



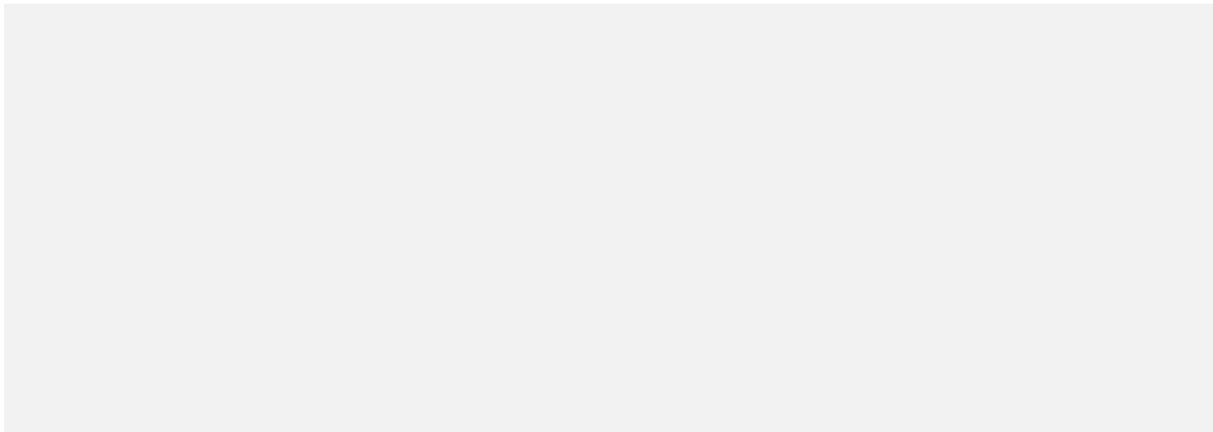
Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 111 - 11 November 2013

This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'). One important post on the Monday is the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.

We add to this all the other stuff we find interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view. It could be local newspaper articles, roadwork warnings, crime prevention tips, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and relevant tit-bits gleaned from residents, or other Commands. Have you seen anything we should share with the community?





11 Nov: Warning to international students

The NSW Government and the international education sector have issued a warning to international students in relation to the activities of the Overseas Students Association (OSA), a subsidiary of the National Liaison Committee (NLC).

The OSA claims to be the national peak body for international students in Australia. However, its practices raise serious concerns.

The NSW Government, education providers, industry peak bodies and international student organisations do not support the OSA and NLC and they are not recognised as bodies representing international students in NSW.

International students are advised of the following:

â€¢ The Council of International Students Australia (CISA) is recognised as the representative body for international students in NSW. CISA is in no way associated with the OSA and NLC.

â€¢ CISA has received numerous reports from students who allege they have been harassed and intimidated by OSA representatives.

â€¢ The NLC and OSA do not have the support of any NSW university or their

student associations. The use of NSW universities'™ logos on the OSA website is not approved and infringes trademark rights.

• The collection of student visa and passport information on NSW university campuses to obtain the OSA Safety Card is strongly discouraged, and in most cases prohibited.

• The OSA Safety Card is promoted on the OSA website as a program that supports international students who experience a threat to their safety. Holding an OSA Safety Card does not deliver any immediate additional benefits for international students when dealing with NSW Police. International students should ring Police directly to report crimes and if it is urgent, call 000.

• Students concerned about requests for visa or passport information should report their concerns immediately to their international student support centre.

• The OSA website carries the NSW Government logo without approval. This infringes the Government's trademark rights and implies that the OSA Safety Card is endorsed by the NSW Government. The NSW Government does not provide any support, either financial or in-kind, to the OSA.

• The OSA website carries false information about discounts for OSA Safety Card holders to NSW cultural institutions. The Art Gallery of New South Wales, the Powerhouse Museum, the Australian Museum and Sydney Living Museums expressly refused requests from the OSA for these discounts and therefore they are not available to Safety Card holders.

