



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.

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Hornsby Police News 7 June 2017

Hornsby police were called to a car fire, a robbery and a few accidents this week.

Asquith: A stolen car was seen doing burnouts and later doughnuts in a park on Bouvardia St before it was set alight about 1.30am on Tuesday. Two fire trucks extinguished the burning white Audi A5 convertible that was stolen on May 29 from a Breakfast Point address. A resident told police he saw the Audi on Amor St doing burnouts before it lost control and hit the kerb damaging the left front wheel. It was then seen driving into Hyacinth St before it ploughed through the park gates and did doughnuts on the grass. A witness described possibly four people in the car who left the location in a small white hatch back. Police will forensically analyse the car and encourage witnesses to call them on 9476 9799.

Asquith: A 58-year-old woman was robbed at a toilet block in a carpark on Wattle St near Coles about 4.30pm on Monday. A male described as Islander in appearance, in his early 20s with wavy hair, about 183cm tall, wearing navy blue trackpants and a zip-up hoodie approached her and allegedly said 'go back inside, I'm not going to hurt you, I just want your handbag'. The woman, whose purse had \$680 in it, was told to stay in the toilet block. A second male was described as wearing a denim jacket and standing behind the robber and a female voice was also heard in the vicinity. Hornsby Police request witnesses to contact them on 9476 9799 or call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Turrumurra: \$2600 worth of power tools were stolen from a Mazda table top ute's toolbox between 7pm on Monday, June 5 and 7am, Tuesday, June 6. The ute was parked in Finlay St and its toolboxes were unlocked, containing Makita tools including cordless drills, and a powersaw.

Mt Colah: A 37-year-old man from Melbourne was charged with trespassing in the rail corridor on Sunday afternoon close to Mt Colah train station after passers-by on a train alerted police to his presence about 4.25pm. The man was found by police about 250m north of Mt Colah station, face up, in bushes, in the restricted area, holding an open bottle of red wine. Police said he appeared to be intoxicated and when they tried to talk to him he allegedly became agitated. He was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police station where he was monitored in a cell before being issued with a fine.

Thornleigh: A car rolled over its owners leg about 2.40pm on Sunday in Warrimba Ave. A 77-year-old man cleaning his car, sat in it and reversed out of his driveway

into an adjoining brick wall. When he got out of it the car rolled over his left leg. He was taken by ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital with a leg injury.

Turrumurra: A group of youths scattered when police arrived at Bannockburn Oval about 10.10pm on Saturday after reports of a bonfire. The fire brigade put the fire out and liquor bottles were found at the scene.

Brooklyn: Police are investigating who was riding a Triumph motorcycle about 1.30pm on Saturday. The bike was found wedged under a guard rail southbound on the Pacific Hwy. The bike was damaged extensively.

Dural: A teenage driver was injured when her car veered off Old Northern Rd at Dural and collided with a pole, on Wednesday, May 24. The driver suffered chest pains and had minor lacerations. She was taken, in a stable condition, to Hawkesbury Hospital.

8 June, from Kuring Gai LAc - NSW Police Force

Hornsby Police want to warn the public about fundraising activities, namely the selling of raffle tickets in the St Ives area.

Hornsby police were informed after a concerned resident had a knock on their door during the evening from a school aged boy and presumably his father selling raffle tickets. The tickets were for a supposed fundraising activity for a local school.

Checks with the school reveal there are NO CURRENT fundraising activities involving raffle tickets. Police would also like to remind the community that purchasing raffle tickets is your decision, but please make the appropriate checks to validate the sale. Lastly under NSW law selling of raffle tickets and fundraising activities in the general public can't be undertaken between dusk and dawn.

Read more [here](#).

7 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW: WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND YOUR CAR STOLEN...

Every day cars are stolen, and sometimes despite our best efforts to secure our vehicle, and do all the right things, offender/s will steal the vehicle. Below are the steps which you should take if ever you find your car is stolen.

1/ THINK – make sure you have not accidentally parked your car in a different spot to where you thought and make sure you consider any other possible scenarios such as:

- Could it have been parked in a no-parking area, or tow away zone?
- Could a friend or family member have borrowed the car without telling you, or
- Could a financial institution have repossessed the vehicle?

2/ REPORT – If you are convinced your vehicle has been stolen, contact the Police Assistance Line on 131444 to report the stolen vehicle over the phone. Your vehicle will be listed as “STOLEN” in the police system and if police find your vehicle they will notify you straight away.

