



# Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 112 - 18 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](mailto: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?

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## **18 November, from Westfield Hornsby:**

An update: Around 3pm today, Westfield Hornsby experienced extreme weather causing damage to areas of the centre, which is still being assessed. The centre ceased trade at approximately 3.30pm and switched to emergency power. We understand that approximately six people sustained minor injuries and are being treated by Ambulance NSW. We have been following the advice of authorities today, which was to initially evacuate the centre. Updated advice from authorities was to cease the evacuation and keep shoppers safe in an unaffected area of the

centre – the David Jones/Woolworths mall. At this stage, at least half of the centre will be open tomorrow morning - the David Jones/Woolworths side of the centre. We are currently working with our retailers and will send through updates as they come through.

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**18 November:**

**Sunday 24 November 8:30 - 4pm at Bunnings, Thornleigh. SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Organised by the Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Domestic Violence Network, incl members from many services: NSW Police, Catholic Care, Soroptimist International, Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS).

Come along and support a good cause!

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**18 November, from the Hornsby Advocate:** A man, banned from driving until 2039, has been jailed for two years for a **road rampage through the north shore** which ended when police found him pushing his car beside the F3/M1 after running out of petrol. FULL

STORY: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/redfern-man-banned-from-driving-until-2039-jailed-for-road-rampage-through-sydneys-north-shore/story-fngr8i1f-1226762499404>

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**18 November, from Hornsby Advocate:** Westfield Hornsby and surrounding area hit by mini tornado, 15 people injured as cars and trees destroyed - Full story at: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/westfield-hornsby-and-surrounding-area-hit-by-mini-tornado-15-people-injured-as-cars-and-trees-destroyed/story-e6frq6n6-1226762623870#sthash.WTQ7a8xa.dpuf>



FIRE and Rescue NSW is considering a total evacuation of Hornsby Westfield following the mini tornado which tore through the suburb, injuring 15 people.

A search and rescue operation has concluded at the complex's cinemas after the roof above Cinema 3 collapsed when the freak mini tornado touched down this afternoon.

Witnesses have described the freak storm hitting Hornsby before 3pm this afternoon and local police say trees are down, fences are crushed, cars have been damaged and the roof has collapsed at Westfield Hornsby.



Hornsby police Supt Jeff Philippi said the corridor of damage extended from Alexandria Pde and Romsey St in Waitara through Westfield Hornsby to Bridge Rd. "From our information this is the only area that suffered any significant damage," he said.

A demountable building has flipped at Hornsby Station with two Sydney Trains employees inside, but both reportedly escaped major injury.



Just Jeans' Jess Margerum said it all happened in a few seconds. "I just heard this gust of wind and I thought what the hell is this? Seems like a huge burst of wind came through the entry doors forming a wind tunnel and went up to the ceiling pushing the glass panels out."

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### **18 November: Warning**

High wind has caused numerous large gum trees to fall. At this stage Tafe car park 4 large gums down. Event Cinemas roof collapse 14 inside are now out. Various trees throughout Hornsby are down. Storm hit Hornsby to Manly. Westfield Hornsby is being EVACUATED. Stay away from Hornsby and surrounds. We need the area cleared for SES police electrical crews and ambos. No sticky beaks, stay

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out of the area please. Check news etc for info. **(8,900 people saw this post, 136 people shared it.)**

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**15 November, from Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate:** Fire crews have extinguished two small bushfires near **Koombalah Ave at South Turramurra** this morning - properties weren't in danger but it is the second time in a week that fires have started in that area.

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**15 November, from Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate:** We've spoken with the mum who was robbed while breastfeeding at Westfield Hornsby today. Needless to say she's pretty disgusted by the incident and believes it was another mother who took her wallet. Full story: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/mum-melanie-baldwin-robbed-while-breastfeeding-at-westfield-hornsby/story-fngr8i1f-1226761176993>

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**15 November: 2 people have been arrested and charged with Break and Enter offences.**

A 33 year old female and a 32 year old male were arrested yesterday after allegedly breaking into a home in **Woodville road, Wahroonga**. The home owner arrived home about 10.30am and saw a male at the side of their home. After the male asked for directions and left, the home owner discovered a side window had been jemmied open and some electronic items had been stolen, along with some jewellery. The home owner called police immediately with a description. Police arrived in the area and saw a male fitting the description getting into a cab only 400m from the home. Police stopped the cab and after some inquiries arrested a male and his female friend. A search of the pair allegedly located some items police will allege came from that same home. Some items were also located allegedly from a Break and Enter incident from a home in Waverton. The pair refused to be interviewed and were charged with 3 Break and Enter related offences each. The male was refused bail at Hornsby Local Court and is to appear at the Central Local Court on the 17th of December. The female was granted conditional bail to appear at the Central Local Court also on the 17th of December. A great result because the home owner called 000 immediately, this meant police swooped on the area and located the alleged offenders.

