



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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3 July, from Carrum Downs Fire Brigade

Research has revealed that 53% of children charge their phone or tablet either on their bed or under their pillow. This can be extremely dangerous. The heat generated cannot dissipate and the charger will become hotter and hotter. The likely result is that the pillow/bed will catch fire –placing the child (as well as everyone else in the property) in great danger.

Think....where do you & your family charge your mobile phone?

3 July, from the Daily telegraph

A cyclist hater has been sentenced to eight years' jail after he killed a Sydney pushbike rider and father-of-three while on bail and a good behaviour bond for a string of other crimes.

Details [here](#).

3 July, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Planning a party?

You should register your party with police by completing the Party Registration Form online [here](#).

30 June, from NSW Rural Fire Service

It is going to be freezing over the next few nights. So please ensure that you test your smoke alarms tonight and remember the heater-metre rule – always keep flammable materials at least one metre away from heaters and fireplaces. Stay warm.

29 June, from Penrith LAC - NSW Police Force

BUNNINGS Gift Card Scam Warning

Bunnings is in no way associated with any of the above activities and do not use social media for any offers or promotions. Bunnings will also never ask for personal

or banking details in unsolicited communications.

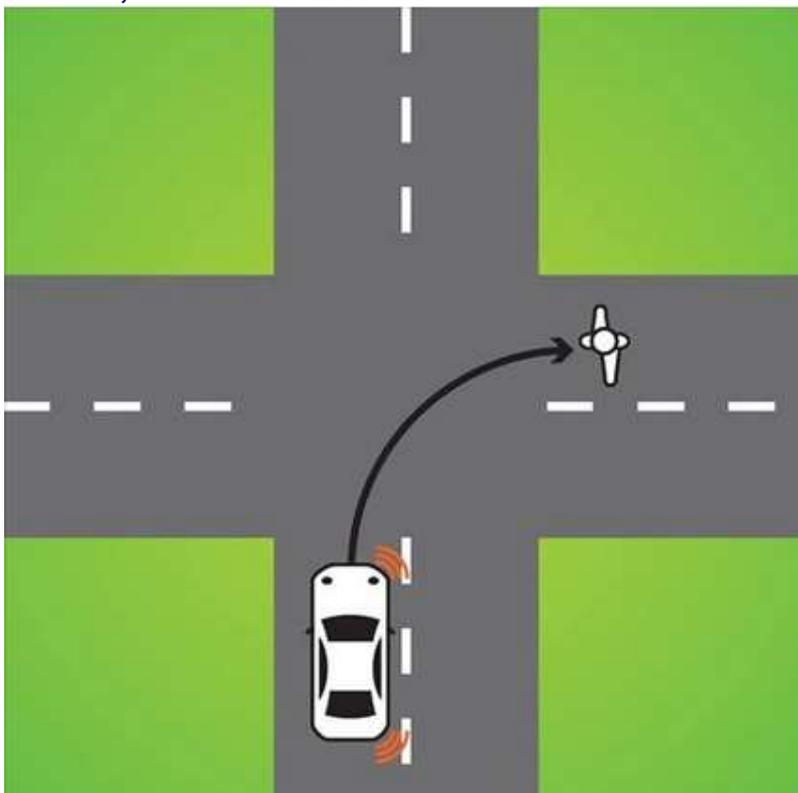
Bunnings is reporting all scams to the ACCC's SCAM Watch and is encouraging customers to help eliminate these scams and protect others by also reporting your experience to the ACCC.

28 June, from 9 News Sydney

LIVE NOW: Police are addressing the media after a series of simultaneous raids this morning broke up a NSW-based drug ring and seized a haul of ephedrine.

More Details [here](#)

28 June, From the NRMA



TEST TIME: Who must give way?

- a) The vehicle
- b) The pedestrian

TEST TIME ANSWER: In this scenario, the vehicle must give way to the pedestrian. If a driver is turning left or right at an intersection, the driver must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road the driver is entering. This applies to intersections with and without traffic lights.

27 June, from NSW Road Safety

Our target is to reduce road fatalities and serious injuries by 30% by 2021. Watch video [here](#).

We want you to give us your view on what should be the priorities for a new road safety plan.

Have your say and complete the survey and online forum [here](#).

