



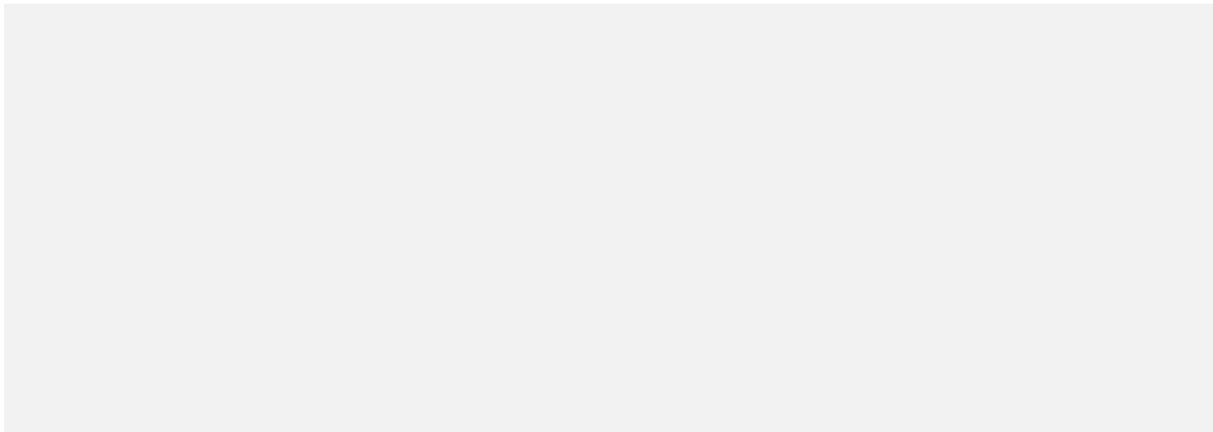
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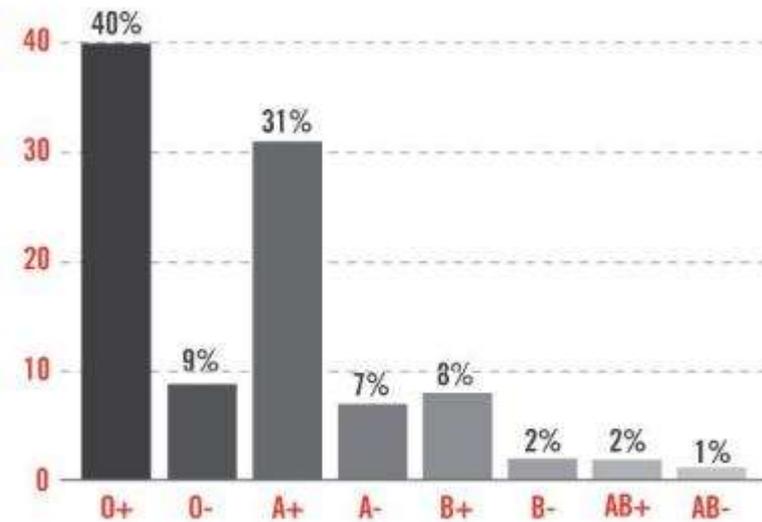
Newsletter # 115 - 09 December 2013

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?





Hornsby Police news, 9/12/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Drugs

Time/Date: About 1am on Sunday the 8th

Place: Bicentennial park, West Pymble

Person 1: 17 year old male

Details: Police have patrolled the park and while there, have seen 2 cars as they were leaving the area. The drivers and passengers were spoken to. A search of the car revealed a small amount of Cannabis being located. A 17 year old male was questioned about the matter and will be interviewed at a later date.

Incident: Vehicle fire

Time/Date: About 2pm on Friday the 6th

Place: Barra Brui cres, St Ives.

Details: A Nissan Patrol was parked in the driveway of a home. A neighbour has seen smoke coming from the car and called the fire brigade and the car's owner. The fire was put out. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: About 2.10pm on Sunday the 8th

Place: Strand Bags, Westfield Hornsby

Details: A display table at Strand bags had numerous wallets on display. Persons unknown have stolen 26 Guess brand wallets valued at \$80 each. The wallets were taken within a 10 minute time frame.

Incident: Steal from dwelling

Time/Date: Between 5.30pm on Tuesday the 3rd and 4pm on Friday the 6th

Place: Loch Maree Ave, Thornleigh

Details: Persons unknown have stolen a bike that was left in a closed garage. The bike described as a Giant brand mountain bike was valued at \$3,000; it was Grey in colour with a black seat, it was an Anthem model.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 8.20pm and 8.40pm on Wednesday the 4th

Place: Westfield Car park

Details: A car was parked in the Westfield car park, persons unknown had reached in through an open window and stolen a mobile and an Ipod which were on the seat.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between 6.15pm and 7.15pm on Friday the 6th

Place: Kindergarten in Cowan road, St Ives.

