



Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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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.

30 December: A few people have been asking about the helicopter over Killara...
Driver leads police on chase down M1 from Ourimbah to Killara

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/driver-leads-police-on-chase-down-m1-from-ourimbah-to-killara-20131230-303bp.html>

30 December, from the Eastern Beaches command: BEACH THIEVES AT WORK ON THE EASTERN BEACHES.....

Are you heading to the beach today??? If so don't be a victim of beach theft. The weather is getting hotter now and the beaches are starting to get busy for both beach goers and thieves. A few tips to take note of:

- *Do not take valuables to the beach
- *If in a group always have a friend stay and mind your property
- *Do not leave car keys under the wheel arch of your car
- *Purchase a waterproof swimming bag that you can take in the water
- *If lockers are available for hire, use them
- *Always know where you have left your property
- *Leave any belongings that you don't need locked away in your vehicle.

30 December, from the Telegraph: Missing Dee Why man Nick Eade's body found on beach a month after going missing.

Police from Northern Beaches Local Area Command were called to Shelly Beach about 5pm after a member of the public discovered the body.

Full story at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/missing-dee-why-man-nick-eades-body-found-on-beach-a-month-after-going-missing/story-fni0cx12-1226791961401>

29 December, from neighbouring Harbourside command: Teenager clocked at 205km/h â€“ Warringah Freeway Issued at 6pm, Sunday 29 December 2013

Police have charged a teenager after he was allegedly clocked at more than 200km/h in Sydneyâ€™s north this morning. About 6.50am (Sunday 29 December), police from Harbourside Highway Patrol were conducting speed enforcement on the Warringah Freeway at North Sydney for Operation Safe Arrival. They spotted a black Lexus sedan travelling north, well in excess of the 80km/h speed limit. Officers clocked the carâ€™s speed at 205km/h.

Police followed the Lexus, which took the Willoughby Road off-ramp. Officers will allege the car then travelled along Willoughby Road at between 130km/h and 140km/h in a 60km/h zone. The Lexus slowed to around 40km/h when officers activated their lights and sirens but did not stop. A slow speed pursuit continued along several local roads before the Lexus stopped on Penshurst Street.

When police were handcuffing the 18-year-old driver, his girlfriend got out of the car and started assaulting the officers. She was eventually placed under arrest. Police searched the car and found a 45cm long machete and 30cm long metal blade under the driver's seat.

The pair was taken to Chatswood Police Station where the driver returned a breath analysis of 0.137. The Chinese national has been charged with exceed speed limit by more than 45km/h; drive in a speed dangerous to the public; police pursuit (Skye's Law); and mid-range PCA. The man holds a Chinese driver's licence and as such has been issued with a notice suspending his authority to driver in NSW. His 18-year-old girlfriend has been charged with assaulting and hindering police. The pair will appear at Downing Centre Local Court on 30 January 2014.

29 December, from CareFlight: QUICK POLICE ACTION HELPS SAVE MAN FROM BACKYARD POOL (Beecroft)

Quick action by police helped save a man from drowning in a backyard pool at Beecroft, in Sydney's north-west, this morning. Acting on a call from the man's brother, police raced to the Hannah Street home to find the man in difficulty in the pool. Police rescued the man and immediately started first aid.

Ambulance paramedics called the CareFlight rapid-response trauma team shortly before 11 am to assist treating the man, with police transporting the medical team from where the helicopter landed nearby in front of the club house at Pennant Hills Golf Club.

The CareFlight doctor said the 50-year-old man apparently suffered a recurrence of a cardiac condition. The doctor and paramedics stabilised the man then continued treatment as they took him, in a road ambulance, to Westmead Hospital where he remained in a serious but stable condition on arrival.

28 December, advice from Ryde command: So, now that Santa has been and the children have unwrapped all of their gifts, please do not leave the boxes of gifts out on your lawns to be collected. This will give possible offender's an insight as to what you and your children received for Christmas and provides an opportunity for them to scope your neighbourhood and possibly break in to your house and steal those wonderful gifts. It may take several weeks to destroy and place the boxes in recycle bins for collection, but it's worth it.

If you see a suspicious person or a person that appears to be rummaging through bins or loitering in your neighbourhood that you are not familiar with, please do not hesitate and contact your local police station.