• NSW Fair Trading is carrying out a comprehensive investigation into this and other possible breaches of Australian consumer laws by the OSA.

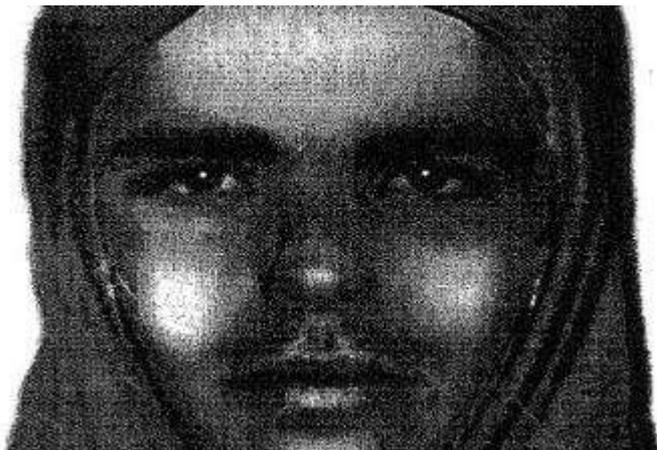
Any international student seeking assistance should contact their education provider or CISA - secretariat@cisa.edu.au.

11 Nov, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police have arrested a **33-year-old Waitara man** after an eight year investigation into the **theft of foreign currency**.

POLICE have arrested a 33-year-old Waitara man after an eight year investigation into the theft of foreign currency. Detectives from Kings Cross Local Area

Command had been investigating an incident from Thursday, November 17, 2005, when a courier was threatened with a knife in Rushcutters Bay. Police allege he was threatened and told to hand over a bag containing a large amount of foreign currency and travellers cheques.

Investigators released a Comfit image of a man they hoped would be able to assist with their investigation in October this year. They arrested the 33-year-old on Friday at Romesey St, Waitara.



The Comfit image that led Kings Cross detectives to the arrest of a 33-year-old Waitara man.

He was taken to Hornsby Police Station and charged with Robbery while Armed with Offensive Weapon. He was granted bail and will appear at Hornsby Local Court on 4 December 2013. Detective Inspector McDonald from Kings Cross Local Area Command said hard work had paid off. "This has been a long investigation with a very pleasing result so far. Police do not give up and this is a great example of that," he said.