27 June, NSW Road Safety

Do you know when you can and cannot make a U-turn. Check [here](#).

26 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Know someone that steals stuff from cars? Don't let them get away with it!

Report online [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7).

26 June, from the Daily telegraph: Police teach hard lesson to rogue parent drivers

POLICE caught more than 40 parents breaking the law outside five schools on Thursday, putting schoolchildren's lives at risk.

Police caught 33 parents in No Parking zones, six in No Stopping zones and several doing U-turns across double lines and using mobile phones while driving.

Officers made no apologies for their crackdown, with 72 schools on the northern

beaches saying the safety of children is paramount.

For details, click [here](#).

26 June, from NSW Police Force

NSW Police Force has joined the National Firearms Amnesty aimed at reducing the number of unregistered and unwanted firearms in Australia.

Anyone with an unregistered firearm or firearm-related item in their possession will have the chance to legally dispose, or register it without penalty between 1 July and 30 September 2017.

Deputy Commissioner Regional NSW Field Operations Gary Worboys said gun theft is a major concern for NSW Police, particularly in regional areas.

“NSW Police is committed to stopping firearms falling into the hands of criminals,” Deputy Commissioner Worboys said.

“Too many firearms are not stored securely, making them an easy target for thieves to steal multiple firearms during break-and-enters, particularly at rural properties.”

Police are also reminding firearm licence holders of their legal responsibility and encouraging owners to keep firearms at their primary residence, opposed to locations infrequently habited.

Firearms and firearm-related items can be surrendered under amnesty arrangements at approved drop-off points, which include licensed firearm dealers, mobile stations, and police stations.

Under no circumstances should loaded firearms be taken into public places – including police stations.

Anyone with concerns about handling firearms or safely transporting them, can contact the NSW Police Force Firearms Registry for assistance.

For more information, click [here](#) or call 1800 909 826.



Neighbourhood Watch *Creating Safer Communities*

Dates for the Diary:

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.**

From NRMA: How far can I drive on space saver tyres?

- Space saver tyres can go far enough to get most drivers home or to the mechanic
- You can typically drive a few hundred kilometres on a space saver tyre, depending on the brand and type
- Space saver tyres are usually limited to a speed of 80km/h
- Space saver tyres don't grip the road as well as normal tyres, which reduces steering and stopping ability

Click [here](#) for more information.

From Hornsby Advocate, 29 June

Large majority of people charged for burglary live out of area [Edited]. for details click [here](#).

LESS than four per cent of people charged with breaking into homes in Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai since 2011 live in the area, new data reveals.

Analysis by the *Advocate* found thieves struck 3714 times between 2011 and March 2017, with some suburbs hit more often than others.

The top suburbs for home invasions are Hornsby (572 break-ins), Wahroonga (508), West Pennant Hills (404), Turramurra (386) and Cherrybrook (343).

HORNSBY / KU-RING-GAI

'Don't be complacent'

DESPITE Ku-ring-gai having the lowest crime rate in Sydney adjusted for population, and Hornsby recording the fourth-lowest ratio of crime in the state, the latest crime figures are no reason to become complacent, police say.

Ku-ring-gai had about a third of the average number of crime reports during the year to March 2017 and Hornsby had the fourth-lowest ratio of crime reports in Sydney across the 14 major crime categories.

But assault and break-ins are on the rise in Hornsby.

Crimes most commonly recorded in the area are fraud and malicious damage, including graffiti.

Fraud is a category where a handbag or wallet taken during a break-in or stolen from a car may be used at

Tap and Go outlets and the thief may not be from our area, Hornsby Senior Constable Paul Cleary said.

"We do get the occasional online fraud that goes to the state crime command and it is logged from their head office but the victim in Wahroonga might have been hit by a scam originating from England or Europe ... it is recorded for us as the victims are here," he said.

"Also we encompass the train yards and we get the numbers for the graffiti tags on train carriages.

"If crime is up, people need to do a security audit and harden their security but if the figures are down, I'd say don't get complacent as crooks have no boundaries.

"If they are not here today they will travel if they find an area is a soft target."

\$2M SIGNS OF THINGS TO COME

Nigel Gladstone

MORE than \$2 million worth of electronic message signs are set to light up the roads around Hornsby to inform drivers about traffic conditions.

