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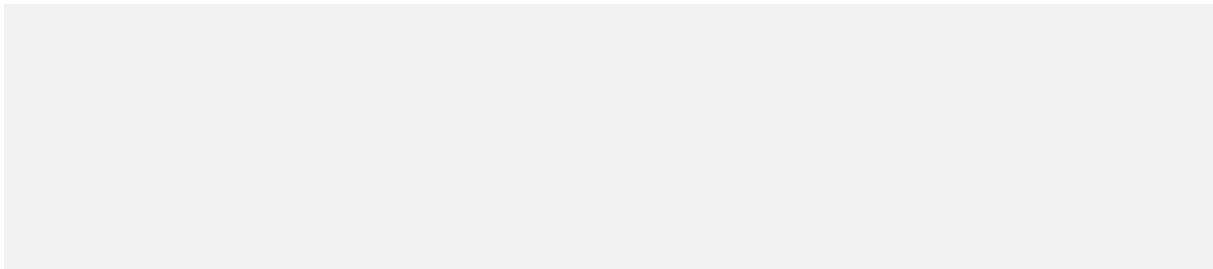
Newsletter # 117 - 23 December 2013

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?

Our Crime Prevention Officer is taking a break, so our usual media release won't be available for a few weeks, sorry! Please feel free to email us anything you may know of, that others may appreciate knowing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.



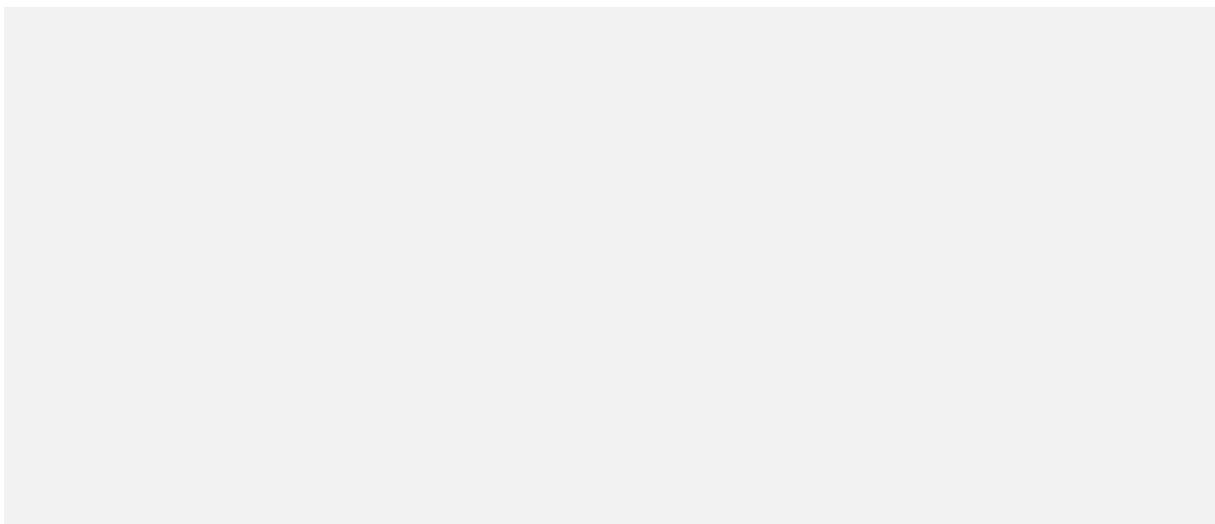


Thanks to Mt Druit Command.

22 December, from NSW Rural Fire Service: The smoke to the north west of Sydney is coming from fires in isolated parts of the Wollemi National Park. The smoke is showing on the weather radar. There is no threat to homes.

**22 December, from the Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate:
CHILDREN'S BIKE FOUND**

This children's bike was found in **Wahroonga Park** over the weekend. If it belongs to your family or you know the owner please get in touch and we can contact the kind resident who has put it aside. Please share and let's hope the owner is found in time for Christmas.





