



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!").

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13 August, NSW Road Safety



Mobile Drug Testing can occur anywhere, anytime and ANY police car could be an MDT unit.

11 August, Live Traffic NSW



See video [here](#).

11 August, NSW Road Safety

A driver turning left or right at an intersection must give way to a pedestrian crossing the road.

However, pedestrians should keep safe by obeying traffic lights, using available crossings, making eye contact with drivers before stepping out on to the road and not being distracted.

See video [here](#).

10 August, Hornsby Police News:

Hornsby police were called to thefts of outboard motors, vandalism, a dog attack and youths running on train tracks at Thornleigh this week.

Berowra Heights: Two cars had their windows smashed sometime between 5pm on Saturday, August 5 and the morning of Sunday, August 6. A Mitsubishi Magna parked on Wyanna St had its side rear window smashed, a replacement window's value will be about \$70. During the same time period, a Hyundai Elantra, parked on Barnetts Rd had its front and rear driver's side windows smashed causing about \$500 damage.

West Pennant Hills: Up to \$5000 worth of tools were stolen from a toolbox on the back of a white Toyota Hilux in Century Point Rd between 4pm on Sunday, July 30 and 6.30am on Monday, July 31.

Normanhurst: On Friday, August 4, police patrolling an area near Heritage Park Drive, Castle Hill, stopped a man and found a bag allegedly containing ecstasy. The 20-year-old man, from Normanhurst, is due to face Parramatta Court on Wednesday, August 30.

Dural: Police are keen to talk to three men following an alleged shop lifting incident at the BWS bottle shop in Dural at 3.45pm on Saturday, August 5. One of the group allegedly spat in a witness' face when he challenged them.

Kangaroo Point: A \$2000 outboard motor was stolen from a runabout moored at Kangaroo Point Marina between 5pm on Friday, August, 4 and 5.30pm Sunday, August 6.

Dural: Vandals smashed a glass door to the Industrial Arts Building at Lorien Novalis School on Old Northern Rd and also damaged two vehicles and a boat by spraying them with graffiti. The damage was discovered at 9.45am on Saturday, August 5.

Thornleigh: A 21-year-old, from Thornleigh, along with an unknown male aged about 20 were seen running along the train lines between Thornleigh railway station and Normanhurst about 1.45am on Saturday, August 5. Police dealing with an unrelated incident outside the train station saw the two men heading northbound on railway lines. Police yelled at them to get off the tracks and spoke to the 21-

year-old, who allegedly said he had been drinking at a nearby hotel. The second male continued running in the rail corridor and police issued a warning for trains in the area. The 21-year-old was given a fine.

Berowra Heights: A 45-year-old female was allegedly attacked by two dogs about 5pm on Friday, August 4 while walking her dog on Elizabeth St. Two border collies allegedly ran towards her and her dog and left her with an injured finger. A male nearby called the dogs and they went to him, before he was seen to go into a nearby home. The victims' husband tried to speak to the male at the home but he did not the answer door and police attended the location about 8pm. Officers canvassed the area for witnesses and will contact Hornsby Council rangers to see what, if any action will be taken in the matter.

Turrumurra: Burglars broke into a unit at a complex on Eastern Rd between 3pm and 5.30pm on Friday, August 4. A jewellery box containing watches, earrings, necklaces, chains and a bangle was taken.

Apple Tree Bay: An outboard motor and the chain attaching it to the boat worth in total \$2500 was stolen from a yacht moored at Apple Tree Bay between July 20 and August 5.

10 August, from NSW Police Force

Items such as credit cards, drivers licences and utility statements sent out in the mail include vital personal details of you and your family. In the wrong hands, this information can be used to create false identification and commit crime.

Protect yourself by:

- Always install a lockable mailbox
- Always arrange to collect new credit cards from the bank or post office.
- Always have mail held at the post office or collected by a friend when you're away for extended periods.
- Never give any of your personal details to people you don't know or trust.

Find out more great tips [here](#).

8 August, Media Release

Tree loppers targeting elderly and vulnerable residents.