27 December, from North Shore command: MALE CAUTIONED OVER DRUGS - KILLARA

About 9:20pm on Saturday 21st December Proactive Crime Team officers were patrolling the Killara area when they attended Queen Elizabeth Reserve and observed a vehicle parked at the reserve. Police will allege that as the plain clothes officers approached the vehicle they observed 3 males inside the car and noticed a strong smell was emanating from the vehicle. Officers announced their office a spoke to a 28-year-old man who was sitting in the front seat of the car smoking. Police spoke to the man about the cigarette he was smoking as they believed it contained prohibited drugs. The suspected drugs were confiscated from the Killara man and weighed. He was issued a cannabis caution.

27 December: Walking? Boating? 4WD-ing? A 406Mhz beacon is your best chance of being rescued.

Video link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-X8FJmdcmAI>

Phil Gaden from the Rescue Coordination Centre talks about why having a properly registered, GPS encoded, 406Mhz distress beacon gives you the best chance of being rescued if you get into trouble. For more information or to register your beacon for free visit www.beacons.amsa.gov.au or call **1800 406 406**.

26 December: Crash Investigators are hoping to speak with three men who survived a crash on the M1 near **Mooney Mooney** today, which claimed the lives of two friends.

The crash happened shortly before 5am today (Thursday 26 December 2013), when a southbound hatchback hit an embankment north of Jolls Bridge. One man was thrown from the vehicle and died at the scene. A second man, who was a back-seat passenger, also died. Three other men – including the driver – were taken by NSW Ambulance Paramedics to Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The driver, a 29-year-old man, and two passengers, aged 22 and 27, are believed to live in the Auburn area. They remain in hospital where they are reported to be in a stable condition. The two men who died are yet to be formally identified; however, police have been told the man thrown from the vehicle was aged 31, while the second man was aged 22. They, too, are believed to have lived in the Auburn area. Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command, Fire & Rescue NSW, and NSW Ambulance Paramedics attended the scene; the investigation is being conducted by the Crash Investigation Unit (CIU). Traffic was disrupted for five hours after the crash while investigations and retrieval operations occurred.

Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

26 December, from neighbouring The Hills command: About 4.50 am on 24

December 2013 at **Ashley Avenue, West Pennant Hills** two offenders have confronted the 46 year old female occupant whilst she was in the bedroom of the house. After breaking into the house through the kitchen window the offenders woke her by shining a torch in her eyes. The offenders made demands for keys to the vehicle below and after obtaining the keys took the vehicle and left the scene. The vehicle is a modified Nissan SX silver in colour with black bonnet and front guard. Registration number CHD 63A. At least two other persons were asleep in the premises at the time. The vehicle is still stolen.