21 December, from Harbourside Command: Thank you to Harbourside LAC: Here is a direct link to all thing NYE to help you plan your night. please remember that all of the harbour foreshore venues are alcohol free and bags etc will be searched when you enter and alcohol confiscated. <http://www.sydneynewyarseve.com>

20 December, from CareFlight: Responding with two doctors, at the request of ambulance paramedics the CareFlight rapid-response trauma team treated trapped drivers at two separate motor vehicle crashes in close proximity at North Ryde and West Ryde shortly before 3 pm in Sydney's north-west today.

At West Pymble, the driver of a small truck suffered neck injuries when his vehicle left the road and hit a power pole shortly before 3 pm. The crash near the intersection of Yanco and Ryde Roads initially trapped the man in his cabin. On release he was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where he remained in a stable condition.

20 December: Man charged with murder following the 1983 disappearance of Mary Wallace - NSW Police Homicide Squad

Homicide Squad detectives have now formally charged a man with the murder of Sydney nurse, Mary Wallace, who disappeared from a North Shore hotel 30 years ago. Police will allege in court that Mary Louise Wallace, 33, was out with friends at the Alpine Hotel, Crows Nest, early on Saturday 24 September 1983, when she was befriended by a man who offered her a lift home. Mary allegedly left with the man but was never seen again and her disappearance was the subject of a Coronial Inquest in 2010.

The Homicide Squad's Unsolved Homicide Team reopened the case in recent years under Strike Force Albumen II, conducting further investigations and a full forensic review, as well as searching for Mary's body in the Lane Cove National Park. Mary's body has not been found. Police were last year joined by Mary's sister and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services to renew their appeal for assistance on the case.

This morning (Friday 20 December 2013), detectives travelled to Gladesville, arresting a 61-year-old man who was taken to Parramatta Police Station. He has been charged with the murder of Mary Wallace and will be refused bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court later today.

20 December: Heatwave Action Plan now activated

As New South Wales prepares for a wave of hot weather over the following days, police are reminding motorists about the danger of leaving children, the elderly or pets unattended in cars.

The Bureau of Meteorology has warned us that temperatures are expected to remain in the high 30s and 40s in the coming days for large parts of New South Wales. **NSW Health has advised people** should take simple precautions to ensure they stay healthy in the heat by;

- Staying well hydrated;
- Avoiding alcohol and hot or sugary drinks;
- Limiting your physical activity; and,
- Trying to stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day.

If you can, it's a good idea to spend some time in an air-conditioned building. Everyone needs to take care in hot weather but some people are at higher

risk of heat illness, especially if they are older, live alone or are socially isolated.

Signs of heat-related illness include confusion, dizziness, fainting, nausea, vomiting, weakness, headaches and loss of sweating.

Look after those at higher risk, including contacting them to make sure they are coping and have taken appropriate precautions. People showing any of these signs should seek urgent medical attention through their GP or local emergency department.

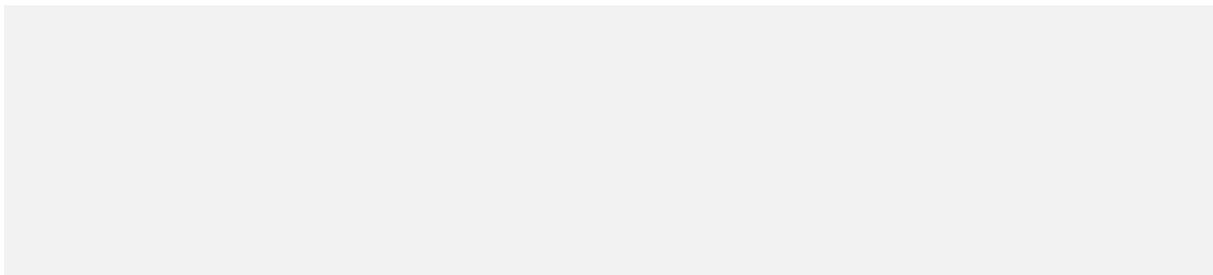
For more information please refer to the Beat the Heat website: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/beattheheat/Pages/default.aspx>
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The New South Wales Department of Primary Industries advise owners of all pets and livestock to ensure adequate clean water is always available and that shading is provided where possible. No animals should be left in confined, unventilated areas such as locked cars.