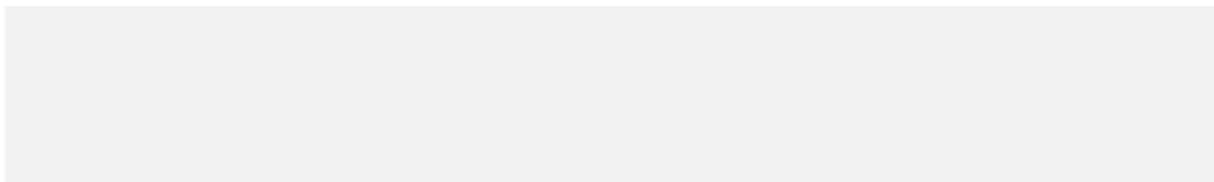
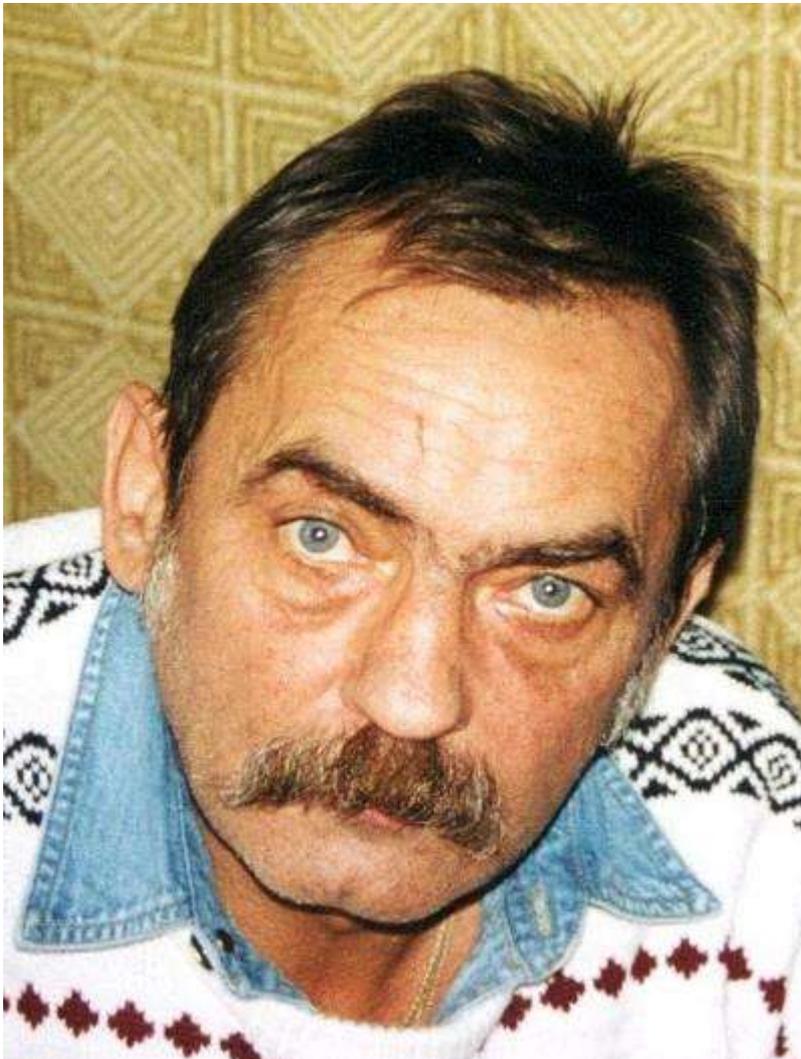
11 Nov: The State Crime Command's Homicide Squad has today welcomed a \$100,000 reward by the NSW Government for information relating to the **shooting murder of Bjarne Carlsen** in the state's north-west 13 years ago.

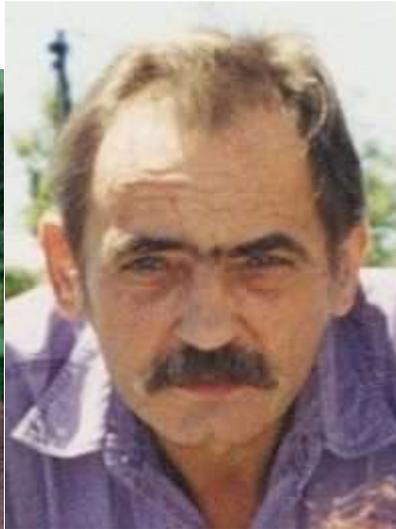
About 11.30pm on Thursday 27 January 2000, the body of 53-year-old Mr Carlsen, who was known as "BJ" to friends and family, was found inside his flat on Young Street, Brewarrina. He had been fatally shot in the chest.

Mr Carlsen was a woodwork teacher at Brewarrina Central School at the time of his death. A father of two adult males, he lived alone in his flat within the allocated teacher's accommodation complex on Young Street.

Detective Chief Inspector John Lehmann from the Homicide Squad's Unsolved Homicide Team said the motive for Mr Carlsen's murder and the identity of his killer still remain unknown.

“Many aspects of this case remain unclear and we need assistance from the community to help bring Mr Carlsen's killer, or killers, to justice,” Detective Chief Inspector Lehmann said.