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### **15 November: Question on the facebook page...**

Can you please tell me if it is an offence to park a car in a car and trailer only parking bay if it has no trailer on it?

If so do you ever patrol the berowra waters boat ramp? Is it an offence to park behind one of these lazy people with your boat trailer on while you go fishing for a few hours if they can't get out?

**Kuring gai LAC reply:** If the sign says car AND trailer only then I would suggest it is an offence, As this is a council car park please confirm with them. As for parking someone in that in itself would be an offence. Take a photo and report to Hornsby Council. Keep pressing them to take action. Leave a note reminding the driver that they have been reported. Eventually cars will get the message. You can use the 'Snap Send Solve' App to take the photo and report to Hornsby Shire Council.

Thank you for your help and advice. I haven't experienced it myself but read today that there has been altercations almost to the point of fisticuffs at some boat ramps with this same problem.

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### **14 November: Play Safe, Stay Safe - Holiday Safety and Security**

Holidays are a time when people like to relax, visit family and friends and spend time outdoors at organised events, the park or at the beach. While it's a time to enjoy yourself, there are certain things to keep in mind in terms of crime prevention and safety. We've placed these into five categories. Under each category, we've listed links to information and resources to help ensure that you have a safe and happy holiday.

Around the Home, Out & About, On the Road, On the Water,

Online: [http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community\\_issues/crime\\_prevention/playsafe\\_staysafe/holiday\\_safety\\_and\\_security](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/crime_prevention/playsafe_staysafe/holiday_safety_and_security)

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**13 November, from Hills Shire Times: Les Shore Reserve in Glenorie** was vandalised over the weekend and The Hills Shire Council is appealing for

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information in relation to the incident. Vandals drove on to the Reserve, damaging the grass by doing burnouts. "If the person was driving a motor vehicle they're probably old enough to know a lot better," Hills Shire general manager Dave Walker said. "If we catch the offenders I'll have no hesitation in banning them from all council parks, reserves and facilities and work with police to prosecute them as hard as possible."

Anyone with information should call **The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0555**.



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### **13 November, from the Upper North Shore Advocate:**

Two girls were approached at **Turrumurra** earlier this month and police want to speak with a 60- to 70-year-old man who they believe can assist with the investigation.

About 9am on Sunday, November 3, the two 11-year-old girls were walking along **Kissing Point Rd**, heading south, when a man riding a black bicycle approached them. The girls ran home to Geoffrey St and the man followed them. One of the girls' mothers contacted police.

Police are appealing for witnesses and would like to speak to a man of caucasian appearance, around 60-70 years old, with a slim build and short white hair who they believe can assist with their investigations.

He was last seen wearing a white T-shirt and enclosed shoes.

Anyone with information about this incident should call Crime Stoppers on 1800

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333 000.

The incident has again prompted police to encourage parents to discuss the 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages with their children:

- Make sure your parents or another adult knows where you are at all times.
- Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are - a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help - police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'.

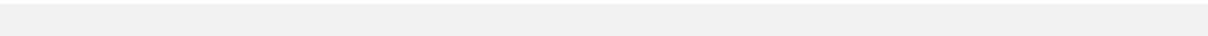
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**13 November: Cars broken into and goods stolen, occurred in Castle Hill.** Yes it happens here as well. If you leave anything in the car is has a greater chance of being stolen. Even in secure unit blocks.

#### STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE SPATE “ CASTLE HILL

Overnight we have seen nine vehicles had their windows smashed and numerous small valuable items stolen in the Castle Hill area. Cheriton Avenue had two vehicles broken into, six vehicles were broken into in Cecil Avenue and a further vehicle in Sherwin Avenue.

Each of the vehicles had one of their side windows broken and items such as laptops, wallets, GPS and cash were stolen. The majority of these vehicles were located in the underground car parks of unit blocks at the time.



Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills also saw a vehicle have its window smashed and numerous items stolen. This vehicle was parked in an underground car park.

