



Ku-ring-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 - Ku-ring-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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24 July, from Ku-ring-gai Police LAC: Here's some crime and incident stats from the weekend.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs	Fraud
Suburb							
ARCADIA							
ASQUITH							
BERGINRA							
BOBBIN HEAD							
BROOKLYN				1 (Boat)			
COWAN					1		
GALSTON		1	1				
GORDON		2	1		1		
HORNSBY			1		1		
HORNSBY HEIGHTS							
KILLARA	1						
MT COLAH			1				
MT KURING GAI					1		
NORMANHURST		1					
PYMBLE			1				
ST IVES		1					
THORNLEIGH		2			1		
TURRAMURRA		1					
WAHROONGA							
WAITARA		1					
WARRAWEE							
WEST PYMBLE							
WESTLEIGH							
Date range	21 July to 24 July						
	small fire Pymble P/S						
	small fire Turramurra						
	small fire Wahroonga						

Brooklyn: Steal from Motor Vehicle (Boat)

Cowan: Steal from Motor Vehicle

Galston: Malicious Damage, Stealing

Gordon: 2 x Malicious Damage, Stealing, Steal from Motor Vehicle

Hornsby: Stealing, Steal from Motor Vehicle

Killara: Break & Enter

Mt Colah: Malicious Damage

Mt Kuring-gai: Steal from Motor Vehicle

Normanhurst: Malicious Damage

Pymble: Stealing, small fire Pymble Public School

St Ives: Malicious Damage

Thornleigh: 2 x Malicious Damage, Steal from Motor Vehicle

Turramurra: Malicious Damage, small fire

Wahroonga: small fire

Waitara: Malicious Damage

22 July, from PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai: *WE ARE SO CLOSE TO OPENING*****

The club is getting so close to opening we are getting very excited. We hope you can be apart of it. Register to keep up to date with opening details and specials [here](#).

19 July, from Northern Beaches command: LIFE IS A TEAM GAME. ELDERLY COUPLE FOUND DECEASED IN PALM BEACH [edited]

A fiercely independent elderly couple have been found dead in their home at Palm Beach earlier today. Both in their eighties, the husband was the carer for his life long partner who was blind and had other disabilities. The couple consistently refused aged care assistance and medical support but were coping with their challenges. Closest next of kin lived overseas.

Although yet to be confirmed by autopsies, we believe the husband has passed away naturally, unfortunately leaving the wife with no means of support. She has subsequently died due to a lack of care.

[Full Post here.](#)

19 July, from NSW Road Safety: School kids might seem independent, but they still need a hand.

Always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop and when crossing the road until they are at least 10.



18 July, from Safely Home by Western Cape Government: People can't even text and walk, so why do they text and drive?



Western Cape Government Safely Home #ItCanWait

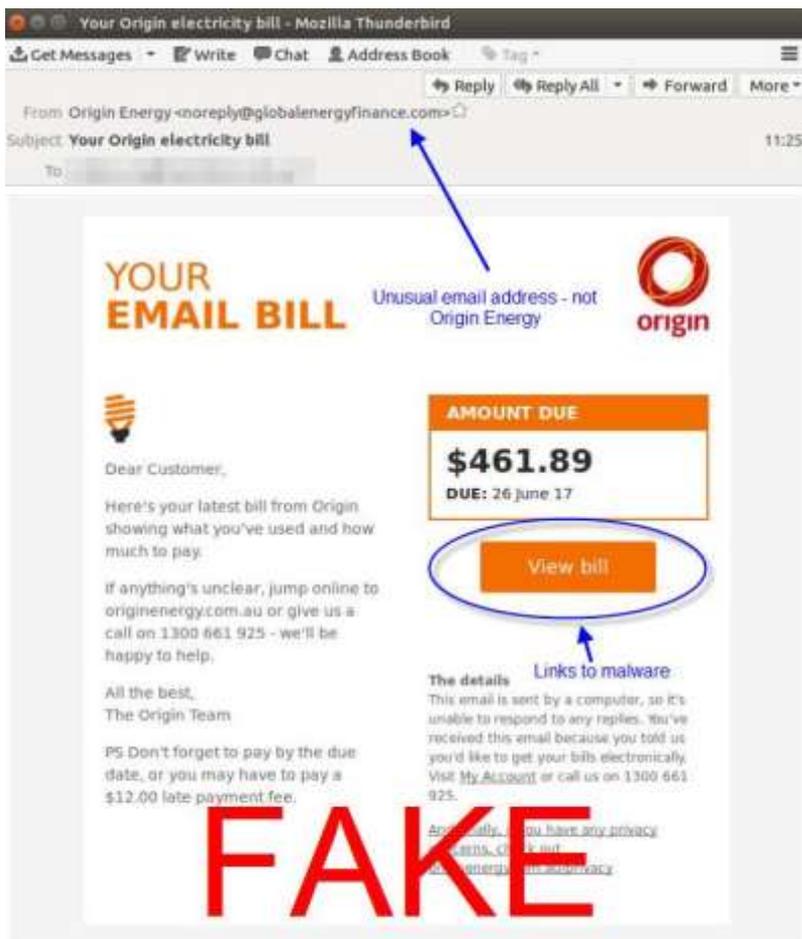
This commercial is part of the Western Cape Government's Safely Home initiative.