Intensive large animal holdings, including poultry and piggeries should ensure cooling and watering systems are functioning and backup plans are in place in case of system failures.

18 December: Hornsby Police are investigating 3 stealing incidents at Dan Murphy's Westfield Hornsby on the 14th and 15th of December where some high end alcohol was taken. Hornsby police believe the male depicted may be able to assist with inquiries into the incident. Any information about the incident or the identity of the male can be passed onto Hornsby police.

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





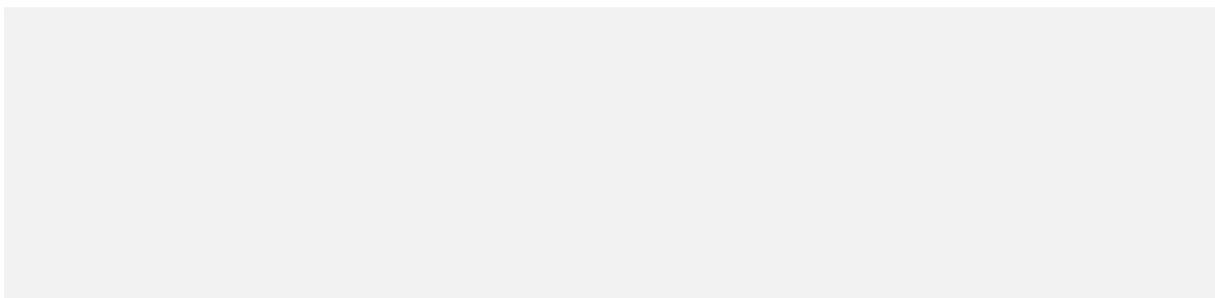
18 December: Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: 12.55pm on Sunday the 15th

Place: **Dick Smith store at the St Ives shopping centre.**

Details: About 12.55pm 7 external hard drives were noticed missing from a display stand. CCTV was viewed and shows a female described as being of Middle Eastern appearance entering the store a few minutes earlier, the female is then alleged to have placed the hard drives into a box she had placed on the ground. A male also of Middle Eastern appearance is seen to pick up the box and is alleged to have left the store. They were valued at an estimated \$610.

Police believe the 2 people pictured may be able to assist with inquiries into the incident.