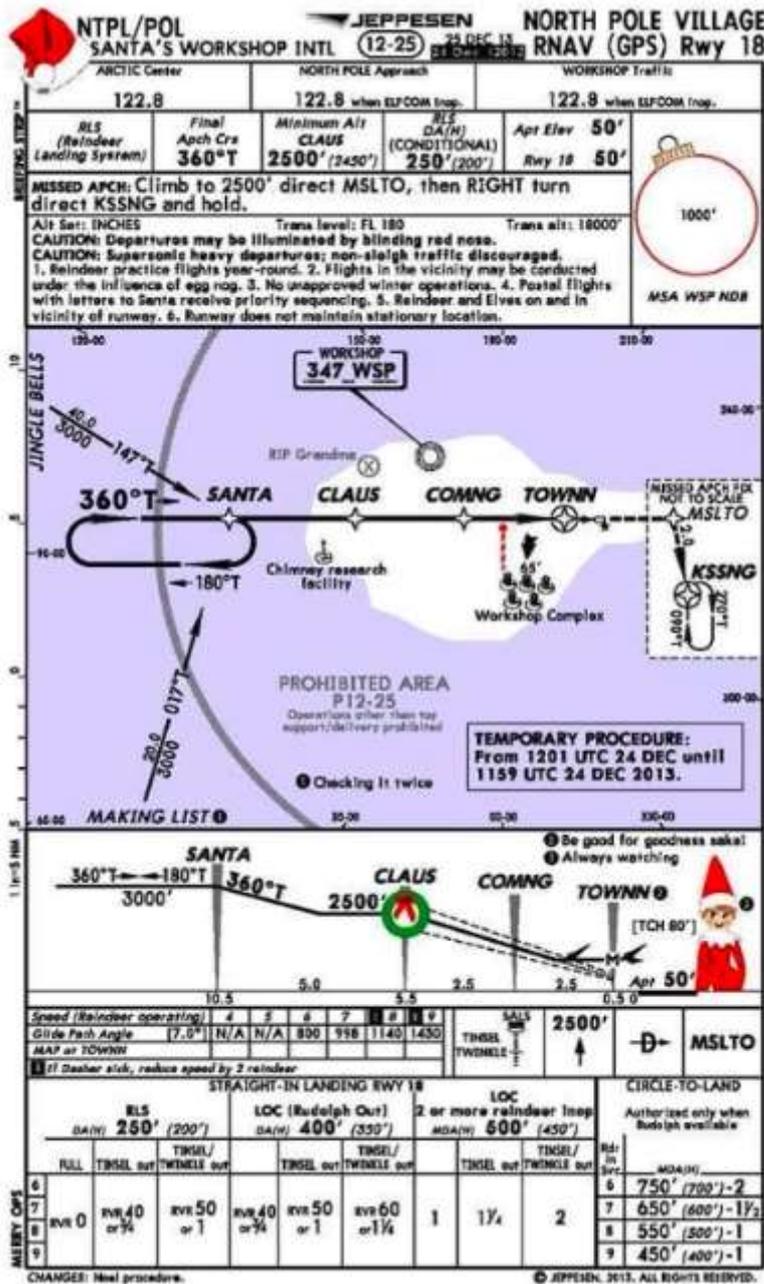
These offenders are described as Male, 180 cm tall, Australian accent, knife in left hand, 20- old, wearing a white hoodie and female, deep Lebanese accent, baggy clothes, chubby build and 165-170 cm tall.

The Hills Detectives are investigating. If the vehicle is seen please do not touch the vehicle or approach the occupants. Contact **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000** or the **Hills Detectives on 9680 5399**. Crime Manager, The Hills.



24 December, from Careflight: Only one sleep to go kids until Christmas Day and

with that AirServices Australian have released this years "Notice to Airmen" (NOTAM) to ensure all air traffic across Australia stay clear of all Santa's flying operations. CareFlight will be keeping a sharp eye out for him tonight during our operations and staying well clear. Also attached is Santa's updated RNAV approach into the North Pole. Looks like a nice simple approach.



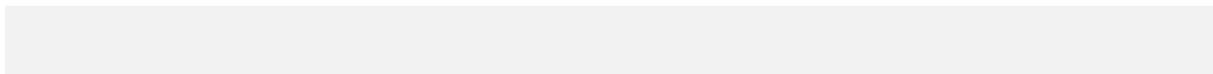
24 December: Thanks for following our page and we hope it has been informative and in some cases entertaining. We have appreciated all your comments and

messages. It's great to start the next year with over two and a half thousand 'likes'. From all of us at the Kuring gai Local Area Command, please have a **very safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014!**

24 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: Now this is pretty low. A resident of **Sydney Rd Hornsby Heights** has contacted us to report that someone has cut the power cords to all the Christmas lights in the street. Police have been alerted to the incident but if anyone knows anything they are urged to come forward and report it. Sydney Rd is one of the best known Christmas lights streets in the area.