Details: At a function at the kindergarten a hand bag was left in the office area. Persons unknown have taken \$50 cash from the handbag while the office was unattended.

Incident: Break & Enter with intend to steal

Time/Date: Between 9.30am on 12pm on Wednesday the 4th

Place: Wyomee avenue, West Pymble.

Details: The homes alarm system was sounding owner when they returned home, a ground floor side door was also found open by the owner. It appears nothing was taken; it is likely that the sounding alarm has "spooked" the offenders and just left the home.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 9.30am and 7 pm on Thursday the 5th

Place: Herbert ave, Wahroonga

Details: Persons unknown have smashed a ground floor rear window and entered the home. An amount of jewellery was taken by the offenders. A Laptop cash and other electronic items were left on the kitchen bench. It is presumed the offenders have been disturbed and have left in a hurry.

Incident: Malicious damage.

Time/Date: Between 3pm on Thursday the 5th and 2am on Friday the 6th

Place: Salisbury road, Hornsby near Leighton place.

Details: A Lexus sedan was parked on the street; persons unknown have jumped on the roof and sunroof of the car. Both front and rear windscreens have been smashed. Damage is estimated to be \$7,000.

Incident: Malicious damage

Time/Date: Between 7pm on Sunday the 8th and 7.30am on Monday the 9th

Place: Lorne avenue, Killara

Details: A Honda Jazz was parked on the street, person unknown have kicked in the front passenger door. The boot mark can still be seen in the door.

Incident: Malicious damage

Time/Date: Between 2.30pm on Friday the 5th and 7am on Monday the 9th

Place: Warrimoo avenue, St Ives.

Details: persons unknown have broken and removed a window to an excavator which was parked at a construction site in Warrimoo avenue. The controls and control panel were also damaged. The Excavator was an IHI brand. Damage is estimated to be \$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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WHAT IS YOUR CAR SCREAMING OUT TO THIEVES?



09 December, Thanks to Mount Druitt LAC for this: New Emergency+ App

The video provides an insight into how this app works, but please remember from a personal safety viewpoint you should always know where you are at all times. I can say that in a time of crisis when you may be a bit flustered you may have some difficulty in relaying your Longitude and latitude.

Emergency services have launched a new smartphone app to help Australians call the right number for help in emergency and non-emergency situations. Emergency+ was launched today (Friday 6 December 2013) by The Minister for Justice, Michael Keenan, at the City of Sydney Fire Station.

The **Emergency+ app** uses the existing GPS functionality of smartphones to enable callers to provide emergency call-takers with their location information as determined by their smartphone. When activated, the built-in accessibility features

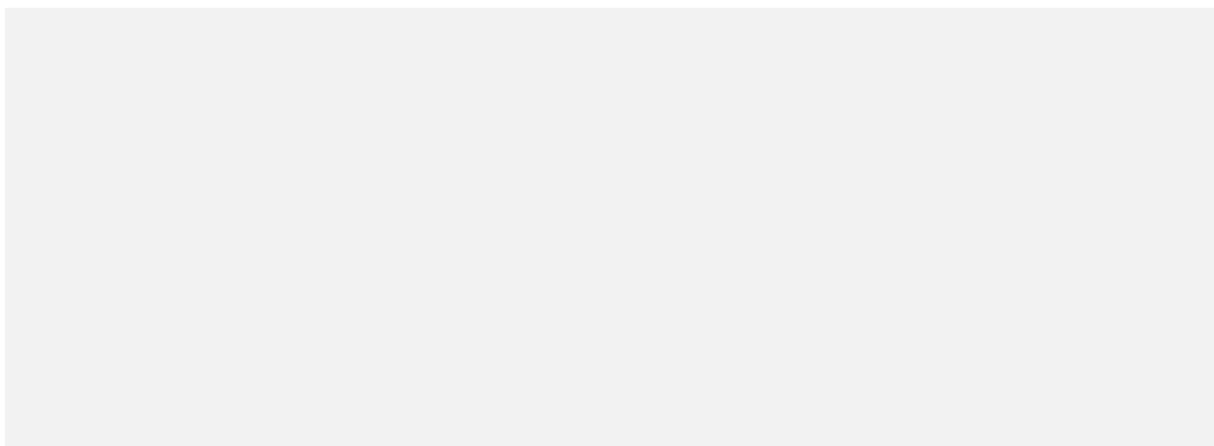
of a smartphone will describe aloud what appears on-screen, so a caller can use the app without seeing it.

The **Emergency+ app** is available, **free of charge**, on iOS and Android devices through the Google Play store and Apple App Store.

Further information and guidance on the use of the App can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hThHoRNhEnQ&feature=youtu.be>



08 December: Were you at the **Rofe Park Spectacular (Hornsby Heights)** last night? Our Police Officers, Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer and Neighbourhood Watch volunteers from Kuring gai Local Area Command were down there, joining in with the community fun. There was a great crime prevention stall with lots of good advice and answers to many questions. Any of your photos we can share?