[Watch video advert here.](#)

18 July, from NSW Police Force: Scam Alert! Don't let fake Origin Energy bill shock you ⚡

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)



18 July, from NSW Police Force: Police will prepare a report for the Coroner following a fatal house fire in St Ives yesterday.

About 6.45pm (Monday 17 July 2017) emergency services were called to a home on Blackburn Street following reports of a house fire. On arrival officers located the home engulfed in smoke and flames. NSW Fire & Rescue officers extinguished the blaze and conducted a search of the home. The body of a man, believed to be the 81-year-old occupant, was located inside the premises. A crime scene has been established at the home while investigators conduct further inquiries into the cause of the fire.

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.

17 July, from 7 News Sydney: Police have arrested a man over the alleged sexual assaults of a teenage girl in Hornsby Heights.

Police say they met via the MeetMe app.



Berowra Woodchop Festival on Sunday 13 August @ Berowra Village Tavern, 10am-5pm.

Come along and meet your local Police from Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command, based at Hornsby Police station. They will be holding a Crime Prevention stall at this year's Berowra Woodchop Festival, with the help of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) volunteers. Hopefully the Police command vehicle will be there (assuming no incidents), which makes a great photo backdrop for the kids and big kids alike.

Maybe you'd like to volunteer at the stall? It is a fun event to participate at, with many other community stalls there, as well as crafts and produce. We make up and gave away NHW goodie bags, along with the offer of free Car Rego Plate Locking Screws - yes, we have a supply again! Make sure you get some for yourself, or [email us your vehicle make and model here](#).

[Email Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai command here](#) for more info, or to volunteer.



Pictured: Volunteers Tony and Zoya

24 July, from North Shore Times: More than 100 teenagers were moved along from Fern St and Grandview St in Pymble on Saturday night after a party was gate crashed.

More than 100 teenagers were issued move-on notices on Saturday night after police were called to an out of control party in Pymble. Officers attended the intersection of Fern St and Grandview St near Mona Vale Rd around 7.45pm after reports there were people blocking the road. The teenagers, most around 16 years old according to police, were in the area to attend a birthday party which was shut down after it was allegedly gate crashed. While many of the teenagers left the area, police were again called to Pymble hours later and issued a further 50 move-on notices to teenagers who had made their way to a local park.

[Party Safety Tips here.](#)

[Register your Party here.](#)

[Link to this NST article here.](#)

From ZDNet, 18 July: This scary Android malware can record audio, video and steal your data

Researchers have discovered malware which creates a backdoor into devices, allowing attackers to steal data, record audio and video -- and even potentially deploy ransomware.

[Full article here.](#)

From William Henry Prince: CHILD GROOMING & ABDUCTION – A TRUE STORY.

Jim decided to share the story of how his daughter was groomed and abducted by paedophiles, in order to help other children and parents.

[Full Blog here.](#)

From Bay93.9 23 July: Cops in cabs as local police go undercover

Not in our state yet, but you never know.



Police will try a sneaky new approach to going undercover, posing as taxi drivers to catch people who see cabbies as soft targets.

[See full article here.](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 30 July to Saturday 05 August: National Missing Persons Week

Monday 31 July: Parent Forum - how to navigate the different services that support adolescents. 630-830pm @ Council Chambers, Gordon. **Ph: 9424 0837.**

Thursday 03 August: PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Learner Driver Program. **Ph: 9477 2310.**

Thursday 03 August: 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc) 'All Areas' NHW meeting. Everyone welcome. Bring an issue or an idea. [Info.](#)

Sunday 13 August: Berowra Woodchop Festival @ Berowra Village Tavern, 10am-5pm. Police command bus and joint Police/NHW crime prevention stall