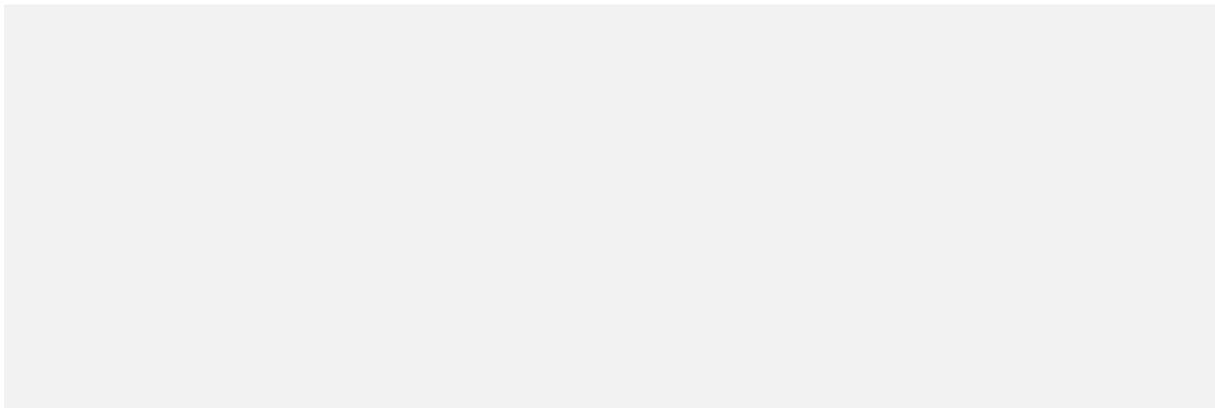


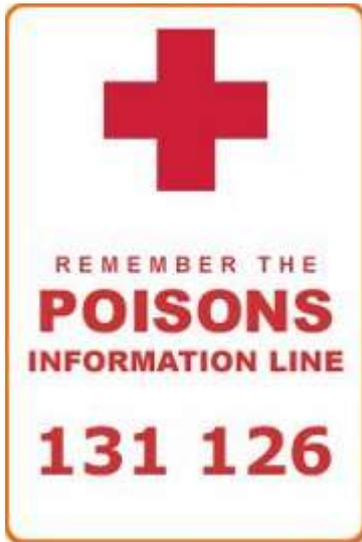
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Creating Safer Communities



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

The car park at Pymble behind Dominos is partially shut for a while...

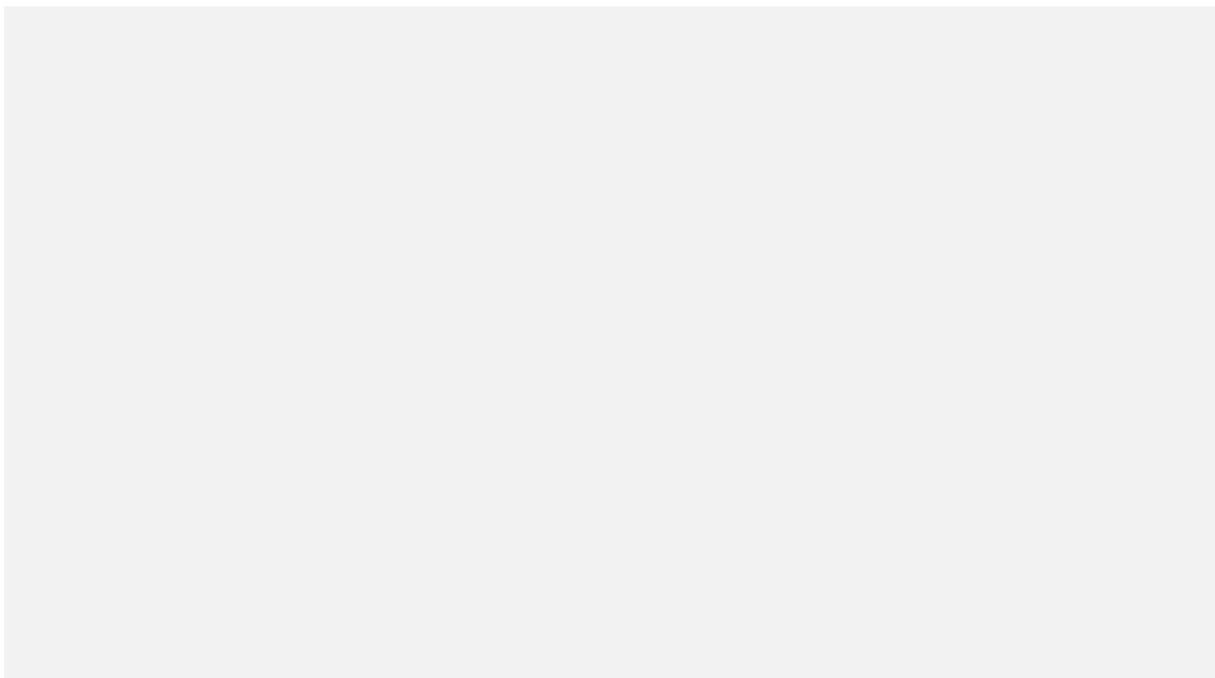




From Hornsby Shire Council: CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The festive season is over and the presents have been taken out from under your Christmas tree, but this doesn't have to be the end of its usefulness. It can gain new life in your garden if you bring it to Council's Free Chipping For Mulch Day on January 19. Instead of adding to the mountains of waste created by the holiday season, you can take home some free mulch for your garden.