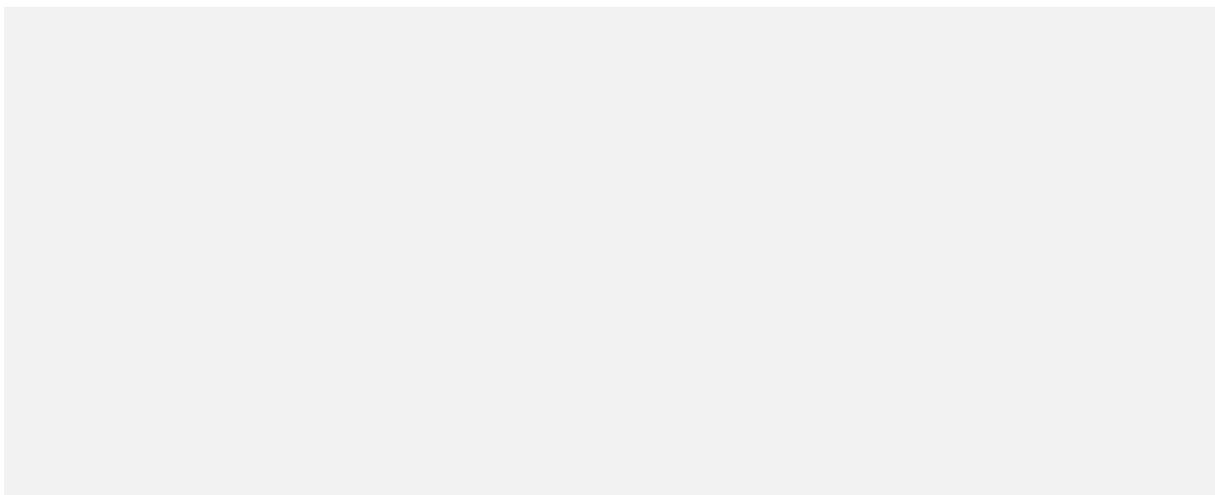




11 Nov, from Greg Bepper: MY SYDNEY PEEPS.... KEEP YA EYES PEELED... Sax player Matt Wilson from The JHD Revival Band had his TENOR SAX STOLEN from Milson's Point Station on Sat night (26/10/13 @ 11.30pm). A 1967 SELMER Mk VI tenor, THE SERIAL NUMBER IS 154319, it has gaffa tape on one of the pads, the case is an old Hiscox with a tan interior.

11 Nov, from Harbourside LAC: Coming up at our neighbouring command Harbourside on Sunday 24 November at Milsons Point 10 - 2pm. Sausage sizzle anyone?

North Sydney Police will be represented with Constable Charlie the Penguin and the Porsche Vehicle. Fantastic entertainment and prizes to be won.





[They had me at Harbour Jet Rides - ed]

11 Nov: Hornsby Police news, 11/11/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Bush Fire

Time/Date: About 10.30am on Friday the 8th

Place: Lane Cove National Park (West Pymble).

Details: A large amount of black smoke was seen coming from the National Park in West Pymble. Between 8 and 10 NSW fire brigade units and 4 RFS crews attended and managed to put the fire out by 1.30pm. Investigations are continuing into the cause. No homes were under threat during the fire.

Incident: Stolen Excavator

Time/Date: Between 12pm on Tuesday the 5th and 12pm on Wednesday the 6th

Place: Arcadia road, Arcadia.

Details: A yellow "NANTE" brand excavator was stolen from a house in Arcadia. The Excavator would have needed a large truck and possibly a large trailer to take it.

It was valued at an estimated \$97,000.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 11am on Friday the 8th and 10am on Sunday the 10th

Place: Boat ramp at Mooney Mooney

Details: A Ford Ranger ute was parked at the boat ramp, unknown person/s have forced the locks on the rear tray and stolen about \$20,000 worth of tools from the tray.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Sometime between the 19th of October and the 2nd of November.

Place: Clydesdale pl, Pymble.

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen 2 x Gold neck chains and a Gold Bracelet from a home. It is unknown how they were stolen but a number of tradesmen had been to the house in recent weeks.