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.**

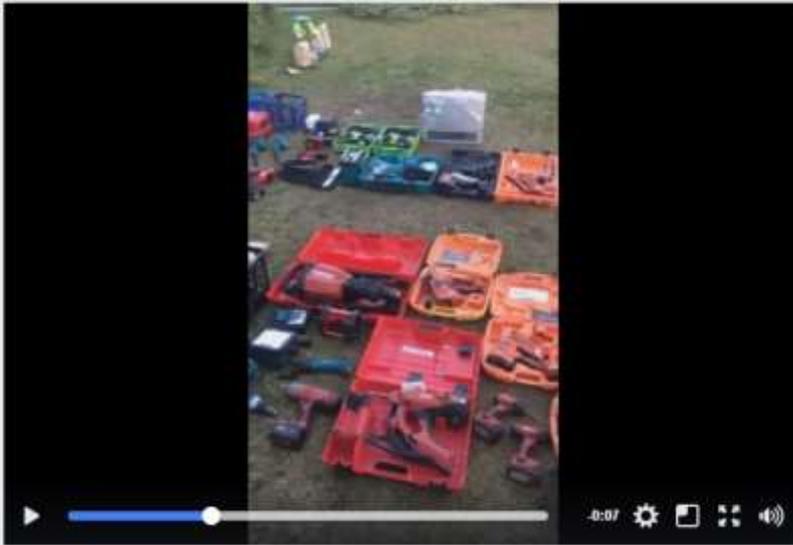
15 March to 14 September 2017: Commercial Explosives Amnesty

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.**

21 July, from NSW Police: An estimated \$80,000 worth of power tools has been recovered during a search warrant that was executed at a home in Sadleir last week. [edited]

Officers from North West Metropolitan Region (Operation Countdown) searched the Bobin Road home where they located a large number of tools including; drills, impact drivers, nail and gas guns, a jackhammer, power saws, grinders, generators, and a large quantity of other trade quality power tools. Brands included Hilti, Makita, Paslode and Milwaukee. There were also tools such as Imex brand rotating laser levels used in commercial construction work and a Rothenberger Romax press crimper.



[Watch video & read Media Release about power tools recovered here.](#)

From The Independent: WhatsApp's new file-sharing feature could expose users to MalWare.

It only takes a momentary lapse of attention to download a dodgy file and infect your phone. Cyber criminals may try to take advantage of the update by spreading infected materials through the app.

[Full article here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate, 20 July: Two policemen and three other people have been injured after a crash in Dural

[Full article here.](#)

From NSW Maritime, 20 July: Thanks to [Service NSW](#), you can now access your boat driving licence and vessel registration on your smartphone.

Download the Service NSW app to jump on the digital bandwagon. [Click here for info on the App.](#)

From our neighbouring North Shore command, 18 July: Chatswood Westfield, 11.40am, Friday 19th May 2017

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the person depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident at Chatswood Westfield. If you know this person please call **Chatswood Police 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000**. Officers from the Fashion Police would also like to speak with him. **Ref.# E 62864610**.

Please note: Images could be unidentified victims, potential witnesses or alleged offenders.



From ACCC: Protect Yourself from Scams - How to spot a fake

[Clues for spotting fake documents](#)

[Clues for spotting a fake email](#)

Clues for spotting fake dating profiles

Tip: Do an image search of your admirer to help determine if they really are who they say they are. You can use image search services such as Google or TinEye.

Full information from ACCC, [click here](#).

From the Hornsby Advocate, 20 July: streetwatch

BEROWRA A man, 39, was fined for having knives in his car about 5pm on Saturday, July 15, after police stopped his car on the Pacific Highway, near Berowra Waters Rd. Police were patrolling Berowra, when they stopped a Holden Commodore due to its manner of driving. Police breath tested the driver, which returned a negative result, and then drug tested the man, who allegedly made admissions to smoking “five cones” the night before. Police searched the vehicle and found four knives – two small folding knives in the centre console and two hunting knives in the boot. The man was issued with a criminal infringement notice for custody of a knife in a public place and the knives were confiscated. He can have them returned if he shows good reason for carrying them.

DURAL A homeowner was fined for having a fire without a permit on a property at San Remo Place about 11.15am on Thursday, July 6. The Rural Fire Service alleged about 9sq m of bushland on a property there was deliberately lit.

WAHROONGA A termite’s nest was lit in bushland near Coonanbarra Rd between 4.30pm and 5pm on Friday, July 14. Three boys were playing in bush behind a house and decided to stir up a termite’s nest that was attached to an old tree. One boy used WD-40 on a rag to try to smoke the termites out and it caught fire. The boys then tried to throw rocks on the fire to put it out and police and the fire brigade attended to put out the fire. The kids were spoken to and apologised.

