

This is unacceptable and these people need to be brought to account for their crimes. If you have been a victim of sexual assault, you should report it to your local police. The Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO) is also available online for victims who don't want to make a formal report to police.

[Find out more here.](#)

Sexual assault
- it's a crime

Convicting sexual assault offenders is a priority for the NSW Police Force.
If you're a victim, it's never too late to report to your local police.

NSW Police Force

Triple Zero (000) For emergencies at any time	Police Assistance Line (131 444) For non-emergencies	Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000) To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.
Follow us on facebook.com/nswpoliceforce twitter.com/nswpolice youtube.com/nswpolice or visit www.police.nsw.gov.au		

06 May, from Crime Stoppers: If you are a victim of Domestic Violence – it is NOT YOUR FAULT.

- It is not your fault that you were assaulted!
- It is not your fault that the police investigate!
- It is not your fault that the perpetrator gets charged!
- It is not your fault that they get convicted!

The decision to charge a person is made by police.

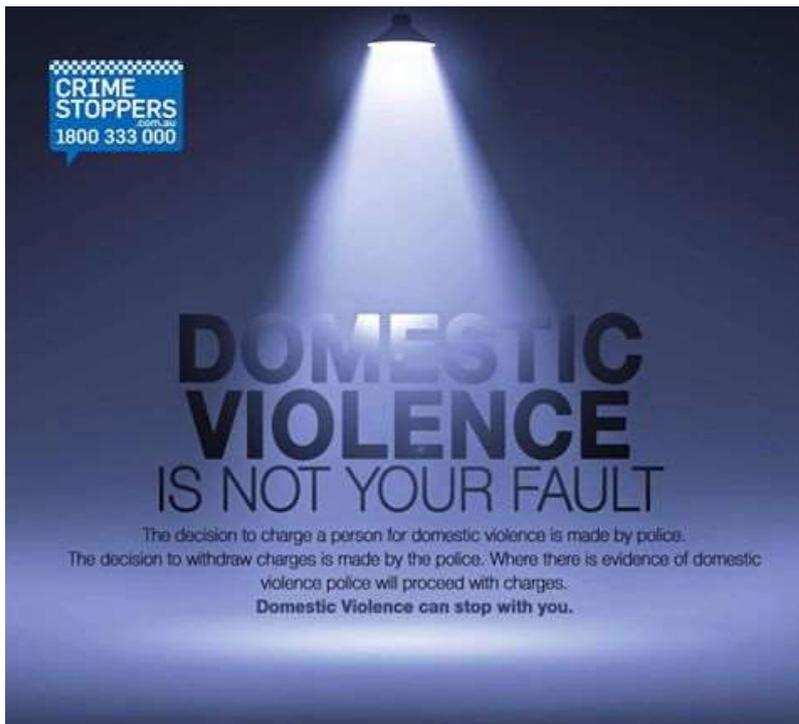
The decision to withdraw charges is made by the police

Where there is evidence of domestic violence police will proceed with charges.

If you are a victim of domestic violence contact Police immediately.

If Domestic Violence is happening to you or someone else now – **call Triple Zero (000) immediately.**

If you know about Domestic Violence occurring to someone else, but they are not in imminent danger, contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7)** – you can remain anonymous.



Have third party information about those experiencing domestic violence? Report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

05 May: The Westside Vide - Friday 12 May

Dural Lane will be closed to traffic on Friday 12 May from 10am to 11pm, and William Street car park will not be available from 6am to 11pm. Alternative car park: Hornsby RSL's greenspace on Ashley Street.

[More information here.](#)

THE WESTSIDE VIBE FRIDAY 12 MAY, 4PM-9PM
DURAL LANE HORNSBY
Streets, beats and eats - bigger venue.

SOUL OF SYDNEY FUNK COLLECTIVE | GANG OF BROTHERS | DEEP SEA ASTRONAUTS | STREET FOOD | ART | POP UP BAR + MUCH MORE.

The Westside Vibe will re-invent Hornsby's gritty laneway as a venue of rhythm, creativity, colour, and the smells and flavours of global cuisine.

Music Enjoy the beats from our headline bands on the main stage or one of the many street buskers.

- Soul of Sydney Funk Collective 4pm - 6pm & 6.45pm - 8pm
- Gang of Brothers 6pm - 6.45pm & 8pm - 8.45pm

Food Sample a variety of delicious street food stalls alongside the Six Strings Brewery Pop Up Bar selling wine, beer and cider.