Comments included: Great event. Very well organised and awesome fireworks... Great family night out! Thanks everyone!
And: It was a fantastic evening- well done to all the organisers.

06 December: With an estimated 70% of Australians accessing the internet from their mobile phones, it's important to remember that the same security rules apply as if accessing the web from a desktop/laptop computer. These include:

1. Checking the authenticity of websites;
2. Not clicking on links from people you do not know;
3. Watching out for 'phishing' scams (by email, text or even voicemail) asking for personal information.

Security software is available for some mobile phone operating systems - check with your phone manufacturer for recommendations. It's also important to keep your phone's operating system up to date.

For more information on mobile phone security, visit: http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_users/Secure_your_mobile_phone_and_devices

05 December: NSW Fair Trading have a great video warning about **online shopping scams**. Especially pertinent as we approach the shopping frenzy

leading up to Xmas. What do you think? Watch the clip at: <http://www.youtube.com/NSWOFT>

05 December, from our neighbouring Ryde command:

Here are some photos of this morning accident on Pennant Hills Road. Police are urging motorists to slow down and drive to the conditions of the road.

Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding a three vehicle collision at West Pennant Hills this morning.

Just before 5am today (Thursday 5 December 2013), emergency services were called to Pennant Hills Road following reports of a collision involving a truck and two utes.

Two men, both driving utes, sustained non-life threatening injuries and were treated at the scene before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. The truck driver was not injured in the collision.

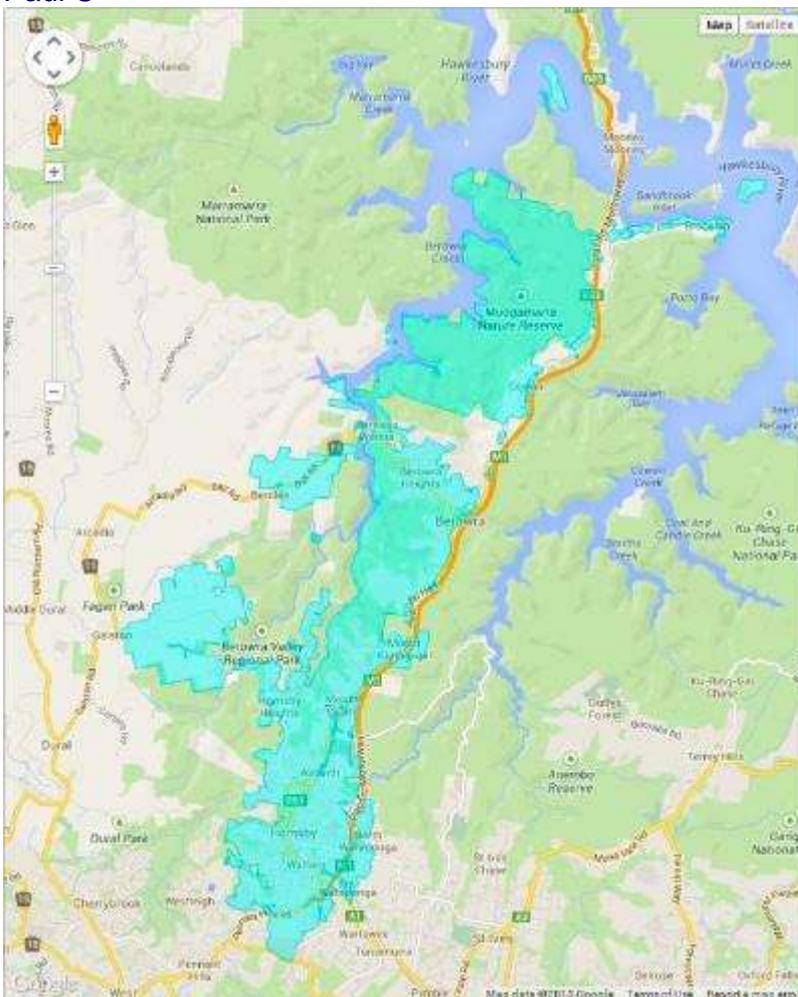
Emergency services remain on scene with motorists warned to expect traffic delays. All northbound lanes have now re-opened, however, southbound traffic is being diverted at Beecroft Road.

Investigations into the circumstances surrounding the collision are continuing.



05 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: BREAKING NEWS: Three crews are on the scene of a house fire in Berowra Heights. Fire and Rescue NSW received a call at 3.16pm about smoke coming from a house in Currawong Rd. Three crews responded from Berowra and Eastwood. The fire was started in the roof and all occupants of the house were accounted for. The crews were still on the scene at 4pm.

