



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!").

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23 June, Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force



Hornsby Police News 21/6/2017: Crimes this week in Hornsby include fraud, burglary, indecent exposure and assault

Hornsby Police were called to a variety of crimes this week, including an 87 year old woman who was scammed out of \$10,000, a burglary, indecent exposure on a train and an assault.

Wahroonga: An 87-year-old woman was scammed out of \$10,000 after phone calls from people impersonating Telstra customer service. The victim was called on her home phone about 9am on June 8 by a woman purporting to be from the Melbourne Telstra office. She was told her computer was compromised by a problem with Telstra internet security and in order to fix it she needed to buy 10, \$500 iTunes cards from Woolworths. She was also told to tell staff at Woolworths that the cards are presents for her grandchildren. She was asked to read out the 10 digit codes on the iTunes cards. The next day she was told to purchase more

iTunes cards at different stores. She gave the codes on them to the caller. When she had no calls back to arrange compensation she reported the fraud to police on June 10. Hornsby Police said no utility company or government department will request a purchase of iTunes cards. Police are asking residents to warn elderly people who don't have internet access about this scam.

Berowra: Police are investigating reports of a man who allegedly exposed himself to a woman on a train and then followed her around Berowra early on Wednesday, June 21. A man described as of middle eastern appearance, thin build, about 185cm to 190cm tall, 45-50 years old, in skinny jeans and wearing a cap on backwards. A woman, 41, boarded a train from Hornsby to Berowra about 12.27am and noticed a man staring at her. She left the carriage and he followed. He then sat opposite her, trying to strike up a conversation, before exposing his genitalia. She went to the train guard and told him about the event. The guard spoke to the man. The victim got off at Berowra and saw the man following her. She then met up with her sister and drove home. Hornsby police are reviewing CCTV footage to identify the man.

Hornsby: A 35-year-old man was charged with assault and offensive language after he allegedly abused and assaulted a 51-year-old partially blind resident at a unit complex on Clarinda St between 2am and 3am on Tuesday, June 20. The man had been the subject of ongoing noise complaints at the unit complex. The man set up a fire pit out the front of the complex late on Sunday June 18 and police were allegedly sworn at when they told the group assembled at the fire to be quiet. On Monday night police were called again after the man was allegedly banging on doors and swearing. Between 10.40pm and 11pm a female, 51, approached the man asking him to keep the noise and language down. The man, 35, was allegedly argumentative and swore at police when he was told he would get an offensive language notice. Later that night he approached the victim, 51 and tried to force himself into her unit and alleged put his hands around her throat. She called police who spoke to the man about 1.55am. He was later arrested and charged with assault.

Cowan: A motorbike rider, 23, suffered a suspected broken shoulder after crashing about 11.20am on Sunday, June 18 at the Pacific Hwy near the Pie In Sky cafe. The man was a 250cc Suzuki when he came off a sweeping left-hand bend and lost traction in water on the road. He and the bike skidded across oncoming traffic and came to rest at a rock wall.

Mt Colah: \$10,000 worth of property including a gold bracelet and jewellery was stolen from a home in Jersey St between 7.30am and 7pm Tuesday, June 20. Burglars entered the home from a ground floor rear door that was left unlocked, and ransacked four bedrooms.

22 June, Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force: It's a Fine Line

In this motorcycle safety video, Bret Tkacs of Puget Sound Safety talks about the braking capabilities of motorcycles and why that matters to other vehicles on the road. Most riders believe they can stop faster than other vehicles, when in fact cars have a slight advantage.

See video [here](#).

21 June, from NSW Police Force



Scam Alert! Don't get a shock from this fake Energy Australia bill ⚡ <

Please be aware of scam emails asking customers to view their bill online.

The 'View bill' link is malicious.

If you've received a scam email, please don't click the link, delete immediately.
(Image via MailGuard)

21 June, from NSW Police Force

Please be aware the Telstra scam has reappeared in Ku-ring-gai LAC. The most recent incident occurred in early June with an 87 year female losing a total of \$10,000 to the scammer by way of I tunes card purchases.