NORTH TURRAMURRA A group of men stole a silver tinnie from Cackle Creek at Bobbin Head between 4pm on Thursday, July 13, and 10am on Friday July 14. The boat was moored and secured by two chains and padlocks. Witnesses said about four or five caucasian males walked on to the pontoon with bolt cutters and took the vessel out of the water, then lifted the tinnie on to a trailer and drove off.

BEROWRA A grey box trailer parked on the footpath with a tow-ball lock on

Eastern Rd was stolen between 9.30pm on Thursday, July 13, and 7.45am on Friday, July 14.

MIDDLE DURAL Thieves broke into a house at Middle Dural sometime on Saturday morning. They forced open a door and stole a quantity of jewellery. The 81-year-old owner was not at home at the time. Witnesses should phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

ASQUITH Police were called to a fire at Mills Park about 7pm on Sunday, July 16. Police saw a group of youths walking nearby and noticed a number of logs and plastic burning at the rear of the park, near the seating area. Investigations are continuing.

CHILD SEX ASSAULT ARREST: A CHATSWOOD man has been charged over the alleged sexual assault a young girl at a Hornsby Heights oval two years ago. A NSW Police spokeswoman said detectives from the State Crime Command's Child Abuse Squad commenced an investigation after receiving information a young girl was sexually assaulted by a man she met online. "Following an appeal to the community... a 37-year-old man attended Chatswood Police Station about 1.40pm, where he was arrested by Child Abuse Squad detectives," the spokeswoman said on Monday. The 37-year-old man was charged with 12 counts of sexual intercourse with person aged 14 to 16 and nine counts of engaging in acts of child prostitution, according to NSW Police. The man was refused bail and was set to appear in Hornsby Local Court on Tuesday. Child Abuse Squad Commander, Acting Superintendent Peter Yeomans, thanked the community for their ongoing assistance and support with the case.

Anyone with concerns about suspected child abuse or exploitation can contact the **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page, nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/.

From the North Shore Times, 20 July:

streetwatch [More on page 15, click here.](#)

PYMBLE A Quakers Hill man was arrested and refused bail after his vehicle was found with stolen property from a house on Crown Rd. The house was broken into between 10.30pm on Saturday and 7.30am on Sunday via a roller door. He

allegedly accessed the study area and stole a laptop, wallets and mobile phone. The phone had the Find My Phone app, helping police locate the vehicle. The man will face Downing Centre Court on August 29.

GORDON Police are urging people to ensure they collect mail daily and have a good lock on their mailboxes after a woman on Park Rd complained of repeated mail thefts which started around April. The woman allegedly had credit cards, gift cards and personal information stolen.

TURRAMURRA A high-pressure cleaner worth \$2800 was stolen from a building site on Pacific Highway. The item was stolen between the hours of 3pm July 18 and 7am July 19 after someone moved an excavator bucket to access the washer. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Kuring Gai Police on 9476 9799.

FATAL FIRE St Ives blaze: Eighty-year-old re-entered burning house, according to police

AN 80-year-old, described by neighbours as “a lovely man” has died after a blaze at his Blackburn St house in St Ives. According to police, Peter Zografos re-entered his house apparently unaware that the building was aflame. Firefighters were unable to rescue him and he died at the scene. [More on page 07, click here.](#)

East Killara: Order of Australia medal stolen - Paralympian pleads for return of treasured award

PARALYMPIAN Tiffany Thomas-Kane’s Order of Australia medal was stolen from her grandmother’s house on Tuesday. Between 10.30am and noon, the unknown robbers broke into the East Killara home, completely ransacking the main bedroom. Tiffany’s mother Lee said the thieves cleared out the safe, where the medal and a necklace were stored. They also pocketed the rest of the family’s jewellery. [More on page 09, click here.](#)

WHILE Hornsby residents recently celebrated a win when Westfield agreed to introduce wheel-locks to their trolleys, others across the north shore say they have had a gut-full. The issue is getting worse according to Killara resident Michael Richardson, who spotted a letter from a clearly-frustrated neighbour taped to an abandoned Coles trolley in his street. The letter, which labelled those who steal and abandon trolleys “selfish parasites”, claimed the abandoned metal trolleys were “f---ing up” the suburbs. “There are clearly some people out there who are very frustrated,” Mr Richardson said. [More on page 20, click here.](#)

Do you know that the PCYC runs Police programs?

"Programs have to incorporate education relevant to the crime category on which the officers are focusing. An example of that would be a break and enter program: the education component could include a presentation from insurance companies on the impact of break and enters, a presentation from a victim, and discussion on crime statistics and dealing with the volume of what's occurring in that area to help educate young people on the impact of their actions."

[Click here for more info.](#)

A big welcome to three of our newest recruits Flash, Hagan and Romy who have just completed their 12 week training course



Thanks to NSW Police Force

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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