Dodgy tradies of all types have targeted most suburbs in Sydney. The upper north shore is not immune to these pillars of society.

Tree loppers have frequented the North shore in the past due to the high number of trees in the area targeting the vulnerable and elderly residents.

Last Friday (4th) about 11am Police were called to a West Pymble address for a dispute. It was ascertained 2 men had negotiated a fee to lop a tree. The men had entered a neighbours yard to complete the work without permission, then commenced pressuring the resident for more money to lop other trees at inflated prices.

Police have attended and obtained details of the men, who are allegedly known for this type of work and pressure tactic.

Warning:

Police are reminding all residents that dodgy tradies are always around and are now back in this area for tree work.

It is your right to say no and refuse their offer.

If you feel the need to get work done please get 3 quotes from reputable companies who hold Fair Trading contractors licenses and have liability insurance.

Also please speak to your relatives, friends and neighbours about the warning.

The attached relates to an incident in Grafton, but explains your rights. Click [here](#).

8 August, from Traffic and Patrol Highway Command - NSW Police Force

About 3.25pm police from Kuring Gai Highway Patrol were performing duties as part of operation Southforce in the Bega area as a direct result of the increasing road toll in that area.

At this time a 50 year old male from Tathra was stopped driving his vehicle on



8 August, NSW Road Safety

Any child who has the sash belt under their arm is not properly restrained, risks serious abdominal injuries and could damage their spine, neck and face.

See more [here](#).

Click [here](#) for video



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday 20 September: Ku-ring-gai Council Helping your learner driver - workshop for supervisors 6:30-8:30 PM Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers ph: 9424 0000

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

Sunday 29 October: Graffiti Removal Day. [Info](#)

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

14 August, Fact Sheets: Bushfire smoke

During the bushfire season, smoke reduces the quality of the air you breathe. This fact sheet provides some useful information on what you can do to avoid or reduce the impact of bushfire smoke on your health.

Read more [here](#).

14 August, from the Daily Telegraph

A CYCLIST remains in a stable condition after he was hit by a car in Galston Gorge on Sunday morning.

The 50-year-old cyclist suffered head injuries and was reported to be initially unconscious after colliding with a car and coming off his bike at speed.

A CareFlight spokesman said the man was flown to Royal North Shore Hospital by the CareFlight rapid response crew.

“CareFlight’s specialist doctor and critical care paramedic treated the man at the scene for a suspected head injury,” a spokesman said.

“He was then transferred to the helicopter to be flown to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.”

Click [here](#) for details.

14 August: Here are a few tips from "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips

for Staff in Aged Care"

Tip #1. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HANDBAG, PHONE, KEYS, ETC ON DISPLAY. Thieves will distract you and take your property. Personal items should be kept in a locked cabinet/drawer.

Tip #3. ALL TRADES, CLEANERS & CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE SIGNED-IN WITH APPROPRIATE VISITOR'S PASS VISIBLE.

Tip #5. HOLD REGULAR STAFF TRAINING IN RELATION TO MANAGING DIFFICULT/VIOLENT RESIDENTS/PATIENTS. Call Security/Police for assistance.

Tip #8. ENSURE ALL EMPLOYEES KNOW ALL PHONE NUMBERS & CONTACT DETAILS FOR EVERY KIND OF EMERGENCY. All office phones should have emergency/important phone numbers as speed dial.

Tip #11. REVIEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAYOUT OF THE WHOLE SITE & MAKE CHANGES WHERE THERE IS CONCEALMENT OR A SECURITY RISK IDENTIFIED. The Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police station can assist with a free Security Audit. Phone: 9476 9799.

Tip #15. ALL COMPUTER ACCESS TO BE MONITORED & PASSWORDS CHANGED REGULARLY.

12 August, from NSW Police Force [Edited]

A man visiting from the United Kingdom will face court today charged with online child exploitation offences after being arrested by detectives from the Sex Crimes Squad.

The Sex Crimes Squad's Child Exploitation Internet Unit (CEIU) conducts ongoing investigations into the sexual abuse and exploitation of children online under Strike Force Trawler.