05 December: To all in the Hornsby area re: the power outage. Attached is a map of the affected area. Basically from Thornleigh to Brooklyn and across to Galston.
Paul C



Crews are working to safely restore power to 30,000 homes in parts of Sydney's north. [1867 people saw the local police Facebook posts about the blackouts].

05 December: Watch this incredible video showing how fast a **Christmas tree**

fire can start and fully engulf a room. In less than a minute, a dry tree can create a tragedy. To reduce the risk of fire, practice Christmas tree safety and **be sure to water your tree every day** and position it away from sources of heat.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeZk2IrvAOU>

05 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: A 50-year-old man has been charged over the **indecent and sexual assaults** of young girls between 2007 and 2011. It is alleged the man sexually assaulted a 17-year-old girl on a bush track off Hall Street, **South Turramurra** on December 4 2007. He is then alleged to have abducted and indecently assaulted two girls aged nine and 10 at Auluba Reserve, South Turramurra on December 2, 2011.

Full story at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/man-50-to-face-court-charged-over-sexual-assault-of-girls-in-the-hills-and-north-shore/story-fngr8i1f-1226775627972>

05 December, from Hornsby Shire Council: You can expect about 2,500 children at this event in Hornsby. **THE WIGGLES ARE COMING TO HORNSBY!!**

The children's equivalent of The Beatles is going to be performing a special show in Hornsby Mall in the lead-up to Christmas. The Wiggles will be playing their favourite songs on **Monday 16 December at 10am**. Afterwards there will be a chance to meet them and have your photo taken.

[Included not as an ad, but as a warning to those in the vicinity that day - ed.]

04 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: It doesn't get much lower than this. Thieves have broken into a home in **Warrawee** and stolen a computer, jewellery and... war medals. The home was ransacked on Friday last week and Hornsby Police are appealing for information.

04 December, from our neighbouring North Shore command: DRIVER CHARGED WITH HIGH RANGE DRINK DRIVING FOLLOWING CRASH -

ROSEVILLE

North Shore Police were called to a collision involving four cars on **Babbage Road, Roseville around 5:25pm on Wednesday 27th November 2013.**

It is alleged that a 41-year-old male from Roseville Chase was driving his car towards the intersection of Babbage Road and Boundary Street when his car collided with the rear of a vehicle waiting to make the turn into Boundary Road. This vehicle in turn collided with the rear of the car in front of it, which pushed into the car in front of the second vehicle.

Three cars who were waiting to turn right were involved in this collision. No person was reported to be injured.

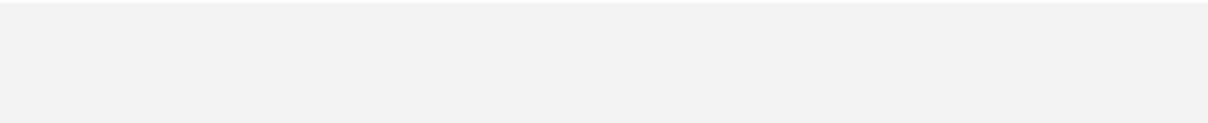
Police attended and it is alleged that as the drivers of the vehicles were providing their details, the 41-year-old had spoken to a tow truck driver and then had left the scene.

Officers contacted the driver and directed him to return to the scene which he did. All drivers involved in the incident were subjected to a roadside breath test.

The 41-year-old was tested, and his test returned a positive result. He was taken back to Chatswood Police Station for a breath analysis which returned a result of 0.173. He is expected to appear in court over high range drink driving charges.

04 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: It certainly takes all kinds. A man called police to confess to breaking into a car at **Westfield Hornsby on Monday.** He smashed the window, unsuccessfully tried to start the car so gave up and handed himself in. He was charged and didn't get bail.

04 December: Borrowed from Brisbane Water LAC. latest scam warning, they are persistent. For full information see: http://www.westpac.com.au/security/fraud-and-scams/latest-scams/#1_scam_emails



November 2013

Email subject line: Incorrect login attempts

From: Westpac [mailto:update@westpac.com.au]
Sent: Monday, 25 November 2013 8:45 AM
To:
Subject: Incorrect login attempts

Dear Westpac Customer, **Scam email**

Within Westpac latest security checks, we recently discovered that today there were 3 incorrect login attempts to your account. For your safety, Westpac set your account status to limited. For your account status to get back to normal, you will have to Sign in correctly at:

[https://\[redacted\]/esis/Login/SrvPage](https://[redacted]/esis/Login/SrvPage)

