



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?

Please continue to email us anything you may know of, that others may appreciate knowing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

06 January: Police are warning the community to be on the lookout for counterfeit money circulating in the St George Area.

Detectives from St George Local Area Command are conducting investigations after thousands of dollars of counterfeit notes were passed at businesses in the area, including a betting outlet in Bexley North, a hotel in Bexley, a club in Kogarah

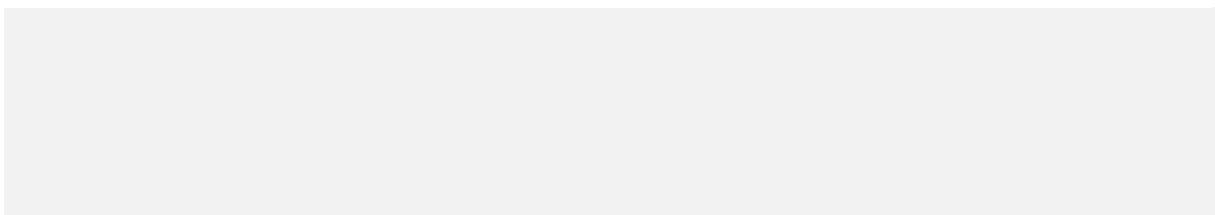
and a hotel in Allawah.

Police are continuing their investigations to identify those responsible for passing and making the counterfeit \$50 and \$100 notes.

They are also warning business owners and the community to be on the lookout for fake \$100 notes using the serial numbers BK 08689143 and FA 96403514.

People should also be on the lookout for counterfeit \$50 notes using the serial number GG 08245068. Anyone who is handed one of these notes is asked to contact police immediately.

Anyone with information about this incident should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages. (4 photos)





06 January 2014: Thornleigh family of king-hit victim Daniel Christie devastated by "coward punch"

THE family of Thornleigh bashing victim Daniel Christie has spoken of the New Year's Eve king-hit that "turned their lives upside down". Daniel, 18, remains in a critical condition at St Vincent's Hospital after being punched in the face on Victoria St at Kings Cross about 9pm on December 31. He has undergone emergency surgery to repair fractures to his skull, bleeding on the brain and pressure to the skull.

Police have charged Shaun McNeil, 25, of Pennant Hills, with one count of causing grievous bodily harm to Daniel, one count of assaulting Daniel's brother, Peter Christie, and two counts of common assault.

Full story at: <http://m.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/thornleigh-family-of-kinghit-victim-daniel-christie-devastated-by-coward-punch/story-fnqr8i1f-1226794186859>

06 January: Hornsby Police news, 6/1/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Pedestrian collision

Time/Date: About 6.20pm on Thursday the 2nd

Place: Pentecoste avenue, St Ives, x Mona Vale Road.

Vehicle 1: Ford Laser

Details: The Laser was waiting to turn left at the intersection, witness accounts advise a woman has walked in front of the turning car and was hit and landed on the ground. Her injuries are not known at this stage. Investigations are continuing.

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: About 10pm on Saturday the 4th

Place: St Vincent De Paul store, Jersey street, Hornsby

Person 1: 38 year old male.

Details: A member of the public has seen a male person rummaging through the charity bins outside the store. Police have attended and sighted a 38 year old male as he was allegedly placing items in a back pack. Certain admissions were allegedly made. The male was arrested and charged. He is to face Hornsby Local Court at a date yet to be set.

The items which included electrical items and mobile phones were returned to "Vinnies".

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 12.45pm on Saturday the 4th

Place: Myer Westfield Hornsby

Person 1: 38 year old female.

Details: A female has entered the store and has proceeded to the Cosmetics area, It is alleged she placed a number of items into a bag, she has then gone to another area and [purchased a number of Christmas decorations before walking out of the store allegedly without paying for items in her bag. The female was detained and police called. In total 21 items of cosmetics was allegedly found in her bag, with a retail value of just under \$650. The female received a criminal infringement notice.

Incident: Push bike crash

Time/Date: About 4.30pm on Thursday the 2nd

Place: Pacific highway, Hornsby x Pretoria parade.

Details: The bike rider has rounded a bend in the road and stated his rear wheel slipped out from under him. The rider a 21 year old male has then hit the gutter and landed in a garden bed, he was wearing a helmet. At this stage he was soreness to 2 fingers and a possible broken shoulder.

Incident: Car fire

Time/Date: Between 12am and 2.30am on Wednesday the 1st

Place: Essex street, Killara

Vehicle: Ford Falcon

Details: A nearby resident has seen the Ford on fire and called 000. The resident has tried to put the fire out but was not successful. Fire brigade units have attended and put the fire out. The car was a total loss. It had appears an electrical short may have been the cause of the fire. The car had been lent to a friend.

Incident: Stolen push bike

Time/Date: During December, 2013.

Place: Fox Valley road, Wahroonga

Details: A garage was broken into at the home, a men's racing road bike was stolen it was valued at \$1,800. It is described as a Merida brand and was white in colour.

Incident: Break, Enter with intent to steal.

Time/Date: Between 10.30am on Thursday the 2nd and 8pm on Friday the 3rd

Place: Minnamurra avenue, Pymble

Details: Person/s unknown have broken into the home via a ground floor front door. The owner has come home and found the front door open. On entering the home the owner states they saw a figure in the main bedroom. Police were called but no sign of any person was found. Nothing appears to have been taken, it is possible the victim disturbed the offender before anything could be taken.