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### **12 November: Bumps and Bubs Wellness Walk**

Saturday 23 November at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens, 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

9:15 registration for 9:30am - 11:30am

Sorry no dogs allowed in the Wildflower Gardens

As part of POSTNATAL DEPRESSION AWARENESS WEEK 17 - 23 November

Northern Sydney Medicare Local (NSML) would like to invite you to join us for activities including:

• Family (and pram) friendly walk

• Great prizes and giveaways including a family weekend away, gift vouchers and more

• Children activities, fun, games and a BYO family picnic

• Free registration pack for everyone who signs up

• Information stalls relevant to perinatal mental health and babies

• Help us spread awareness on happy and healthy families! • Registration is essential. Hurry, book now as spaces are limited. For more information go to [nsml.com.au](http://nsml.com.au) and search for "Bumps and Bubs"™.

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**From the Hornsby Advocate 14 Nov:**

## BEWARE TRAVELLING CON MEN



Sadly, some despicable individuals prey on weaker members of our community.

The northwestern Sydney area continues to experience unfair conduct by travelling concreters and tree loppers who are exploiting trusting older citizens.

They use pressure tactics that some vulnerable citizens cannot deal with.

If you have not sought a service, don't accept work or a quote. Offers made without cause are often risky.

If you need work done contact tradesmen yourself for written quotes, or ask a family member to help pick a licensed, insured contractor. If in doubt call Fair Trading on 13 32 20.

- Inspector Ian Mitchell

[facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC](https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC)

**2 HORNSBY** Residents are being warned about the dangers of online shopping after a 19-year-old boy and his 20-year-old girlfriend from Hornsby lost \$13,000 in a scam. The boy found a 2006 Toyota Hilux on Gumtree and made an offer to a man in Western Australia. At the last minute the seller asked him to complete the sale through eBay to "protect" him, and sent him a link to eBay that turned out to be bogus and actually led to a Barclays Bank account. The couple forwarded the money via the provided link and never heard from the alleged seller ever again.

**6 TURRAMURRA** Three police cars were called to a 16th birthday party in Turramurra on Saturday night, after gatecrashers threw rocks at security guards. Laurence Ave resident Avin Reichman had turned away a group of 15 youths around 9.30pm. "As soon as they got across road they started yelling and then they started to lob rocks at us," Mr Reichman said. "None of the rocks hit us." Kuring-gai Police Inspector John Gross said officers issued move on orders to the youths who caused no more trouble.

**8 BROOKLYN** A Coke machine at Hawkesbury River station at Brooklyn was smashed open on Saturday night and \$150 in coins was taken. The damage was done between 9.40pm on Saturday and 5.40am on Sunday. The thief or thieves cut the locks off the machine and ripped open the bottom. Damage is estimated at \$2000. Witnesses should call Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**9 HORNSBY** A mini-lounge designed for toddlers has been stolen from a veranda in Hornsby on the weekend. Someone entered the home on William St between 6pm on Friday and 9am on Monday and took the item worth \$250. Witnesses should call Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

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# Diggers left fuming over memorial site damage

Tracey Findlay

MEMBERS of the Hornsby RSL Sub Branch have expressed their dismay over vandalism to the Hornsby Cenotaph a week before Remembrance Day.

Sub branch vice president Gary Keenan said three of the four lights that illuminate the cenotaph were smashed. Each was valued at more than \$1000.

"It breaks your heart," Mr Keenan said. "We are getting it cleaned and looking nice and then this happens. To try to get money to do this sort of thing is difficult."

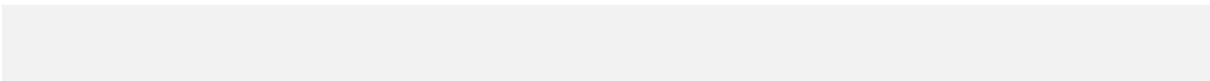
Mr Keenan said the vandals must have used a lot of force as it was armour plated glass.

Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean was dismayed the vandals would attack this "memorial to our Diggers".

The cenotaph is currently being cleaned and restored following a \$10,000 state government grant announced by Mr Kean in July.

The broken lights have now been replaced.

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## **FREE Child Restraint Safety Check Days.**

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

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**Some of the Aug - Oct stats** for the Gordon/Killara area from last week's Community Precinct & Safety Committee (CPSC) meeting. For each, the highest rate, and for Gordon and Killara (if in the top ten).