Case ID : wp-134-S4109

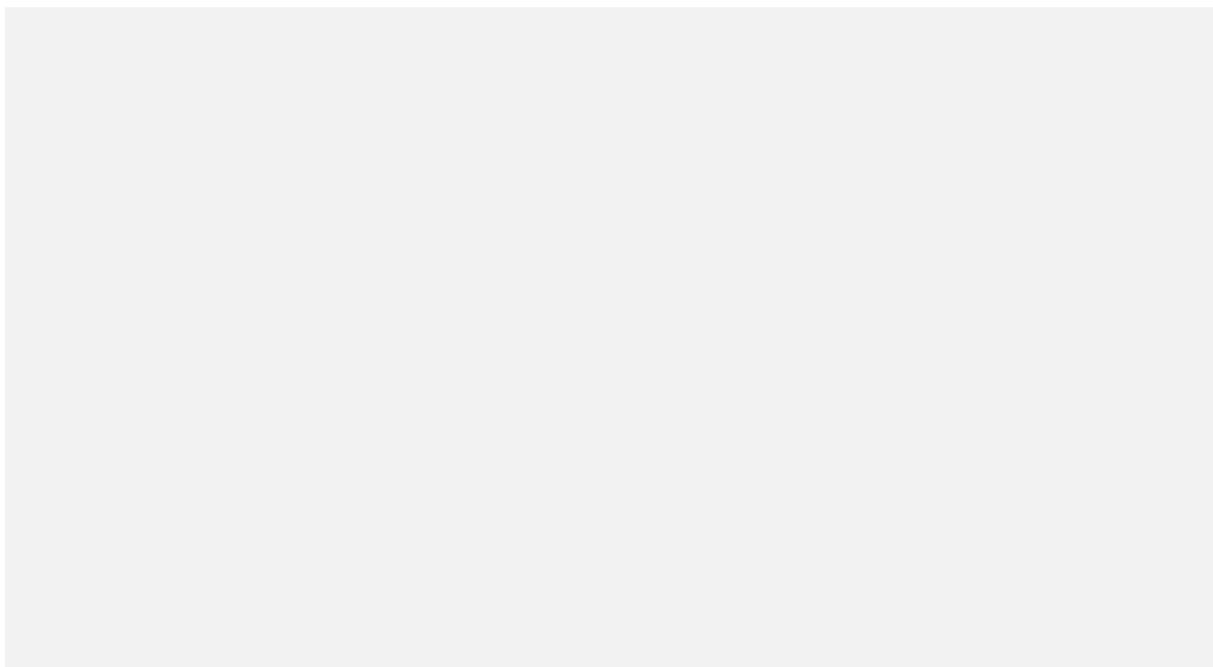
Due to our latest fraud attempts, the following IP addresses were recorded:

Invalid login from:
* * 12.42
Invalid login from:
* * 221.14
Invalid login from:
* * 23.39

Don't click. Move the mouse over the link to see the URL, it usually points to a fake website. The URL will be displayed in the bottom left hand corner of your page.

This message is mandatory, if you do not complete it in less then 24 hours, your account may get suspended.

Thank you for helping us to protect you
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Email subject line: Incident ID: IXXXXXXXXXX



03 December: Hi all, Here's a crime prevention tip while shopping.

When you're shopping it is easy to be distracted and leave your valuables at risk. Make sure you know where your bag and wallet are at all times. Don't leave your mobile or bags on seats or benches, thieves will look for their next target so don't make it you.

Also shopping trolleys are not the place to store your handbag, that includes the hood area of a pram. It only takes a second or two for a thief to steal your wallet or bag. Think of the inconvenience if it was stolen, cancelling and replacing credit cards, replacing your licence, not to mention any cash you had in there. So keep it in your possession, keeping a physical hold of it at all times.

03 December: Just a bit of info on our area.

Kuring gai LAC covers over 420 square kilometres, from Brooklyn in the north to

Dec 4, from Food Standards Australia NZ: Food recall - Old El Paso - Hot Chunky Tomato Salsa 300g from Woolworths supermarkets in NSW due to the presence of foreign matter (glass). Food products containing glass may cause injury if consumed. Consumers should not eat this product and should return the products to the place of purchase. For more info visit: <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/industry/foodrecalls/recalls/Pages/Old-El-Paso-Hot-chunky-Tomato-Salsa.aspx>



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

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

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.

Lindfield:

Milray St - Road resurfacing scheduled for Thursday 16 January.
Russell Ave - Road resurfacing scheduled for Friday 17 January.
Havilah Rd - Road resurfacing scheduled for Monday 20 January.
Northcote Road (between No. 46 and Mackenzie Street) - Road resurfacing scheduled for Tuesday 21 January.

Roseville: Pacific Highway (between Findlay Avenue and Maclaurin Parade). Downer EDI, on behalf of RMS, will carry out road maintenance on Pacific Highway between Findlay Avenue and Laclaurin Parade. Work is scheduled to be completed in one night shift between Friday 6 December and Wednesday 11 December, weather permitting. For additional information contact Downer EDI on 1300 776 069.