For full details, click here: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/my-lifestyle/events/all-events/environmental/mulch-and-chipping-days13>





Whatever happens, don't just throw it in the green bin like this person did last year. The bin will not be taken if it is overloaded.

Dec 27, from neighbouring North Shore command: WOMAN FINED AFTER LEAVING PUPPY IN CAR - CHATSWOOD

North Shore Police were called to a vehicle that was parked in **Victoria Avenue Chatswood** on Saturday (21st December) afternoon after a member of the public observed a 6 week old Samoyed dog in the rear of a parked vehicle which had all the windows up. Officers made enquiries as to the identity of the owner of the car, a 34- year-old woman from Penshurst returned to her vehicle. Police will allege the dog had been left in the vehicle unattended for over 30 minutes with outside temperatures over 30 degrees. It is believed the owner had gone to have Yum Cha leaving the puppy in the car. The 34-year-old was issued with an infringement for **Commit Act of Cruelty on an animal**.

Dec 26, from Ku-ring-gai council: LOST DOGS - Please share

Help us find Penny and Rosie! This adorable boxer has a pink collar, answers to Penny and was last seen in Cyrus Avenue, Wahroonga on Saturday morning. She may be travelling with her pal Rosie the Golden Retriever who is also missing.



From Hornsby Shire council: ARE YOU CARING FOR SOMEBODY?

If you are caring for someone with a disability, mental health illness, dementia or for any other reason we would like to let you know about events, programs and opportunities that are available throughout the year. Register with the Community and Cultural Development Team to receive information by contacting Sophie Davis at Council. You can email sdavis@hornsby.nsw.gov.au, phone 9847 6741, mail 28-44 George St Hornsby NSW 2077 or drop in to the same address.



When you go on holiday:

- It's a good idea to leave your house looking 'lived in'.
- If possible get a trusted friend or relative to house-sit for you while you are away.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked in your home/ garage/ shed.
- Have your mail collected by a friend or neighbour, or have it held or re-directed by the post office.
- Don't leave a message on your answering machine, or a note on the door that

tells callers you are away.

- Turn down the volume on your phone so it can't be heard ringing unanswered.
 - Ask a neighbour/ friend to put your rubbish bins out as usual.
 - Consider using automatic timers to turn on a light, tv or radio at different times.
 - Leave a key with a trusted neighbour or friend and ask them to rearrange the blinds etc to make your house look 'lived in'.
 - Lock away tools, ladders and anything that could be used to get into your house, garage or shed.
 - Ask a neighbour to park their car in your driveway occasionally to give the impression that someone is coming and going.
 - Disconnect the electrical supply on radio-controlled or electronic garage doors and use good quality locks.
 - Make sure all your valuables are stored securely.
 - Close blinds and curtains.
 - Have your lawn mowed while you are away.
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From Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade: Merry Christmas to all, stay safe out on the wet roads while driving today. Let's aim to allow our volunteers, along with all other emergency services to spend this Christmas with their families.



Scheduled Roadworks - no change since last week's notice.

Know the App? Google Crisis Response: [Public Alerts](#)

Being prepared is just as important as knowing what to do in a crisis. Public Alerts provide a warning before disasters cause damage, and information on how to stay safe.

Get local updates on Google Maps

Youâ€™ll also see Public Alerts in Google Maps. If youâ€™re searching Maps on desktop or mobile youâ€™ll get alerts for that area, and if youâ€™re using the Google Maps for Mobile app youâ€™ll see a warning notification if there is an alert nearby.

Notifications on Google Now

Google Now on Android is also integrated with Public Alerts, so that if thereâ€™s an alert active for your local area youâ€™ll receive a notification letting you know whatâ€™s going on, and showing you the affected area.

<http://www.google.org/crisisresponse/>

Dec 24, from 702 ABC Sydney: Evidence of an interesting expected arrival tonight at Sydney Airport Gate 38...



From Hornsby Shire council, Water Quality App: Download Hornsby Council's

app to access great features like an up-to-date report on the water quality at Hawkesbury River swimming spots.

Video link at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwJtcoepNtQ&feature=c4-overview&list=UUDLciSD9BFnMHadNQB1O4A>

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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