Break & Enter (dwelling):

Wahroonga 14

Killara 7

Gordon 4

Break & Enter (non-dwelling):

St Ives 8

Gordon 4

Killara 3

Fraud:

Hornsby 21

Killara 9

Gordon 5

Malicious Damage:

Hornsby 49

Killara 9

Gordon 5

East Killara 2

Steal from Dwelling:

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Wahroonga 11

Killara 5

Gordon 1

Steal from Motor Vehicle:

Hornsby 19

Gordon 6

Killara 5

Stolen Vehicle:

Hornsby 6

Gordon 1

Steal from Retail Store:

Hornsby 77

Gordon 0

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**A date for your diaries: Saturday 22 March 2014 from 10 - 2pm at the IGA car park at Berowra.** Berowra Community Day - come and meet your neighbours. Berowra Neighbourhood Watch will be there. Sausage sizzle, face-painting, plus lots lots more.

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**From the North Shore Times 15 Nov:**

## **Traffic troubles**

 **North Turramurra** residents want urgent changes to traffic and parking arrangements around North Turramurra village. A petition with 16 signatures calls on council to make changes to traffic management controls to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing near Nomurra Ave. Visibility is a particular issue.

## Parking petition

 Residents of Ku-ring-gai Ave in **Turrumurra** have petitioned council to introduce parking restrictions on their street. Fifteen signatories hope the threat of fines will rid the street of trailers and other vehicles left there long-term. Councilors accepted the petition and referred it to council staff.

### KU-RING-GAI

## Council calls for return of trolleys

KU-RING-GAI Council has launched a trolley return campaign.

The council says the issue of abandoned trolleys is a collective responsibility between council, residents, shopping centre managers, shoppers and retailers.

“We’re confident this campaign will make a huge difference,” Mayor Jennifer Anderson said.

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**Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary source of information:** <https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC>

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**Register your swimming pool.**



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**East Killara Neighbourhood Watch had their meeting last Thursday....**

- It was officially announced that **Mary Walker** (Secretary East Killara NHW) is coordinating the 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meetings for a year.
- East Killara NHW is reducing the number of meetings a year to two. Dates for next year are Wednesday 16 April & Wednesday 15 October 2014.

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

**Pennant Hills Road.** Night works 9pm - 5am Wednesday 20 November.

**Glenorie** - Ben Bullen Rd.

**Hornsby CBD :** Major drainage upgrade. Council is undertaking construction of major drainage upgrade works in Hunter Lane, Linda Street and Hunter Street, Hornsby. Construction night works will commence 30 September 2013 in Hunter Lane. Duration depends on weather and on-site conditions. For any further information please contact Clint Jones, Construction Technical Officer on 0409 735

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364. End date: 30/11/2013

**Killara, Pacific Highway (opposite 585-587).** Downer EDI, on behalf of RMS, will carry out road maintenance on Pacific Highway. Work is scheduled to be completed in two night shifts between Wednesday 25 November and Friday 20 December, except Saturdays, weather permitting. For additional information contact Downer EDI on 1300 776 069.

**Roseville, Boundary Street (between Ferncourt Avenue and Clermiston Avenue).** Downer EDI, on behalf of RMS, will carry out road maintenance on Boundary Street between Ferncourt Avenue and Clermiston Avenue. Work is scheduled to be completed on one night shift between Tuesday 19 November and Friday 22 November, weather permitting. For additional information contact Downer EDI on 1300 776 069.

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.