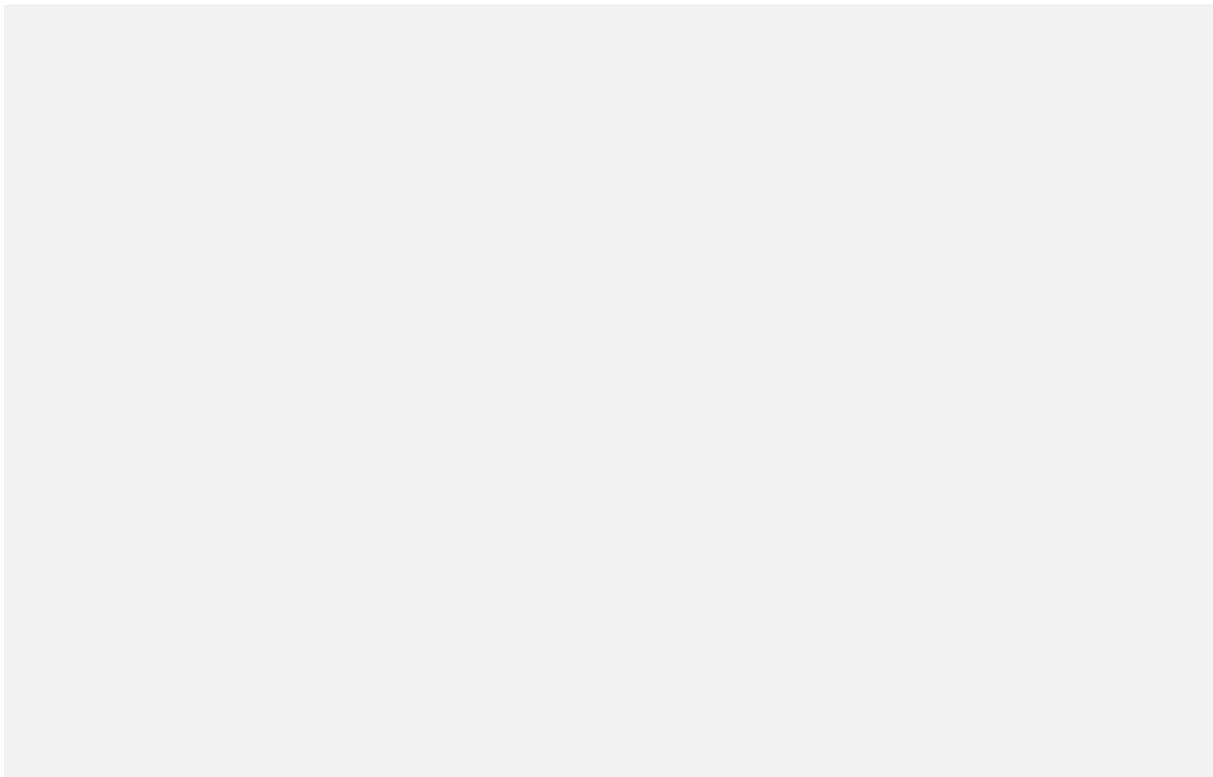




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18 December, from The Hills command: WEDDING DRESS CLAIMED!

The Wedding Dress located on Showground Road last week has been claimed by the owner. Apparently it literally fell off the back of a truck when moving. The Bride was thrilled to be reunited with her precious dress and brought some beautiful photos to Castle Hill Police Station to prove ownership!





18 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: More cars crashed on Pennant Hills Rd at Pennant Hills last year than any other road in Sydney except Pacific Hwy at Chatswood. The analysis from AAMI showed there were 111 crashes on Pennant Hills Rd in the year to September 2013. Also on the list were Hume Hwy at Liverpool and Princes Hwy at Rockdale.

18 December: 7 steps to reduce motorcycle crash risk

- Ensure all motorcycle maintenance and servicing is up to date
 - Carry out a pre-ride safety check that includes checking lights, engine oil and brake fluid levels, clutch, tyre condition and pressure when the tyres are cold
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- Carry a temporary tyre repair kit
- Ensure the chain is correctly adjusted and lubricated with an appropriate chain grease
- Plan the trip with adequate rest breaks and fuel stops remembering some motorcycles may only have a fuel capacity to take them around 250 kilometres
- Secure luggage, being sure not to overload the motorcycle thereby making it unstable
- Wear protective riding gear, even in hot weather.

Full article at: <http://www.gympietimes.com.au/news/riders-are-risking-it-all/2116656/>

17 December: Preparations before you go away.

Getting ready for a Christmas holiday road trip? Here are some tips to consider when getting ready to go:

1. When packing for your holiday, avoid putting gear in the car the night before if it will be parked on the street – it will be an attractive target for a thief;
2. Mow the lawn, clear the mailbox and make the place look tidy;
3. Have a trusted neighbour, friend or family member check on the place regularly while you’re away;
3. Make sure that your car is in good condition; check the basics – battery, coolant, oil, tyre condition and pressure. Consider getting a service if going on a long road trip.
4. Plan your journey so you’re familiar with the route, allowing time for rest breaks and changed traffic conditions. Get plenty of rest the night before.
5. Finally, don’t put your holiday plans on Facebook – thieves have been known to use this information to target houses where they know people are away.

Have a safe and happy trip. For more information, visit https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/crime_prevention/playsafe_staysafe/holiday_safety_and_security.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities



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

Thank you for all the support. There are now over 2,500 'likes' of the page!

From the Hornsby Advocate Dec 19:

CHRISTMAS PERILS OF DRINK-DRIVING

“ As we enjoy the festive season we need to remind everyone of the perils of drink-driving. At 0.05 you are twice as likely to crash and at 0.08 your risk rises to seven times more than zero. Alcohol is a factor in 25 per cent of fatal crashes. We have increased our rates of RBT dramatically, as a result we detected 32 drivers over the limit in

November, 25 per cent of the year's total. This is a serious concern and a danger to our community. We detected three times more drunk drivers than in October. Your chances of being caught and sent to court have increased dramatically. You need a Plan B.