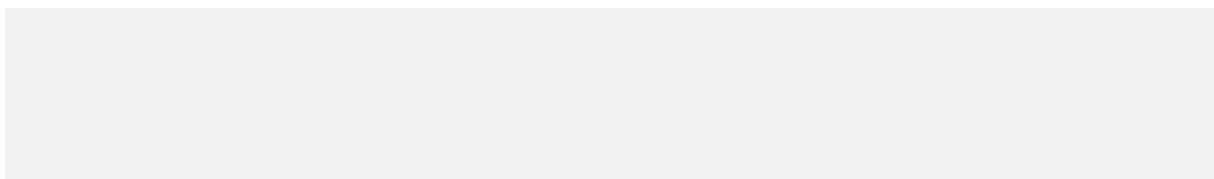
St Ives Chase: Brallas Avenue - Road resurfacing scheduled for Tuesday 10 December.

Turrumurra:

Karuah Road - Road resurfacing scheduled for Wednesday 11 December.
Challis Avenue - Road resurfacing scheduled for Thursday 12 December.
Gilroy Road (between Eastern Road to bend) - Road resurfacing scheduled for night of Wednesday 18 December.
King Street - Road resurfacing scheduled for night of Thursday 19 December.

Wahroonga, Ada Avenue South - Road resurfacing scheduled for Monday 9 December.

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.





**Transport
Roads & Maritime
Services**

**Night work M1 Motorway,
Normanhurst and Pennant Hills Road,
Thornleigh**

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out road maintenance on the M1 Motorway (formerly the F3 Freeway) between Pennant Hills Road and the Pacific Highway overpass at Normanhurst and on Pennant Hills Road between Duffy Avenue and Pacific Highway at Thornleigh.

Work will be carried until **Thursday 19 December, from 8pm to 5am, except Saturday**, weather permitting.

Work involves milling, replacing the asphalt road surface and line marking to provide a more durable and safe road surface. There will be noise associated with this work. Every effort will be made to minimise impact.

Minor delays are expected. Detours will be in place for the M1 Motorway. Partial lane closures will be in place on Pennant Hills Road. Please follow the signs and allow extra travel time.

Up to date information and date changes will be displayed on electronic message signs along the road.

Roads and Maritime apologises for any inconvenience and appreciates your patience.

**For more information contact
the project information line on: 1300 776 069 (toll free),
email: CommunityRelations.PSMC@downergroup.com,
visit rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects or livetraffic.com**

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Dec 03: From Ambulance Service of NSW: Gas bottle and barbecue safety tips to avoid serious injury

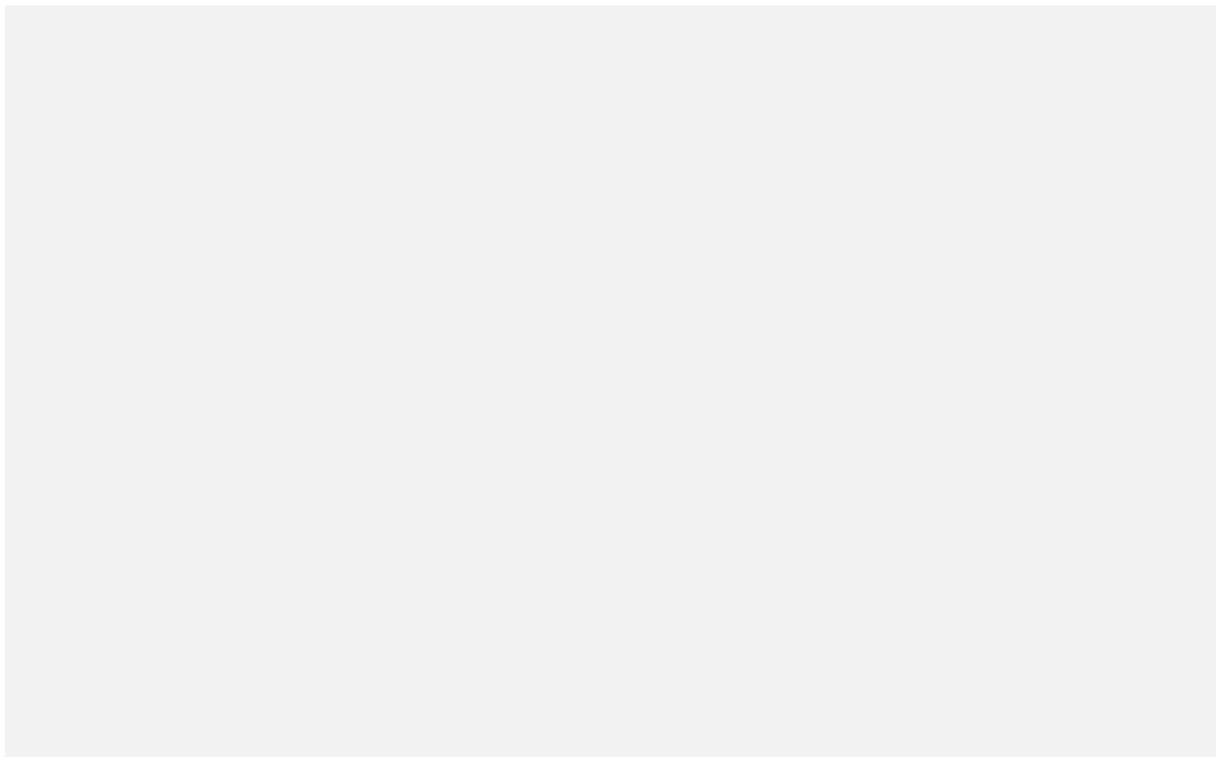
- ⌘ Service and maintain your barbecue correctly - check cylinders for rust or damage, and make sure connections are clear and fit properly before lighting. Also check the date on your cylinder to make sure it's in date.
- ⌘ Clean your barbecue after use and ensure there is no fat or oil left in the drip tray.
- ⌘ Follow the manufacturer's instructions, and use the correct start up and shut down procedures.
- ⌘ Check Total Fire Ban details before lighting your barbecue.
- ⌘ Never put flammable liquid or accelerants onto a barbecue.