Signs are going up on the Pacific Highway at Waitara, on the corner of Carden Ave; near 700 Pennant Hills Rd; Castle Hill Rd, West Pennant Hills; Beecroft Rd at Albert Ave and Carlingford Rd at Epping.

The signs are expected to be switched on between August and September.

Some lane closures around the sites are expected during installations.

A Roads and Maritime Services spokesman said the signs were "installed before key journey decision points" to inform people about "journey times and conditions as they travel, expected heavy traffic during planned roadwork or major events such as sports and music

performances and approved road safety messaging".

"This allows motorists to make more informed decisions about their route and can improve travel times by giving them the most up-to-date information at the right point on the network so they can avoid delays," he said.

"They are programmed by the Transport Management Centre, which manages and monitors the road network 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

"The installation of an electronic message on a main road, which has three lanes, typically costs around \$500,000, dependent on site conditions such as the type of soil, geometry of the road location and availability of nearby power and telecommunications connections."

There are about 800 permanent electronic message signs in NSW, with 21 signs brought online this financial year.

MT COLAH

1 A 40-year-old Mt Colah resident reported losing \$48,000 to an online money transfer scam this month. In September 2016, the victim was tricked into helping shift money from one account to another by a man who claimed to live in Los Angeles, in the US. The alleged scammer asked for money to complete a work project and the victim sent it in three transactions. The report is being investigated and police urge anyone who has been tricked or suspects a fraud scheme to visit scamwatch.gov.au.

HORNSBY

2 A woman had her bag, containing a Toshiba laptop, \$100 cash and credit cards, snatched on Albert St on Friday, June 23, at 10.45pm. A man described as caucasian, about 165cm tall, with a thin build, and wearing a blue hoodie and jeans, grabbed her bag as he ran past and she chased him and screamed for help. He was last seen turning left into Linda St, about 10.50pm. Police will review CCTV systems in the area.

HORNSBY

3 A robber in Aldi Westfield allegedly hit a store attendant with a bottle of bourbon that was hidden in his pants between 5.45pm and 6pm on Sunday, June 25. Hornsby police allege a 20-year-old man allegedly put a Jim Beam bottle down his pants and as he walked to the cash register, he was approached by a shop assistant who asked him to remove the bottle. As he did so he allegedly swung the bottle at the assistant, hitting her left arm. The man then allegedly fled the complex. Police were called and reviewed CCTV footage. They said the footage identified a man known to police.

HORNSBY

7 Tools worth \$4200, including generators, were stolen from a ute parked on Bridge Rd between 5pm on Saturday, June 24, and 6am on Sunday, June 25. The Hilux ute's rear window was smashed.

HORNSBY

8 Vandals did \$1000 worth of damage to the windows of an education business on Bridge St, with what police believe was a slingshot, using ball bearings, between 5pm on Friday, June 23, and 9am on Monday, June 26.

TURRAMURRA

5 An unattended pot that started smoking on a stove gave residents of Pentecost Ave home a reason to call the fire brigade about 3.30pm on Thursday, June 15. It appears the resident started cooking with a pot of bones and left home. Smoke was coming out of the house about 3.50pm, and the fire brigade arrived.

WESTLEIGH

6 A car, wallet, handbag and car keys were stolen from a home in Duneba Drive between 10pm on Friday, June 23, and 11am on Saturday, June 24. The thieves took a Mitsubishi 380 sedan, worth about \$7000, during the night, after robbing the home on Friday. The residents may have left the front door unlocked and after going for a walk, returned to find a wallet, handbag and keys missing. The handbag was found at the side of the house and the wallet was also found intact. The car was still there about midnight, but taken later after the initial break-in.

From the North Shore Times, 29 June

WAHROONGA

DRIVER CRUSHED BY SEMI- TRAILER



A TRUCK driver remains in a critical condition after being crushed by a semi-trailer about 5am on Tuesday at Wahroonga.

Police confirmed the man in his 60s was inspecting the brakes of the rig at the entrance to the M1 Pacific Motorway when it rolled on to him, crushing his legs.

The driver was treated at the scene by emergency services and was transported to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition.