Warning: If you have any person inside your home for work that is being carried out or even open houses, consider supervising the "sensitive" areas of your home like bedrooms etc. You may also consider locking away items or lock rooms with valuable items to restrict access.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 7am on Saturday the 9th and 3.30pm on Sunday the 10th

Place: Graham cl, Berowra Heights.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into a home in Berowra by removing a

flyscreen and opening an unlocked window. Several rooms were ransacked with an Ipad and 3 x Ipad mini™s being stolen. They were valued at an estimated \$2,000.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

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08 Nov, from the Hornsby Advocate: RFS commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons has confirmed they are treating today's bushfires at West Pymble and North Epping as "**suspicious**". FULL

STORY: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/rfs-treating-bushfires-at-west-pymble-north-epping-as-suspicious/story-fngr8i1f-1226755746849>

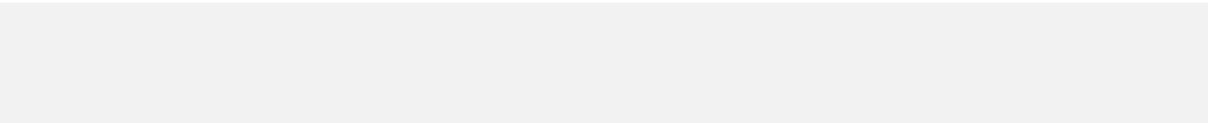
07 Nov: FAKE \$50 NOTES CIRCULATING

Next time you are handed a \$50 dollar check it to see that it is genuine, as in recent weeks there have been a number of incidents reported where unsuspecting persons have found the \$50 they intended to purchase an item with were not the real thing.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) says if people detect fake money they should handle it as little as possible and store it in an envelope before reporting it to state or federal police.

The notes are softer and lighter than the genuine items, and the **southern cross on the translucent window can be scratched with fingernails.**

If you find yourself in this position, deliver it to the nearest Police station who will take a report and forward it to the Australian Federal Police.





06 Nov: Rural Crime - NSW Police Force Investigators turn up heat on bushfire arsonists

A new technology designed to combat bushfire arson will be a focus of the annual NSW Police Rural Crime Investigators Conference, which starts in Mudgee today (Tuesday 5 November 2013).

The two-day conference provides a rare opportunity for NSW Police's 33 specially-trained Rural Crime Investigators to (RCIs) to meet in one place and discuss crime specific to rural and regional NSW, such as stock theft and illegal hunting. At this afternoon's session, delegates will learn about the latest tool in fighting another crime that impacts heavily on rural communities: deliberately-lit bushfires.

More than 35 per cent of bushfires each year are believed to be caused by arson. Bushfires can exact a tragic toll, with last month's blazes resulting in the destruction of 208 homes and 40 outbuildings. To help prevent such tragedies, NSW Police now have access to the **Arson Trends Analysis System (ATAS)**, a computer program that allows investigators to determine if a firebug might be at work in their communities.

For the first time ever, ATAS collects in one place fire-incident information from NSW Police, the Rural Fire Service, and Fire & Rescue NSW. ATAS users can see where and when fires are occurring, the types of fires (building, vehicle or bushfire), attending agencies, and details of who reported each incident. Most importantly for fire investigators, ATAS can analyse this information to determine where arsonists might be operating.

06 Nov, from the NSW Rural Fire Service: On the day everyone's thinking about the Melbourne Cup - if you've got horses, don't forget them when making your **Bush Fire Survival Plan**. Download our "**Prepare your horse for bush fire**" guide here: http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=1150#horse

Brochures available include; Bush Fire Survival Plan, Bush Safety for Travellers, Bush Fire Safety for Bushwalkers, Caravan and Camping Bush Fire Safety, Lighting a fire - Quick Facts, External Sprinkler Systems, Trees and Fire Resistance, Inhalation of Bush Fire Smoke Safety Fact Sheet and Bush Fire Myths.