â€¢ Keep children away from the barbecue, and store lighters and matches in a secure place.

â€¢ If a gas leak occurs, and itâ€™s safe to do so, shut off the cylinder immediately and allow any gas to disperse.

â€¢ After use, make sure the gas is turned off at the cylinder.

Dec 05, from the Hornsby Advocate: Young Driver Lucky to Escape Cliff Crash



A YOUNG motorist has spoken about the terrifying moment when his 4WD plunged 40m down a cliff at Berowra Waters last Thursday.

The 22-year-old Berowra resident thought he was going to die when his Toyota Prado swerved off Berowra Waters Rd, smashed through fencing, flipped several times and crashed through bushland before landing on a rock ledge.

"I just keep hearing his voice," said his mum, who asked to remain anonymous. "He rang (home) as soon as the car stopped ... it was not his normal voice, it was a real scared, shocked voice.

"When he first came down (from the accident scene) and sat on the fire truck he just looked at me and he said, 'I thought that was it Mum, I thought I was dead'.

"He really did not expect to come out of that one alive and looking at it (the wreck) I can understand why."

The woman said her son was "still very shaken".

"He's got a burn mark on his neck and bruising from his seat belt," she said.

The accident happened when the driver swerved to avoid an oncoming vehicle in one of the notorious hair-in bends.

"It was just one of those freak accidents," his mother said.

Berowra Fire and Rescue's Bruce Covey said it was a miracle escape. "He's a very lucky guy," he said.

On Saturday, a crane was used to winch the vehicle out of the bush.

When buying a second-hand mobile phone - info from the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA).

Here's a great link worth reading before you make the purchase: <http://www.amta.org.au/articles/Second-hand.smartphones.buyers.beware.of.lost.and.stolen.handsets>

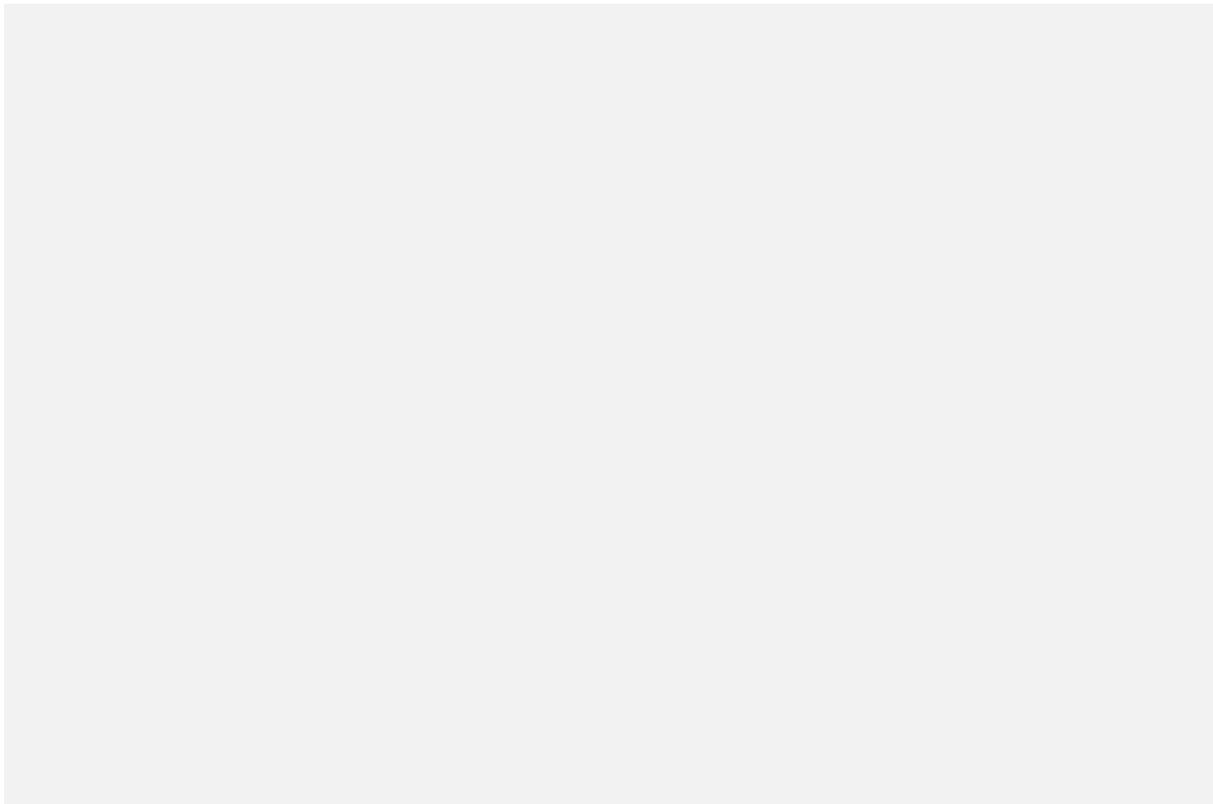
And when you have purchased, check the mobile's status at <http://www.lost.amta.org.au/> by entering the mobile's IMEI number. "It only provides details of phones reported lost or stolen at the time of the inquiry. There can be a 72-hour lag between when a mobile is reported lost and stolen to the carrier and showing 'blocked' on the website. All buyers of second-hand mobile phones should request proof of ownership at the time of purchase."