Performers Be entertained by roving magicians, circus acts and street artists.

04 May, from NSW Police Force Academy: Come to a Recruitment Information Session on Saturday 20 May, 2017 at Police HQ.
[More info here.](#)



03 May, from Crime Stoppers: SAFETY FOR SENIORS... (part 1 of 7)

Do you have an elderly loved one? Share with them these safety tips to help keep them safe when they are at home.

- * If you are harassed, attacked or robbed, TELL the police. You are not being a nuisance by reporting crime. Police want to KNOW if you are a

victim of crime.

- * When you are at home LOCK all your doors.
- * Leave spare keys with a trusted friend or family member, NEVER leave a key in a hiding place at your home.
- * Keep a photographic record of your jewellery and mark all portable items (eg TV) with your name, address and licence number. You can use a marking system like Data Dot, which is known to you but not visible to the naked eye. See www.datadotdna.com
- * Going away? Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on things, collect your mail and put out your rubbish. Leave the radio on.
- * Don't keep large amounts of money in the home.
- * If you have deadlocks, keep the keys in the locks on the inside when you are at home, in case you need to leave in an emergency.
- * Make sure your house number is clearly visible.
- * If you live alone, don't publicise this or whether you are Ms, Miss, Mrs or Mr.
- * Arrange to have regular contact with someone you trust.

If you know of any senior family member or neighbour, living in circumstances that may cause you to be concerned for their welfare, or if you believe them to be at risk then you can report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

02 May, from the NSWPF Rescue & Bomb Disposal Squad: The NSWPF Rescue & Bomb Disposal Squad are asking members of the public to contact police if they are in possession of explosive materials. The Commercial Explosives Amnesty runs from 15 March to 14 September 2017. Take the opportunity to do it safely and legally. [View the video here](#) for a full list of explosives, detonators & other items. Contact your local Police Station (Hornsby 9476 9799) and state:

- What type of explosives
- How long you've had the explosives
- Name & Contact details

The Bomb Disposal Squad will then contact you to arrange an appropriate time for collection.

Or if you have military ordinance, contact your local Police Station and they will organise for the Australian Defence Force to contact you.

- Do NOT disturb the explosives.
- Do NOT take them to the Police station.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

WELCOME to all our new readers who subscribed at the Festival on the Green at St Ives on Sunday.

Thank you to NHW volunteers, Wal, Di, Mary & Tony, Mary W, Stan, and Julia and Sue, the Volunteer in Policing from Ryde command. What a great response! Thank you to those who came and said hello. We had a heap of crime prevention information and goodies on the Police stall, and it all just about went. Hundreds of questions, goodie bags, finger-printing, hand-stamping, colouring-in and card-making kept us all very busy.



Our photo booth for the kids was a big hit!



Wonder where all the NHW fridge magnets have gone?
Cheeky neighbours!

From Police Transport command, 08 May: Rail Safety Week is an annual community awareness week held in Australia and New Zealand designed to engage the community in safe rail practices.

This year Rail Safety Week will be held on the 14th to 20th August. To promote it Tracksafe Education is holding their annual picture book competition for primary and high schools once again!

For more information visit the following:

Picture Book Competition for Primary Schools, [click here.](#)

STEM Competition for High Schools, [click here.](#)

Rail Safety Week, [click here.](#)

Dates for the Diary:

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

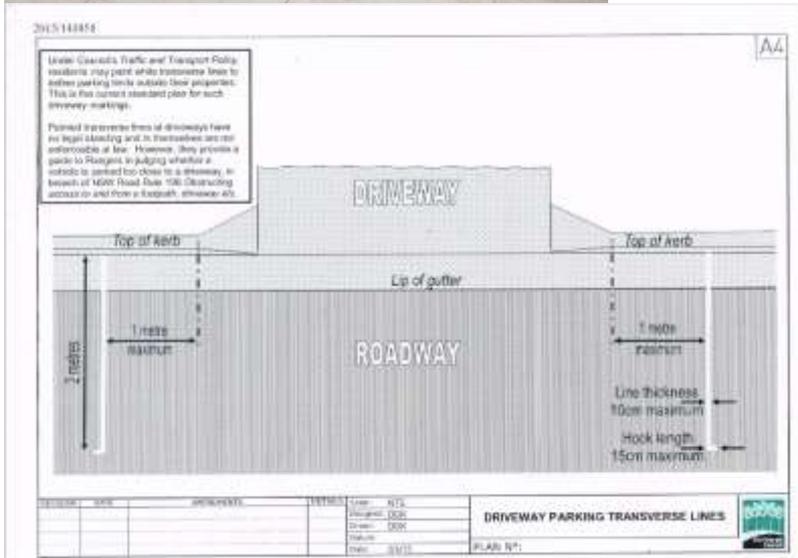
Friday 12 May: Westside Vibe, Hornsby. [Info.](#)