3/ INSURANCE – If your car is insured, contact your insurance company and provide them with the Event number that you will have received when making your police report.

4/ CALL BACK – If you come across your vehicle yourself or receive any more information. You must not drive your vehicle until police have attended and cleared the vehicle as being STOLEN from the system.

7 June, from the Daily Telegraph: 12 NSW road rules that could bring you unstuck

MOST road rules in NSW are there for a reason. They keep us safe, from ourselves as well as other drivers.

A few might be frustrating, but we can see the common sense behind them. Then there's the handful that seem inexplicable, archaic, ones we didn't even know existed or we've been misinterpreting all along.

For details, click [here](#)

7 June, from Live Traffic NSW



It's cold and wet
So please don't forget
To slow down and take care
On roads everywhere

7 June, from NSW Police Force

A man has been charged as investigations continue into technology-enabled crime in Sydney.

In July 2016, detectives from the Fraud and Cybercrime Squad established Strike Force Tamarisk to investigate the use of Host Card Emulation (HCE) via 'Tap and Pay' applications to make fraudulent purchases across Sydney.

HCE is the technology dependent architecture that provides the exact virtual representation of various electronic banking cards using software only.
For details, click [here](#).

7 June, NSW Police Force

Detectives investigating Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance fraud have charged a driver involved in a staged crash in Sydney's south-west.

In August 2016, detectives from the State Crime Command's Fraud and Cybercrime Squad established Strike Force Ravens to investigate syndicates targeting the CTP insurance scheme following recommendations of the CTP Task

Force.

The CTP Task Force is a NSW Government initiative coordinated by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA), involving representatives from various government agencies and legal, health, and insurance sectors.

As part of ongoing investigations, Strike Force Ravens detectives arrested a 45-year-old man at a home on Elizabeth Drive, Liverpool, about 8am today (Tuesday 6 June 2017).

He was charged with two counts of fraud and refused bail to appear at Liverpool Local Court today.

Police will allege the man was the driver of a vehicle involved in a staged crash on Atkinson Street, Liverpool, on 6 May 2015, and submitted fraudulent property and CTP insurance claims.

The total value of the fraudulent claims was more than \$150,000.

To date, Strike Raven investigators have arrested eight people and laid more than 70 charges in relation to a combined fraud of \$6.2 million.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to CTP Green Slip fraud to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page [here](#). Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

6 June, from Penrith LAC - NSW Police Force

The Motorcycle CRASH CARD - An initiative produced in New South Wales by Hornsby Shire Council and supported by NSW Ambulance, the NSW Police Force and Fire & Rescue NSW.

The motorcycle Crash Card is a small card that motorcyclists and their passengers can carry in their helmets. The card provides emergency service personnel with the rider's personal information saving valuable time and assisting with treatment, especially if the rider is either unconscious or unable to communicate.

For more information click [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 17 June & Sunday 18 June: 9am - 4pm Free e-waste recycling. St Ives showground, 450 Mona Vale Road, St Ives (Please note last week's dates were incorrect.)

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

14 August to 20 August: Rail Safety Week [Info](#).

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

15 March to 14 September 2017: Commercial Explosives Amnesty

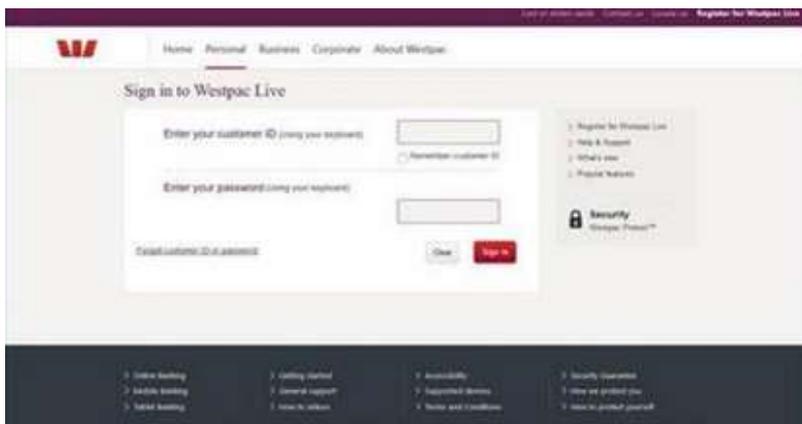
Saturday 07 October 2017: Community Picnic @ St Ives Village Green as part of NHW Australasia's NHW Week.