The victim was cold called by a female claiming to be from Telstra, Melbourne office advising the victim an 87 year old Wahroonga woman she had a problem with her internet account and that it could be fixed for a fee. The victim was advised to attend a Woolworths store and purchase 10 x \$500 I tunes cards and wait further instructions. If the victim was questioned about the amount of I tunes cards being purchased she was instructed to say they are for presents for her grandchildren. Not being tech savvy or up to speed with frauds the victim attended Woolworths in Hornsby and purchased \$5000 worth of I tunes cards and was indeed questioned by staff about the purchase and responded as instructed. The female called the victim again requesting the code numbers from the cards which she provided. She was again told to go to 2 other Woolworths and do the same which she did (St Ives and Thornleigh). Again the female contacted the victim requesting the card information. The victim soon after attended Hornsby police station and reported the fraud.

Please as a timely reminder Never respond to call calls of this nature, Telstra, the ATO or any other organisation or collection agency will never ask for I tunes cards as payment.

Also please talk to any elderly or vulnerable people in your circle of friends or relatives about this scam and scams in general and educated them.

As we approach the financial year end the scams either by email or phone calls will increase, be aware.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday 12 July: 8.45am - 4.30pm at Gordon Library - Accredited First Aid course for 12-24 year olds. \$90 per person. **Info.**

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.**

24 June, from NSW Police Force

Police are investigating after a hydroponic set up was located in Sydney's northern suburbs yesterday.

About 8.10am (Wednesday 21 June 2017), officers from Ryde Local Area Command executed a search warrant at a residence in North Ryde.

During the search police located, and seized 109 indoor enhanced hydroponic cannabis plants.

Police will allege that the entire property had been converted for the sole purposes of growing cannabis plants.

Inquiries are being made in regards to the tenants of the premises.

Investigators are urging anyone who may have information on the hydroponic set up to contact Ryde Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident 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.

From Hornsby Advocate, 22 June

APPEAL TO KEEP RIDERS SAFE

EMERGENCY services came together last week for a public appeal to improve road safety for motorbike riders with the revelation that more than 220 have died in the last three years.

NSW Ambulance and the NSW Police Force held a joint press conference this week and talked about Hornsby Council's successful Motorcycle Crash Card.

In the last three years, the Northern NSW police region had the highest number of fatalities with 69. Recent incidents include a motorcyclist who died at Carlingford last week after colliding with a truck and last month a learner lost control and died on the Central Coast.

Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, Assistant Commissioner Michael Corboy rides a motorbike and understands the risks.

"The road is there to be shared safely, for the benefit of all road users," he said. "It is those motorcyclists who choose to take risks in speeding, drink or drug riding, not wearing a proper helmet and riding fatigued or distracted that is costing lives."

Motorcycle Paramedic Col Straney, who rides a bike, said many were not acting safely. "A lot of riders are dressed for the office, not for safety," he said. "When they come off their bikes there's no protection for them at all. There's also a lot of responsibility on the motorcyclists ... Don't assume anything."

The Motorcycle Crash Card is a small card you can put in your helmet with all your emergency contact details. Hornsby Council launched it with NSW Ambulance, NSW Police and Fire and Rescue NSW.

Details: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/crashcard

From North Shore Times, 22 June

TURRAMURRA

2 Police are calling for information after a Toyota Rav4 was stolen from Catalpa Cres between 7.30am and 2.45pm on Tuesday. The silver car was parked and secured in the garage before it was stolen. Anyone with information about the theft should phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

NORTH TURRAMURRA

4 A bike worth \$2500 was stolen from the front courtyard of a Normurra Ave home between 3.30pm and 6pm on Sunday. Anyone with information is urged to phone Kuring Gai Police.

WEST PYMBLE

3 An unknown person gained access to a house on Wallalong Cres, through an unlocked back door, and stole a 2015 Mercedes-Benz station wagon, \$300 cash, a wallet, handbag and two rings. The incident happened between 1am and 7am on Tuesday.