NSW Police are urging witnesses of the incident to contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or Crimestoppers, 1800 333 000. Investigators continue.

WEST PYMBLE

1 Police were called several times on June 17 about a party at a vacant house due for demolition on Kooloona Cres. About 80-110 people were at the party, according to police, who were called about 8pm and attended about 10.20pm. Partygoers were allegedly spoken to and asked to "reduce the noise" and complied.

Serial conwoman Samantha Azzopardi facing 10 years in jail for fraud after latest sex trafficking lie

SERIAL NSW conwoman who has duped authorities in three countries with a child sex trafficking lie is facing up to 10 years in jail for fraud, after posing as a teenage foster child.

Samantha Azzopardi, 28, faced a Sydney court on Wednesday charged over a scam in which she posed as a 13-year-old schoolgirl named Harper Hart.

She received nearly \$20,000 worth of services from the NSW government and charities after telling authorities she was a sex trafficking victim when she turned

up at a Hornsby school, north of Sydney.

For details, click [here](#).

From Kuring Gai Council Join the challenge - Plastic Free July

We are encouraging residents to reduce their use of single-use disposable plastic during July. Whether you opt to remove all single-use plastic items from your life, or just the top 4 (straws, bottles, bags and coffee cups), you'll be joining over one million people from 130 countries in making a difference.

For details, click [here](#).

Ku-ring-gai Council steps up fire safety inspections for new apartment buildings

In the wake of recent fire tragedies affecting apartment buildings, the Council will audit cladding used in unit blocks constructed since 2005.

Read more [here](#).

From Hornsby Shire Council

A minute on your lips, a lifetime in our tips! Every 30 minutes, 50,000 coffee cups are thrown out (Planet Ark, 2017). Hornsby Library and Pennant Hills Library are giving away FREE reusable coffee cups. Grab yours today!

Important Update: Australians need to apply latest software updates to protect against new global ransomware campaign

For details, click [here](#).

Nurse Is Urging Every iPhone User To Make A Simple Change To Their Settings Right Now

We often think of our smartphones in a negative light. They take up our time and attention, keep our focus on social media and distract us from what is really going

on in the world.

But one brilliant nurse is sharing the news about a vital feature on our iPhones that can help medical staff treat you in a life-or-death emergency.....

Read more [here](#).

Interesting! Ever wondered what all the antennas on the Highway Patrol cars are used for?



28 June, from NSW Police Force and Cybercrime Squad

Looking for tips to help spot fake dating profiles? Have a look at this fact sheet prepared by scamwatch.gov.au

Pictures can be sourced from anywhere - do a Google image search to check

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Incorrect Male

Details don't match with photo

Age	29	Smoking	Non-smoker
Location	Canberra, QLD	Smoking	Social drinker
Marital status	Single	Food	Non-vegetarian
Children	0	Religion	Christian
Height	5'11" (180cm)	Occupation	Accounting
Body type	Athletic	Education	Bachelor's degree
Eye colour	Brown	Languages	English, Fluent
Ethnicity	White-Australian	Star sign	Capricorn

Seeking relationships
Active partner, Sweet partner, Friends-who, Short term, Long term, Marriage

Looking for a partner
I am looking for a honest caring man who can treat his woman as a Queen

Gender	Male
Age	From 40 to 55
Marital status	Not important
Children	Not important
Height	Not important
Body type	Not important
Ethnicity	Not important
Smoking	Not important
Drinking	Not important
Food	Not important
Religion	Not important
Education	Not important

Profile lists her age as 29 yet seeking only older men

Keeps all options open allowing for highest level of interest

Personal message
I am single lovely person... Also the person who like to have alot of fun, that is going to the beach, movie dates and also likes to travel.
Besides that I always like to be happy person, we shall see...

Things I enjoy
Sport
Beach, Biking, Motor racing, Fishing
Entertainment/Leisure
Chat, Dancing, Music, Clubs, Parties, Singing
Interests
Cooking, Photography, Travel
Favorite music
Blues, Singsat, Hip hop, R&B, Rock, Soul
Favorite food
Australian, Nigerian, Thai
Favorite movie genre
Action, Adventure, Comedy, Drama
Favorite movie
Mexican

English is very poor for a university educated, fluent English speaker

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Laugh or Croak



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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