Saturday 20 May: Berowra Fire Station Open Day 10am to 2pm.

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.](#)

lines at each side of your driveway. Thanks to Chris, we can now offer a wooden stencil for loan to make the painting of the white lines easier. Please email NHWGordon@gmail.com to borrow the stencil.



From our neighbouring North Shore command, May 04 (edited):

Mail Theft/Goods in Custody – Killara

About 3:30am Tuesday 2nd May, Police were patrolling in a westerly direction

along Mowbray Road West, Lane Cove North when they observed a Hyundai Accent travelling east at this location. The Automatic Number Plate Recognition system fitted to the police vehicle alerted police that there were intelligence holdings held by the NSW Police Force on the possible occupants of the Hyundai Accent. Police conducted a u-turn with the intention of stopping the vehicle however the vehicle made a number of turns and police lost sight of it. Police conducted a patrol north to Gordon along the Pacific Highway as this was the last known direction of the vehicle but were unsuccessful in detecting it. About 3:50am while travelling south along the Pacific Highway at Lindfield police observed the Hyundai Accent travelling in the north bound lanes, police conducted another u-turn and stopped the vehicle. After speaking with the two male occupants, a 39 year old Prairiewood man and a 33 year old Auburn man, police conducted a search of the vehicle and the occupants and located in excess of 30 items of mail from addresses in Chatswood and Carlingford. The two men were arrested and taken back to Chatswood police station. The Prairiewood man has been charged with Goods in personal custody suspected of being stolen, Possess identity info to commit indictable offence and Armed with intent to commit indictable offence. The Auburn man was charged with 2 counts of Goods in personal custody suspected of being stolen, Possess identity info to commit indictable offence and Armed with intent to commit indictable offence. They will both face Hornsby Local Court in relation to the charges.

Break and Enters occurring in the local area in the last week

- Drovers Way Lindfield 28/04/17
- Drovers Way Lindfield 29/04/17
- Pacific Highway Lindfield 02/05/17

One of our eNewsletter readers asked for clarification on whether you can use 112 from a mobile phone in an emergency.

This is not recommended. Please do not share that number as an alternative to 000. We always say use 000.

Here's an article on Snopes about the use of 112, declaring it 'FALSE'. ie no good info, [click here](#). We suggest you check stories, claims, etc you hear on the Internet on either Snopes, or [Hoax Slayer, click here](#), or other such websites. They are

both a very reliable way for checking (mis)information.



A flyer from RMS detailing how to check your inflatable lifejacket.

Did you know? 8 out of 10 who drowned while boating in NSW weren't wearing a life jacket.

[Click here](#) to download the pdf.



From the Hornsby Advocate, 04 May:

Mt Colah: A 12-year-old boy riding a bicycle on the footpath was hit by a car coming out of a driveway on the Pacific Hwy about 4.45pm on Thursday, April 26. A Subaru driving out of a home through gates allegedly hit the bike and knocked the child off the bike into a ditch. The car stopped and its driver came to the aid of the child who suffered an abrasion to his leg. The boy was taken by ambulance to Hornsby Hospital but suffered no major injuries.

Glenorie: Plastic play equipment was damaged at a playground near Cairns Rd about 3.25pm on Sunday, April 30. Four young males were heard by a resident near the playground swearing and yelling loudly. The resident called police and said the boys were near the plastic slippery slide when it erupted in flames. The boys then fled through an adjacent lane before the police and fire brigade attended. Burnt matches were found in the vicinity of the equipment.

Hornsby: Thieves ripped six dummy display phones from a counter at a stand-alone kiosk in Hornsby Westfield, between 5pm Sunday and 9am Monday, May 1. The Tele-Choice kiosk had its displays damaged when the phones, made of plastic

with no internal workings, were ripped from their place. Police are reviewing footage.