Last week, strike force officers began engaging online with a man visiting Australia from the United Kingdom.

Police will allege in court the man believed he was speaking to a 13-year-old girl and engaged in sexually-explicit conversations with the child.

The man also told the child he was driving down the coast from Cairns and made arrangements to meet when he arrived in Sydney.

Following extensive inquiries, strike force officers arrested a 34-year-old man at

Westmead shortly after 11am yesterday (Friday 11 August 2017).

Following the arrest, strike force officers conducted a search of a campervan, and seized a number of items for forensic examination.

The man was taken to Parramatta Police Station and charged with use carriage service to procure persons under 16.

He was refused bail to appear at Parramatta Bail Court tomorrow (Saturday 12 August 2017).

Inquiries are continuing.

Following on from a discussion at last week's 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting #25, we'd like to remind people of the proper procedure if jewellery goes missing in a retirement home.

- Please report to it to the Police local to the retirement home. -
- Please encourage retirement home Managers to contact the Police.

From Hornsby Advocate, 10 August
Cannabis possession and vandalism figures increase [Edited]

POSSESSION or use of cannabis was the No.1 crime that residents were picked up for by police across 12 upper north shore suburbs.

And reports of vandalism and fraud were the top crimes reported locally between 2011 and March 2017, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data shows.

NSW Police took action against residents for domestic violence more than any other crime, excluding transport-related offences such as not having a valid train ticket, in 825 suburbs across NSW, *Hornsby Advocate* analysis found.

In more than 500 NSW suburbs, residents had some form of police action taken against them for possession or use of cannabis – above all other crimes.

From North Shore Times, 10 August

Neighbours Look out for each other - Communities urged to get behind program to help make the suburbs safer [Edited]

THE residents of Linley Point are fierce advocates for Neighbourhood Watch.

So much so that the lower north shore community wants to see a resurgence of the program citywide.

Haughton St resident Neil Cooper said his small community, which was made up of about 100 homes, was very tight-knit and looked out for one another.

“We have an email contact list so if somebody sees something a bit strange happening in the neighbourhood we send out an email,” he said.

“There was a chap who looked like he was a bogus charity collector and it worked out that he was OK after we checked with police. But word got around the community very quickly about this, which is good.”

FATAL ACCIDENT, MAN CHARGED

Rebecca Parish

A 43-year-old man has been charged with dangerous driving causing death following a fatal accident in Chatswood last month.

A woman in her 50s was crossing the road at the intersection of Archer St and Victoria Ave when she was allegedly hit by the man driving a Toyota HiAce van.

The woman was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with critical head injuries and died five days later.

The incident caused the streets around Chatswood CBD to be closed for several hours and officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit conducted inquiries.

On Sunday, the man was issued a future court attendance notice for dangerous driving occasioning death, negligent driving occasioning death and failing to give way at lights to pedestrian on road.

He is due to face Hornsby Local Court on October 5.

Crime Stats for July - St Ives

INC_category	Further Class	Address	Premis Type
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	MONA VALE RD	BUSINESS/COMM
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	MEMORIAL AVE	RESIDENTIAL
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	MONA VALE RD	RESIDENTIAL

ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	MONA VALE RD	BUSINESS/COMM
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	COWAN RD	RELIGIOUS
FIRE	STRUCTURE	BLACKBURN ST	RESIDENTIAL
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	COWAN RD	RELIGIOUS
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	CATHERINE ST	RESIDENTIAL
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	MONA VALE RD && KITCHENER ST	OUTDOOR/PUBL
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	DOUGLAS ST	RESIDENTIAL
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	MONA VALE RD	OUTDOOR/PUBL
STEALING	STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	MONA VALE RD	BUSINESS/COMM
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	COWAN RD	CARPARK
STEALING	STEAL FROM DWELLING	WHITMONT CRES	RESIDENTIAL

11 August, Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force

Rail Safety Week begins this Monday (14 August 2017) and will run until Saturday (20 August 2017).