The bush fires may have eased off a little but summer is not even here yet. Have you got your fire plan ready? Look at the flyer and make your plan NOW. The long range weather forecast for Sydney is no significant rain until May. So we are a Looooooooooooong way from being out of the danger period.

Residents can now complete a **Bush Fire Survival Plan** using a smartphone or tablet. The NSW Rural Fire Service has released the **MyFirePlan app** for Apple and Android devices. Download it for free today!



06 Nov: Be wary of scam online shopping sites. A number of fake .com.au websites have been shut down. Here's what to look out for, from the government website, StaySmartOnline.

One of the tell-tale signs of the recent scam sites taken down was the use of direct money transfers, rather than credit cards, to pay for goods. While direct money transfers are used on other websites such as eBay, it is less common for legitimate businesses to use this form of payment. It should not be the only method available. A direct money transfer makes it easier for scammers to move money quickly, while also removing some of the protections that other forms of payment, such as credit cards, give consumers.

One of the main differences between .com.au domains and others, like .com domains, is that the owner of a .com.au domain must be a registered Australian business. This helps to make it more difficult for scammers to obtain .com.au domain names, because the registration process requires a valid ABN. Some scammers have been able to circumvent this by stealing other companies' ABNs.

You can check the business's registration on ASIC's search page: https://connectonline.asic.gov.au/RegistrySearch/faces/landing/SearchRegisters.jspx?_adf.ctrl-state=10su3spty6_4

Full article with much more advice

at: http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert_service/alerts/fake_online_shopping_websites_using_com.au_domains_sso_alert_priority_medium

06 Nov: Domestic Violence incidents are treated very seriously by The NSW Police Force. Kuring gai LAC is not immune to incidents of Domestic Violence. It occurs across all demographics, communities and cultures. The annual 16 days of activism starts this year on the 25th of November. Kuring gai LAC is holding a White ribbon day breakfast at the Asquith Golf club at 7.30am on Friday the 29th of November. Tickets for the event cost \$25 with details on how you can be involved on the attached flyer. Show your support to eliminate violence against women, everyone is invited.



Half of all Australian women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. White Ribbon Day is the International Day to promote the elimination of violence against women.

Hornsby Police invite you to attend our annual White Ribbon Breakfast

Friday 29th November 2013
7:30am – 9:30am

Asquith Golf Club
Lord Street, Mount Colah

Cost **\$25 per person** (includes buffet breakfast and lucky door prizes)

\$5 from every ticket will be donated to the Hornsby Kuring Gai Domestic Violence Network and the White Ribbon Foundation.



After the breakfast we will be taking part in a free 4.5km walk from Asquith Golf Club to Hornsby Westfield. If you wish to participate.

in the walk, please bring or wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Please RSVP for the breakfast and/or walk by 19th November 2013 to:

Natasha Doggett: 9476 9775 or
dogg1nat@police.nsw.gov.au

Payment methods:

Cheque: White Ribbon Breakfast
Cash: Please contact to organise
Internet: Acc Name: White Ribbon Breakfast
Acc No: 514000
BSB: 082285

For more information about White Ribbon Day please visit www.whiteribbonday.org.au



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

FREE Child Restraint Safety Check Days. The days generally run as 15 minute appointments from 9:30am to 3:15pm.

The next date for Hornsby is: **Monday 25 Nov** at Thornleigh Indoor Sports Stadium (The Brickpit). Bookings essential by phoning 9847 6856.

<http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/noticeboard/latest-news/free-child-restraint-safety-check>

The next date for Ku-ring-gai is: **Friday 22 Nov** at Wade Lane Carpark, Gordon. Bookings essential.

http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/For/Children/Child_restraint_safety_check/Child_restraint_safety_checks

The SES is painting the town **ORANGE** for **Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW Day) on 13 November** and we want you to join in the fun. Get your family and friends to wear something orange to work or school to show support for SES volunteers.



Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary

source of information: <https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC>

East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting 7:30pm on Thursday 14 November at East Killara Uniting Church meeting room, cnr Wentworth & Fairbairn Aves. Everyone welcome! Refreshments provided.

From the Hornsby Advocate 07 Nov:



Scheduled Roadworks (thanks to the LIVE TRAFFIC App, Hornsby Shire Council and Ku-ring-gai Council)

Roseville, Boundary Street at Archer Street. Downer EDI, on behalf of RMS, will carry out road maintenance on Boundary Street at the corner of Archer Street. Work is scheduled to be completed in two night shifts between Monday 4 November and Wednesday 13 November, except Saturdays, weather permitting. For additional information contact Downer EDI on 1300 776 069.

Glenorie - Ben Bullen Rd.

Roadworks â€“ **Cole Street, Brooklyn**. Council will be commencing reconstruction of the unsealed section of Cole Street, Brooklyn. End date: 30/11/2013

Roadworks â€“ **Ridge Road, Arcadia**. Council will be commencing reconstruction of the unsealed section of Ridge Road, Arcadia. End date: 30/11/2013

Berowra Waters Ferry. Berowra Waters Rd to Bay Rd. Routine Ferry Maintenance Tu 11 Jun to Tu 10 Dec. Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time. The Berowra Waters Ferry will be out of service on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm.

From the North Shore Times 08 Nov:

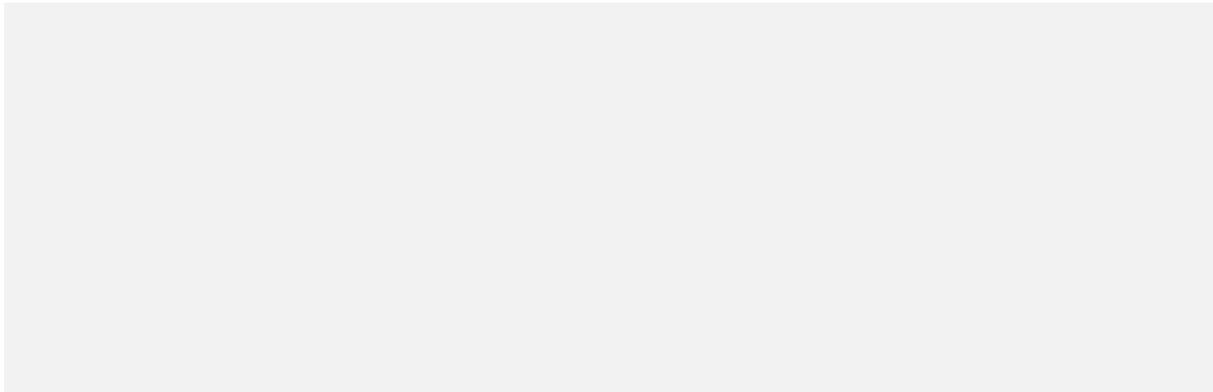
NOTICE Road closure - Council has approved the temporary partial road closure of the eastern end of Woodbury Road, St Ives from 8am to 8.20am Sunday November 17. The purpose of the closure is to allow St Ives Park Primary School Parents and Citizens Association conduct its trail run through the Garigal National Park.

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Gordon Area 24/12 - Up-coming meeting on Thursday 28 November 7pm at Gordon Bowling Club. Speaker - Cecilia Castle on 'Neighbourhood Disputes'. More info, please email NHWGordon@gmail.com.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Swimming pool register deadline extended. Pool owners now have until **Tuesday 19 November 2013** to register their swimming pools, as required by new NSW legislation.

Yep, things have started to change at the junction of McIntosh Street and Werona Avenue, Gordon.





Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799
Hornsby Police Station 292 Pacific Highway, Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring Gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police facebook page [Kuring Gai LAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

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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