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

11 June, ERA Home Security

Former Crime Watch Presenter Jacqui Hames, joins forces with ERA, writing a monthly blog on how to secure your home. Click [here](#) to see the first blog and stay tuned to our website for more.

9 June, Westpac customers targeted in email scam



Westpac customers have been targeted by criminals in a malicious email campaign this week that attempts to collect their personal and banking information.

Australian cybersecurity firm MailGuard on Wednesday detected the suspect emails, which are pretending to be from Westpac and designed to alarm customers with the subject "Your account is locked".

Details [here](#).

9 June, NSW Alerts

NO MORE NEGOTIATING: POLICE in NSW will soon be armed with semi-automatic rifles and be given new powers to shoot and kill terrorists as soon as they have a clear shot instead of trying to negotiate a peaceful resolution under new laws which will be introduced at the end of the month.

Legislation will also be introduced to tighten provisions around parole which will see prisoners with terrorist links, or those who have been radicalised behind bars, have their parole applications automatically rejected. [DETAILS HERE](#)

8 June, from North Shore LAC - NSW Police Force



Do you have ground floor doors or windows? Even 1st and 2nd floor?
If so, LOCK them!

Most break and enter offences in North Shore LAC are occurring through unlocked
Ground floor and 1st floor open windows or doors.

8 June, from the North Shore Times. View [here](#)

Hit-and-run motorist is still at large: Mum appeals for witnesses of driver who
knocked down boy near station [Edited]

TURRAMURRA'S Elliot De Marco, 12, is lucky to be alive after being hit by a car as he crossed the road.

What is more shocking is the driver of the car drove away in a hurry, leaving the stunned boy with possible lifelong damage to his teeth.

The Turramurra High student was leaving the station about 7pm on May 13 as he went to meet his mum at her car in Rohini St.

Woman conned in gift card scam: Senior buys \$10,000 worth of iTunes vouchers
[Edited]

IT IS not often a simple phone call results in your bank account becoming \$10,000 lighter, but that is what a Northwood resident faced last week.

The woman, 88, was stung by the phone scammer who posed as a Telstra representative, telling her there was a problem with her iPad, and that she needed to purchase \$5000 worth of iTunes cards to fix it.



CAR DRIVES INTO RESTAURANT

Jake McCallum

POLICE are investigating after an elderly woman drove her car into a Wahroonga business last Friday afternoon – hitting four people inside during the incident.

The 84-year-old driver ploughed into a restaurant on Kogale St, Wahroonga, at 12.40pm, hitting a 95-year-old diner and three other family members.

A NSW Police spokesman said Ambulance Paramedics took the four people to Sydney Adventist Hospital for treatment, with one suffering from injuries to their arm and leg.

The 84-year-old driver was also treated for injuries.

Police are urging anyone with information to come forward and contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

8 June, from the Hornsby Advocate, view [here](#)
Man pleads guilty to murder [Edited]



Murder victim Keith Collins.

A MAN has pleaded guilty to murdering his former partner's dinner companion at a Hornsby restaurant.

Alexander Villaluna, 45, attacked Keith Collins and Jovi Pilapil as they dined at a restaurant at Hornsby Westfield shopping centre in March 2016.

Appearing via video link in the NSW Supreme Court on Friday, Villaluna pleaded guilty to murdering Mr Collins and wounding Ms Pilapil with intent to cause her grievous bodily harm.

At the time, it was alleged Ms Pilapil had taken out an apprehended violence order against Villaluna less than two months before.

Police alleged that the pair, who were thought to be on a date, were stabbed numerous times.

The attack was witnessed by numerous onlookers.

Ms Pilapil underwent surgery for her injuries.

Nurses seek security: Mental health unit specialist expects recent death of patient to fast track review [Edited]

IT HAS been one year since patient Jerry Sourian was shot by police in Hornsby Mall – but specialist nurses continue to plead for increased safety and consultation at Hornsby Hospital's mental health unit.

A veteran nurse at Hornsby Hospital has spoken to the *Advocate* about her colleagues' desperate push for more support from NSW Health, following another incident where a patient died last month.

“As a result of the incident last year, nurses called for increased security measures throughout the intensive care unit inside Hornsby's mental health ward,” the nurse said.