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

If you see anything suspicious in school grounds anywhere over the holiday period, please phone **School Security on 1300 880 021** and/or the police.

An alert from www.StaySmartOnline.gov.au:

Will you be lucky enough this Christmas to get a new phone or tablet? Are your

intending to hand down your old device or sell it? Be sure to prepare your device by deleting all your old information! Unfortunately, an endless number of stories can be found online about people buying or receiving a second hand device that still contained the images, messages or even financial information of its previous owner.

Here are some tips to help you avoid giving away your personal information

1. Back up your device.
2. Remove the SIM card.
3. Remove external storage cards.
4. Format your micro SD card.
5. Erase/Reset.

iOS

Select Settings > General > Reset > Erase All Content and Settings.
(iOS7 devices may also need Find My Phone to be turned off in Settings > iCloud.)

Android

Manufacturers will vary, but should be listed in Settings > Backup & Reset > Factory data reset (or similar).

Windows

Select Settings > About > Reset your phone.

From Fair Trading NSW: Minister warns against dodgy energy saving devices 19 December 2013

Minister for Fair Trading Stuart Ayres and NSW Energy & Water Ombudsman (EWON) Clare Petre today issued a joint warning to all consumers to be on the look-out for cold callers and online traders claiming to sell energy saving devices for domestic use.

Mr Ayres said NSW Fair Trading had investigated a number of consumer complaints about the devices, which can cost up to \$2,000 each. "We have proved under stringent testing conditions that these devices are a complete con," he said.

Full Media Release

at: [http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20131219_minister_warns_against_dodgy.](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20131219_minister_warns_against_dodgy)

Thanks to Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate, Dec 19:

1 TURRAMURRA A 22-year-old driver had his license plates confiscated after allegedly doing a burnout in front of police at Bobbin Head on Sunday afternoon. Police received reports at 4.20pm that a group of motorists, including those driving a Ferrari, Lamborghini and Hummer, were abusing people and performing "doughnuts" in the carpark at Apple Tree Bay. When police arrived they saw the driver of a Ford XR8 lose traction, spin the car 360 degrees, accelerate and fishtail the car up the road.

2 ASQUITH A 21-year-old man was charged after being clocked by police doing 107km/h in a 60km/h zone on a suspended license at Asquith last week. Around 10.40pm on Tuesday, December 10, the man was seen speeding by police along the Pacific Highway. They then found the driver's license had already been suspended and the car was unregistered. He will face court in January.

5 SHIRE-WIDE Hundreds of drivers were breath-tested and four charged during the Kuring-gai Police Operation Unite over the weekend. Of the four offences committed in Wahroonga and Berowra, three were in the mid-range and one was in the high range, returning a reading of 0.250. All had their licenses suspended.

9 HORNSBY A truck is suspected to have brought down powerlines in Hornsby on Monday afternoon. Around 3pm a resident of Manor Rd noticed overhead lines were hanging low. Electricity was cut to surrounding streets. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

3 TURRAMURRA A bizarre list of items were stolen from a property at Turramurra on Monday night including a badminton uniform and women's underwear. Between 11pm on Monday and 6.45am on Tuesday someone entered the home on Wattle Pl and took items off the clothes rack. The list included a pink jacket, the uniform, blue bra, women's and men's underwear. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

10 SHIRE-WIDE Police are issuing a general warning to homeowners about keeping balcony doors locked. There has been a growing trend of flyscreen doors being cut open. If you must leave doors open for ventilation, use lockable windows and high quality security grills instead of flyscreens. Items being targeted include laptops, iPads and iPods, cash and jewellery so people are advised to keep all valuables secure.

6 THORNLEIGH A homeowner disturbed a would-be thief at their property in Thornleigh on Wednesday, December 11. Around 1pm the owner heard someone enter the Pennant Hills Rd unit through an open flyscreen door. The victim confronted the man and he fled. He was described as caucasian, in his mid-20s, of skinny build, 180cm tall, with short black hair, wearing a dark shirt. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

8 WAHROONGA A \$2500 mountain bike was stolen after a garage had a hole punched in the wall in Wahroonga over the weekend. Between 10pm on Friday and 7am on Saturday the home on the Pacific Highway had a hole punched into the ground floor rear wall. Witnesses should phone police on 9476 9799.