This is an annual event running since 2006 and aims to improve education and awareness around railway level crossing and track safety.

There will be plenty of activities planned for next week and the PTC will be out and about promoting Rail Safety Week.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.

9 August, Australian Federal Police

Meet the Malwares.

Ransomware, pop up ads, spyware... The number one way they get onto your

devices is through pirate sites.

We work closely with industry partners and other law enforcement to stop intellectual property theft. Stealing intellectual property isn't a victimless crime and affects real people's wages.

Working with [Foxtel](#) and digital platform security company Irdeto, some time ago we charged a man for operating an illegal network that allowed more than 8,000 people across Australia to access Foxtel subscription television broadcasts for free.

On Friday he was given an 18 month suspended jail sentence by a Sydney court.

As Foxtel says, intellectual property theft “severely undermines the creative industry, including every business and individual that works so hard to deliver us the movies, sport, drama and entertainment we love.”

Don't undermine the creative industry, and don't risk being paid a visit by the Malwares. Don't support piracy.

8 August, NSW Police Force

Police are warning people who stole a safe from a property at Parkes overnight, that it contains a substance which is potentially dangerous.

Officers from Lachlan Local Area Command have been told the contents could cause significant injury if someone attempts to force it open.

Between 10pm (Monday 7 August 2017) and 07.30am (Tuesday 8 August 2017), firearms, ammunition and a safe were stolen from a home on Orange Street, Parkes.

The firearms are described as:

- A Tikka LSA rifle 55
- .250 calibre M55 Tikka rifle
- .243 calibre LSA – 55 Tikka rifle
- Lit S/S Tikka T3 rifle
- Adler single-barrel 12-gauge shotgun
- Sporter Norica air rifle

Among the stolen items was a cream-coloured metal safe with a brass T-shaped

handle, approximately 60cm square.

Police are urging that people do NOT attempt to open the safe as police have been told it contains a substance that is potentially dangerous.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of these items is urged to contact Triple Zero (000).

You may report information anonymously to 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.

8 August, Mail Theft

We received an email following a report in a previous week's eNewsletter that the Police are concerned about mail theft. A reader pointed out that the recommended padlock on a mailbox was negated by the delivery person leaving letters sticking out of the letterbox. We approached Australia Post on their behalf and here's Australia Post's reply:

Thanks for getting in touch about this issue - we agree that the postie should be taking care to get mail all the way into people's letterboxes.

Our process for bringing this to the attention of the right people - ie the postie's delivery manager - is for the resident to contact us with their delivery address and a phone or email contact so that we can send feedback through to the delivery facility.

They can do this by calling 13 POST, by lodging an online enquiry via auspost.com.au/portal, or even by touching base via a Facebook PM like you have.

Having individual complaints from each resident in an area also enables our reporting team to see patterns in the mail delivery network, and address problem areas.

- Katie.

8 August, Australian Federal Police

Early this morning we executed 30 search warrants across Sydney. Nine men were arrested in Sydney after police discovered an alleged plot to import nearly 2-tonnes of drugs, while a 27-year-old woman was also charged with firearm possession offences. Five men were also arrested in Dubai and police will be seeking their extradition to Australia to face charges.

The AFP investigation, with assistance from the [NSW Police Force](#), began in mid-2016, targeting organised crime groups attempting to import large quantities of drugs and tobacco. A total of 1.8 tonnes of ecstasy, 136 kilograms of cocaine and 15 kilograms of crystal meth was seized by authorities in the Netherlands before it could reach Australia. It is estimated if this total volume of drugs reached Australian streets, they would have a potential street value of up to \$810 million.

Police also located a fully loaded pistol which was also seized during one of the raids. These raids are part of a major take down of serious organised crime in Australia and are a great result for police.

8 August, North Shore LAC



Chatswood Westfield, 6.20pm Thursday 3rd August 2017

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the persons depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident at Chatswood Westfield. If you know these persons please call Chatswood Police 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000. Ref.# E 64061960

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

From NSW Police Force - A short cut is not worth cutting your life short



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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