Hornsby Station commuter car park closing 3 July

From Monday 3 July 2017 the main Hornsby Station commuter car park at George Street will be closed for approximately eight months to allow construction of the Hornsby Junction Remodelling Project.

Where is free commuter parking available during construction?

Commuter parking is being provided free-of-charge at the Level 4 rooftop Park & Ride area at Westfield Hornsby between Sun and Thurs Monday to Friday (excluding weekends, December and some public holidays).

The smaller commuter car park on George Street and the commuter car parks on Jersey and High Streets remain open.

Why is the car park being closed?

For the safety of staff and customers, the car park will be closed while electrical and rail upgrade works are completed for the Hornsby Junction Remodelling Project. The car park will also be used as a site compound and storage area for materials and equipment.

To complete this work safely, we need to close part of the George Street commuter car park for approximately eight months.

When will the car park be reopened?

Once construction work has been completed in early 2018, the commuter car park will be reopened. Commuter parking at Westfield will remain available, free-of-charge.



For more information call 1800 884 480.

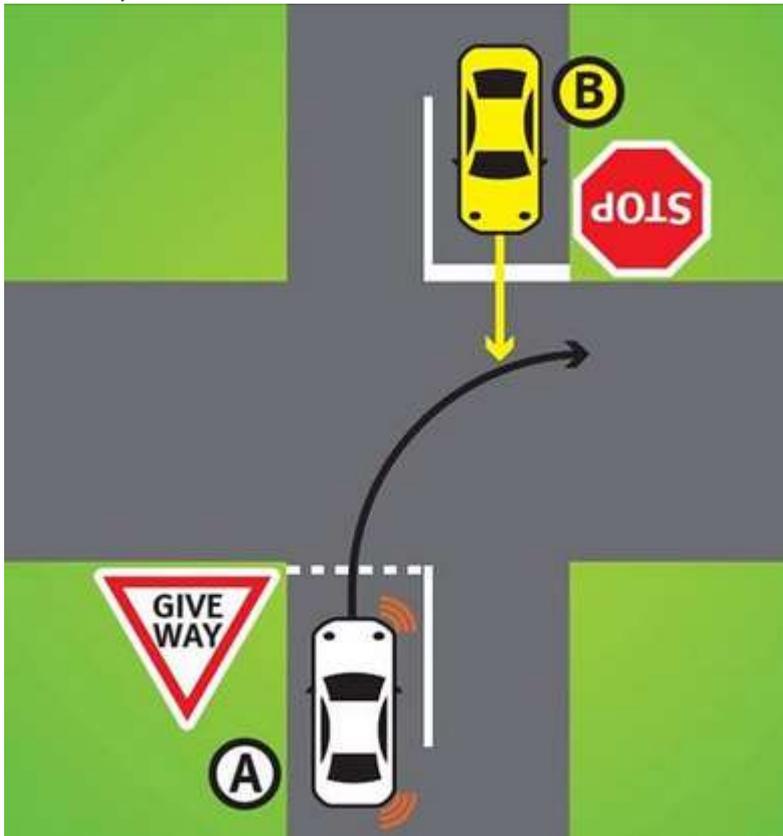
Email project@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/projects.

For urgent enquiries of compliance regarding transport activities, please call 24 hours 1800 775 885.



For more information, click [here](#). Watch video [here](#).

22 June, from The NRMA



TEST TIME: Which vehicle must give way?

Vehicle A

Vehicle B

TEST ANSWER: Vehicle A must give way to vehicle B. Vehicles A and B are facing stop and give way signs; when two drivers face each other at stop or give way signs at an intersection they must give way to all other vehicles entering or approaching the intersection then apply the give way rules to each other. Vehicle A must then give way to vehicle B, as it is turning across vehicle B's path.

21 June, from NSW Police Force



Officers noticed this radar detector on the dashboard of a vehicle stopped at an RBT. The driver was issued a \$1696 (9 demerit points) fine for "Stand/drive motor vehicle with speed measuring evasion article fitted".

He didn't see it coming.

21 June, from Choice

The ACCC is taking Thermomix in Australia to Federal Court following CHOICE's campaign and mass incident report. Details [here](#).