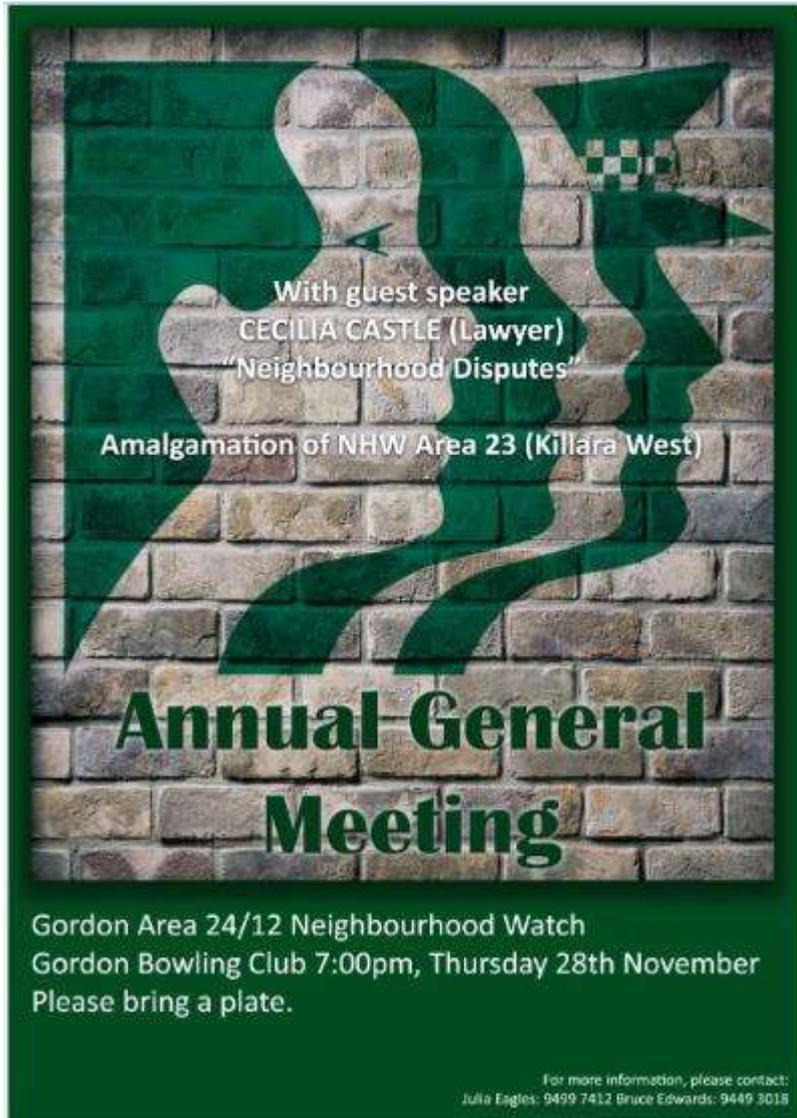
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**16 Nov, from Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate: ABOUT TIME?**

Smokers who have been flouting smoking bans at all public-transport stops and stations since laws were introduced in January will have a hard time getting away with it after NSW police and transport officers launched a united crackdown this week.

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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](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).



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**From the Blue Mountains Youth Liaison Officer:**

Parents and young people are reminded that all students in NSW are required to have finished Year 10 and then continue on in education and training, be in full-time work, or a combination of education/ training and employment until the age of 17.

Under Section 122 of the Education Act, uniformed police officers and Home School Liaison officers are authorised to approach students who are apparently 6 years old or above and under 17 years and not at school between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

Students should be asked to produce their leave pass, which will be issued by their

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school for acceptable absences. The Act also authorises these officers to ask the student for their name and address and the name and address of their school.

Once this information is obtained the officer may:

• accompany the student to school or home to verify this information; or

• direct them to return to school; or

• allow the student to continue with their business if the enquiries of the police have been satisfied and it has been proven that the student has approval to be absent from school.

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Two more **White Ribbon Breakfasts** to support the end of Domestic Violence:

1. ZONTA Says No Breakfast, Friday 22 November 7 - 9am at Killara Golf Club. \$45 RSVP [annesil@hotmail.com](mailto:annesil@hotmail.com).

2. White Ribbon breakfast, Friday 30 November 7:30- 9:30am at Asquith Golf Club. \$25 RSVP [dogg1nat@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dogg1nat@police.nsw.gov.au). Including a 'Walk the Talk' afterwards to Hornsby Westfield. Anyone can join the walk along the route.

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Hornsby Police will be stepping out for a charity walk to promote White Ribbon Day.

Picture from Hornsby Advocate

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**Avoid getting into trouble with drugs overseas by following these simple precautions:**

- Obey the law – do not purchase, take or travel with drugs.
  - Lock your bags as a precaution against tampering or theft.
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- Don't leaving your bags unattended in public areas or in the care of a stranger.
- Never carrying anything into or out of another country for someone else.
- Ensure any prescription medication is carried in its original packaging, accompanied by a letter from your doctor indicating what the medication is and that it's for personal use.
- Ensure your medication is not considered illegal overseas by contacting the nearest foreign mission of the country you're visiting before your departure. Contact details are available on the **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website**.

In some countries the presence of illegal drugs detected in blood or urine tests is considered possession. You may also be charged with possessing drugs if trace amounts are found on your body, in your bloodstream, or on your clothes or luggage. Amounts of even 0.05 grams or less can lead to a conviction for drug possession and lengthy minimum mandatory prison sentences.

For more information: <http://smartraveller.gov.au/tips/arrest-jail.html>

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## **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

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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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