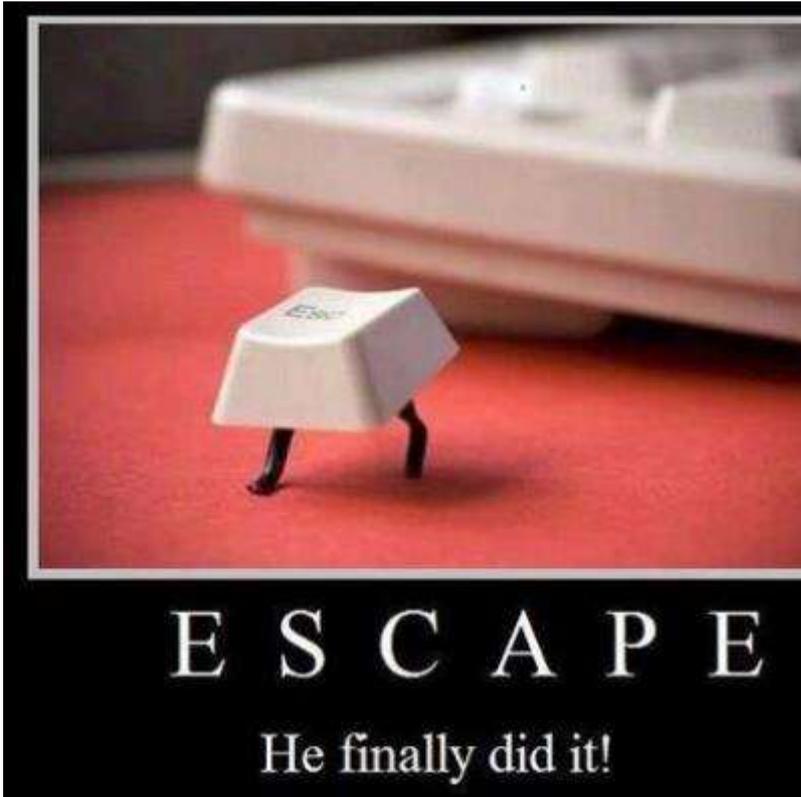
To find out the IMEI number: enter *#06# on your mobile phone.

Crime Prevention Tips to Prevent Building Site Theft

- Get to know immediate neighbours and make your contact details known to them.
- Temporary fencing can reduce the incidence of theft and vandalism.
- Display prominently on fencing the after-hours contacts.
- If no street lighting, consider some sort of temporary lighting.
- Coordinate deliveries of materials, goods & expensive appliances to coincide with their use or installation by tradesmen, thus not leaving unattended items for potential theft.
- Park your trade vehicles within the site (space permitting) to prevent theft of/from vehicles.
- Mark all materials and timber with the company name or building site lot number.
- Don't leave appliance packaging in view, as it provides a visible cue for potential thieves.
- Recover all keys no longer required by tradesmen and delivery contractors as soon as possible.
- High-risk items such as spas and compact hot water services should be secured in a manner making them difficult to steal, eg tamper-proof metal fasteners.
- A fully-completed house with no occupants is a target for an opportunistic thief.

More Crime Prevention tips available from NHWGordon@gmail.com





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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