Hornsby: A soft serve ice cream was stolen from a stand alone kiosk in Westfield sometime between 10pm on Thursday, April 27 and 9.30am Friday, April 28. CCTV footage shows a person remove the cover to the kiosk, climb into it and make a soft serve ice cream.

Hornsby: A teenage girl allegedly pushed over three pot plants outside Westfield about 10.35pm on Saturday night. The girl is known to police and they intend to speak to her.

South Turramurra: The netball courts at Cannon Rd were damaged for the second time in a month sometime between Saturday, April 22 and Thursday, April 27. Vandals burn bins at Canoon Rd causing superficial damage to the netball court's playing surface. The damage was repaired by Ku-ring-gai Council staff at minimal cost before the weekend so no playing time was lost. The council is looking into alternate storage options for the bins.

Asquith: A man had part of his thumb severed by a cattle kelpie cross dog who jumped a backyard fence and attacked his dog. The man, 43, saw his dog, a cross bred boxer, allegedly being attacked by his neighbour's dog after it entered his backyard on Hyacinth St about 2.30pm on Sunday, May 30. The man lost part of his thumb when he tried to separate the dogs and was bitten on the right thumb, completely severing the top part of it. The man managed to get his dog and himself inside his home, and called the police. Officers allegedly saw the offending dog in his backyard. Police took the man to Hornsby Hospital for surgery and returned to the scene, where the owners of the dog were spoken to.

Waitara: A car thief tried to hot wire a car parked on Leonard St sometime between 11am on Sunday, April 30 and 9am Monday, May 1. The car, a Mazda 3 sedan, had a plastic panel below the steering column removed and ignition wires pulled out to try and start the car. The wires were left hanging but the thief was unable to start the car and left tools behind which will be forensically tested.

Full article, thanks to North Shore Times 04 May, page 13:

MYSTERY still surrounds the Cinderella carriage which was dumped on a residential Gordon street more than three months ago (edited)

However, a Ku-ring-gai Council spokeswoman said there was still a period of some weeks for the owner to come forward and claim the vehicle and "no decisions will be made until after that has elapsed". "After that time, under the Impounding Act,

the council is obliged to auction the carriage and retain the proceeds in a trust fund in case the owner is located," she said. "If the owner is found, the auction proceeds will be returned to them. Anyone may bid for the item at the auction.



From North Shore Times 04 May, Street Watch page 16:

GORDON A 91-year-old accelerated too fast on the third level of Woolworths' carpark last Wednesday and ended up wedged between concrete slabs. The man drove over bump stops on a parking spot, through a concrete curb and then a metal fence. The fencing fell on to two vehicles below. There were no injuries. Fire and Rescue NSW winched the car out of the gap and police sent a report to RMS questioning his fitness to drive.

ST IVES A 74-year-old driving a Volvo allegedly narrowly missed a group of schoolchildren at a bus stop after overshooting a lane turning onto Mona Vale Rd from Memorial Ave on Monday. She mounted a curb and hit a tree at 3.50pm after accelerating too hard on the right-hand turn. The front of the car was badly damaged. She was breath tested and released without charge. Police sent a report to RMS questioning her fitness to drive.

TURRAMURRA A spate of mailbox thefts at six properties on the Pacific Hwy between Sunday at 2pm and Monday at 10am has prompted a police warning. Kuring Gai LAC said residents should empty mailboxes daily to reduce the chance of identity theft, which they say is an increasing problem.

The North Shore Times can be accessed using the online viewer, [click here](#).

From Hornsby Shire Council, Media Release 04 May: Northern Sydney

councils join forces to promote pedestrian safety

A joint initiative aims to persuade pedestrians to remain alert and aware around roads

Full [Media Release here](#).

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Author Encounter Mon 15 May 10:15 - 11:30am, Gordon Library.

In this tell-all book, *Justice Denied*, discover how the justice system works and why there are times when the innocent are convicted and the guilty set free. Author, Bill Hosking QC, looks back at his career as a criminal barrister and judge and offers a candid account of his time at the bar. He tells the true story behind some of his most famous cases, including the Hilton bombings, "Toecutter" Jimmy Driscoll's attempt to avoid prison time, Anita Cobby's trial and a landmark case that changed Australian police procedure forever.

Full [Info here](#).



Thanks to Colorado Springs Police Department

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.

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