From Tim at FunFit, Gordon, who sponsors Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12:

Workshop: Self Defence for Women

Studies have shown that women who've had assertiveness and self defence training are less likely to get attacked, and more likely to get away safely in the event of an attack.

Where: FunFit, 1/786 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Cost: \$40 pp (new) / \$20 (refresher)

Who: Women (and their friends) who want to improve their mental, verbal and physical self defence skills.

When: Thursday, 10th August - 7:00-8:45pm Sign me up!

OR

Sunday, 13th August - 9:00-10:45am Sign me up!

Suite 1 - 786 Pacific Highway - Gordon

(Entry at back - via Moree St)

Tel: 0411 411 289

**Please note Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse a product or service.
Please do your own research.**

7 June, from Ku-Ring-Gai SES

Ku-ring-gai SES Volunteers have been active most of the day responding to many requests for assistants as heavy rain and strong winds continue this evening.. If your property is impacted by the storms and you require emergency assistants please call the SES on 132 500.

7 June, from NSW Government: Elder Abuse

Roughly 5% of people aged 65 years and over have experienced some form of elder abuse. Psychological and financial abuse are the most common reported forms of abuse. Older people have the right to be safe, to be treated well, and to live free from abuse. That's why communities across NSW are being encouraged to speak out against inexcusable abuse inflicted on older people, most commonly by their families. Anyone who witnesses, experiences or suspects elder abuse should call the Elder Abuse Helpline on 1800 628 221. For more information, click [here](#).

7 June, That 'Origin Energy' bill is a scam. Whatever you do, don't open the attachment



A sophisticated scam is being emailed out to Australians under the guise of an

Origin Energy bill.

The scam email looks remarkably similar to a genuine Origin bill, with the same logo, colours, design and layout.

The New Daily has seen a mock bill for \$946.81 emailed to a customer on Tuesday.

For details, click [here](#).

7 June, NSW Alerts

WANTED: [PLEASE SHARE] Police are appealing for help to locate a wanted man on the run in NSW, however have warned the public NOT to approach him.

Photo and Details [here](#).

6 June, 'Can you hear me?' phone scam reaches Australia

Making its way around the globe.

A phone scam that tricks an individual into saying "yes" in order to record their voice to authorise financial charges has made its way to Australia.

The "can you hear me?" scam appears to have first originated in the United States [late last year](#), and grown in frequency throughout that country as well as the UK in 2017.

It begins with a call from a scammer impersonating a representative from a legitimate organisation that may be familiar to the recipient, like a bank or utility.

After the introduction, the scammer asks the recipient whether they can be heard clearly, and then records the consumer's "yes" response in order to obtain a voice signature.

The intention, according to the US Federal Communications Commission, is to use this voice signature to later authorise fraudulent charges by telephone.

"If you receive this type of call, immediately hang up. If you have already responded to this type of call, review all of your statements such as those from your bank, credit card lender, or telephone company for unauthorised charges," the

FCC advised last month [\[pdf\]](#),
Read more [here](#).

6 June, from UK Business Insider: US border officials can now ask visa applicants for their social media history

LONDON — Applying for a US travel visa in the near future? Don't be surprised if you get asked to provide details of your social media accounts.

President Trump has approved plans that will allow US border officials to legally ask US visa applicants to see their social media history, [according to the BBC](#).

A new questionnaire has been introduced that enables border officials to ask visa applicants for their social media usernames going back five years.
Read more [here](#).

6 June, from Tech insider UK: There's a WhatsApp scam going round trying to trick people into 'paying' for the app

There's currently a scam going round that tries to trick its victims into paying for a fake "subscription" to the service.

People on Twitter have reported being targeted are being sent text messages informing them that their subscription has expired, and asks them to pay to reactivate it — but it's a trick.

The text shows up in the target's phone as coming from "WhatsApp," though it's sent via text rather than the WhatsApp app or through any official settings page.

"Your subscription has expired. To verify your account and purchase a lifetime subscription for just 0.99 GBP simply tap on this link," the text reads, followed by a link to a website.

Users who click through are presumably instructed to enter their card details — after which the scammer will have access to their accounts. And they likely to be trying to steal a lot more than the 99p they're asking for.

Your subscription has expired. To verify your account and purchase a lifetime subscription for just 0.99 GBP simply tap on this link <http://bit.ly/2qAgHnh>

17:10

For details, click [here](#).

From NSW Police Force

Officer: Truth or dare?

Driver: Truth

Officer: Were you speeding?

Driver: Dare

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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