From a resident in St Ives, Dec 18: Police called to our home this morning, neighbour's house was ransacked with a safe pulled out of the floor this morning. Make sure your house is secure if heading out! Scary stuff!!



You'll find this very festive message out the front of Mount Ommaney Police Station, Qld.

â€œTo help motorists plan their journey the new version of the **Live Traffic NSW website** will send out regular email alerts about incidents on motorists' favourite travel routes. Weâ€™ve also got a new version of the Live Traffic apps with all kinds of improvements to make planning your drive easier.â€•

The [Live Traffic NSW](#), iPhone, iPad and Android apps have also been upgraded to be faster, with more features including email traffic alerts for your journey.

The apps have all the latest traffic information, personalised incident alerts and live

traffic cameras.

The new Live Traffic NSW website is at www.livetraffic.com.

Download Live Traffic NSW app from the App Store or Google Play. Traffic information is also available by calling **132 701**.

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

Gordon:

Garden Square: Road resurfacing scheduled for one day from 22 January, weather permitting.

Ashley Grove and Minns Road (between Mt William Street and Rosedale Road): Road resurfacing scheduled for one day from 22 January, weather permitting.

Mt William Street (between Carlotta Avenue and Pearson Avenue): Road resurfacing scheduled for one day from 23 January, weather permitting.

Lindfield, Pymble, Roseville Chase, St Ives and Wahroonga: Dates scheduled for late January /early February 2014. For full info: http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Projects_and_initiatives/Council_initiatives/Roadworks

Turrumurra:

Fox Valley Rd between Ada Ave & Pac Hwy. Mon 16 Dec to Fri 10 Jan 2014. (Mon to Fri 10am to 3pm, Sat to Sun 7am to 6pm) Both directions affected. Diversions: Southbound, turn right into Finlay Rd from the Pac Hwy, then right into Mildred St, right into Roland Ave and then right to access Fox Valley Rd. Northbound: Turn left onto Gilda Ave from the Pac Hwy, then left onto Ada Ave, then left onto Fox Valley Rd. Advice - check signage. Use alternative route. Work will not take place between the 20 Dec and 01 Jan 2014.

NB: Work will not take place between 20 Dec and 01 Jan.

Fox Valley Rd between Lucinda Ave & Ada Ave. Tue 10 Dec to Tue 11 Feb 2014. (Mon to Sun 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Diversions: Detour via Lucinda Ave, Pac Hwy and Ada Ave. Advice: check signage. Allow extra travel time. No works will be conducted from 23 Dec to 12 Jan 2014.

Gilroy Road (between Eastern Road to bend) - Road resurfacing scheduled for night of Wednesday 18 December.

NB: Work will not take place between 23 Dec and 12 Jan.

Phone 132 701 or visit [Live traffic](#) for further road works information.

From a local resident, who has been hunting a warning sticker:

Jaycar of Hornsby have the following one only, stick-on message in black lettering on a white background and available in various physical sizes of label :-

WARNING
THESE PREMISES ARE UNDER 24 HOUR
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE. ENTRY IS ON
THE UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU WILL
BE PHOTOGRAPHED BY CONCEALED
INFRARED/VIDEO RECORDING EQUIPMENT.

The 12 by 5 cm label is \$3.45 each. This warning message may not be suitable for all applications.

[Jaycar at Hornsby a few years ago, donated 50 ultraviolet pens for the use of Neighbourhood Watch groups within the Kuring gai Local Area Command. Ask your local group if you'd like to borrow one to mark fragile items with your drivers licence number.]

Please check **snopes.com** when you get a warning that you are asked to share with everyone! The latest is the postcard from Hallmark cards. Unnecessary to share the warning email. It has been around a few years now and isn't a real concern. Here's the link: <http://www.snopes.com/computer/virus/postcard.asp>

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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