The regulator alleges Thermomix strong-armed customers into signing non-disclosure agreements, failed to report injuries in time and denied known safety issues.

20 June, from The Age: Victoria's new 40km/h law for all drivers

Starting July 1, drivers will have to slow down when passing an emergency vehicle parked on the side of the road, or face a \$277 fine.

For details, click [here](#).

20 June, from Family Zone Cyber Safety: It's your right as a parent': a view on digital parenting from ex undercover policeman Brett Lee

Do teenagers deserve privacy online? A former cybercrimes detective shares his view.

At Family Zone, we often hear feedback from parents saying that they're apprehensive to monitor what their teenager is doing online as they fear it's a breach of their child's right to privacy. After discussing this feedback with Cyber Expert and ex QLD police officer Brett Lee from Internet Safe Education, he has a much different opinion.

For details, click [here](#).

Do you know residents in the mentioned areas who may be interested?

Neighborhood Watch.

Are you interested in participating in local NHW groups? These groups need enthusiastic volunteers who care for their neighborhood to assist in spreading the crime prevention message.

North Shore LAC is currently assisting NHW coordinators in a membership drive.

We currently have af NHW community Coordinators in Linley Point and Lane Cove. They would like more participants.

North Shore LAC would love to have more groups in Lindfield/Roseville, Willoughby, Chatswood, Northbridge, Naremburn and Greenwich. We are also open to any others in our patrol.

If you are interested in participating contact us via email on

NSLACNHW@police.nsw.gov.au

and we will forward your contact information.

Crime Stats for April - Wahroonga

INC_CATEGORY	FURTHER_CLASS	ADDRESS	STAF
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	FOX VALLEY RD	01-04
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	WATER ST	02-04
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM	PENNANT HILLS RD && AARON PL	22-04
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	REDLEAF AVE	10-04
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	MOONA PDE	11-04
FIRE	OTHER COMMODITY	WARWILLA AVE	27-04
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	REDLEAF AVE && RAILWAY AVE	06-04
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	MOUNT PLEASANT AVE	10-04
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	BURNS RD	13-04
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	MOONA PDE	11-04
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	YANILLA AVE	13-04
SCHOOL INSPECTION	EXTERNAL PATROL	BILLYARD AVE	27-04
SCHOOL INSPECTION	EXTERNAL PATROL	WOODVILLE AVE	20-04
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	CARDEN AVE && INGRAM RD	02-04
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	KING RD	08-04

STEALING	OTHER STEAL	MYRA ST	09-04
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	JUNCTION RD	15-04
STEALING	STEAL DOMESTIC ANIMAL OR BIRD	GROSVENOR ST	15-04
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	NERINGAH AVE SOUTH && PACIFIC HWY	25-04
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	MUNDERAH ST	30-04
STREET OFFENCE	OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE	REDLEAF AVE && RAILWAY AVE	06-04

Crime Stats for April - Waitara

INC_CATEGORY	FURTHER_CLASS	ADDRESS	START_DAT
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL	ALEXANDRIA PDE	28-04-17
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	ALEXANDRIA PDE	28-04-17
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	ALEXANDRIA PDE	27-04-17
BUSINESS INSPECTION	LICENSED PREMISES	ALEXANDRIA PDE	25-04-17
BUSINESS INSPECTION	LICENSED PREMISES	PACIFIC HWY	25-04-17
BUSINESS INSPECTION	LICENSED PREMISES	PACIFIC HWY	29-04-17
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	ALEXANDRIA PDE	09-04-17
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	MCAULEY PL	09-04-17
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	ROMSEY ST	01-04-17
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	PALMERSTON RD	01-04-17
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	ORARA ST	08-04-17
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	ORARA ST	16-04-17
STEALING	STEAL FROM DWELLING	PARK AVE	22-04-17
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	ORARA ST	25-04-17
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	ORARA ST	25-04-17
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	ORARA ST	23-04-17
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	ORARA ST	23-04-17
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	PACIFIC HWY	25-04-17
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	LEONARD ST	30-04-17
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	LEONARD ST	30-04-17

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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