Incident: Attempted steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between Friday evening the 3rd and 1pm on Sunday the 5th

Place: Brushwood place, Frederick street & Pinera close, Hornsby

Details: 2 cars were broken into with the ignition wires being ripped from under the dash area. A Hyundai was stolen during the same time frame. All streets are in the same area, it is possible the incidents were committed by the same offenders.

Incident: Letter boxes raided

Time/Date: Between 12pm on 12pm on Sunday the 5th and 6.30am on Monday the 6th

Place: Hunter street, Hornsby

Details: A unit complex in Hunter street had all 30 letter boxes opened by persons unknown. It is not known if any mail had been taken. Usually the thieves are after personal information, including bills and statements as well as bank info. Please make sure good quality lock are used and clear your mail regularly, monitor you statements etc and report any strange activity on any accounts.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: About 5pm on Tuesday the 31st

Place: St Ives shopping centre car park.

Details: A shopper has returned to her car and proceeded to place groceries into the boot of her car. Her handbag was in the trolley. The victim went to the back seat area and when she returned her hand bag was gone.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal.

Time/Date: Saturday the 21st

Place: Stanley street, St Ives.

Details: A number of storage cages in a unit complex were broken into. It appears the locks had been forced on some and wire cut on others. A large number of tools were taken and in one unit Children's Christmas presents were taken they were wrapped up ready for Christmas day. A number of inquiries led police to apply for a search warrant at a Seven Hills home. A 27 year old female was questioned. Police allege tools and the Christmas presents from the Break & Enter were at the home.

Court: The female is to appear at the Parramatta Local Court on the 6th of January, charged with 7 counts of Break Enter & Steal. She had been refused bail at an earlier court appearance.

Incident: Christmas lights damaged.

Time/Date: During Monday evening the 23rd.

Place: Various homes in Sydney road and The Outlook, Hornsby Heights.

Details: As you all know during Christmas every year homes across Australia place Christmas lights outside their homes for all to enjoy. In the streets "above" someone has cut the wires to multiple displays in the 2 streets. CCTV from one house shows a youth about 14 or 15 years old allegedly cutting the wires at one home. The male youth was wearing a hoodie and had what appears to be a cast on his foot, presumably from a broken foot or ankle. Anyone you know?

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.

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06 January, from our neighbouring Northern Beaches command: DRUG DEALERS BUSTED.....

Police have charged a Scotland Island man with supplying heroin after arresting him at Mona Vale on Thursday. Northern Beaches Crime Manager Insp Brad Hughes said the 33-year-old man was driving on Vesper St at noon when he was signalled to pull over by police. A search of the man and his car allegedly uncovered 51 small balloons containing 66g of heroin worth at least \$13,000. The man was arrested and charged with supplying heroin and will appear in court on a future date.

Two men have been charged over a clandestine drug lab in a rented unit at Collaroy that exploded on November 24. The two men allegedly rented the unit in a block in Frazer St and set up a small clandestine lab in the kitchen of the unit to make the drug crystal methamphetamine, also called ice. Police investigating the clan lab have now charged a Brookvale man, 27, with dealing with property suspected to be the proceeds of crime, possessing instructions on the manufacture of a prohibited drug, handling an explosive substance without a licence and have goods in custody suspected of being stolen. A Dee Why man, 24, has been charged with dealing with identity information with intent to commit an indictable offence, knowingly making a false statement, possessing drug-making equipment, making a prohibited drug and possessing precursor chemicals with intent to manufacture a prohibited drug. Both men will appear in court on Tuesday.

John Morcombe, Journalist Manly Daily



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

The Hornsby Advocate shared the same post about mail theft on their facebook page as is included above from our local police. **HAS YOUR MAIL BEEN TARGETED?**

HORNSBY Police have urged residents to use quality locks on their letterboxes and regularly clear their mail after letterboxes were raided in Hunter St Hornsby between 12pm Sunday and 6.30am this morning. The unit complex had all 30 letter boxes opened by persons unknown. It is not known if any mail had been taken. Usually thieves are after personal information, including bills and statements as well as bank info.

The Advocate got the following responses:

- Our secured and locked mailboxes in my unit block have been broken in to 4 times in nov-dec
- I live in **Hornsby Heights** and had all our christmas cards opened looking for money i guess!!! and yes, the thief got some - very disappointing...
- Happened here in **Wahroonga** as well, last Friday night/Saturday morning...maybe a pain living in units but it pays to check the box regularly.
- **Linda street in Hornsby** as well

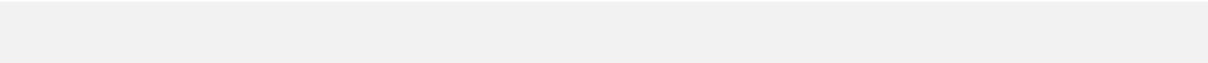
From the government's website, Stay Smart Online: Safe summer lovin'.

Essential tips for anyone dating online. Tips such as:

- Scammers use dating websites to steal information from you for the purpose of stealing your identity, so be cautious if anyone asks you for bank or personal details, money or gifts, even if you think you know the person well
- Have a different password for each social networking site “ if one password is stolen, not all of your accounts will be at risk

Full info at: http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/whats_on

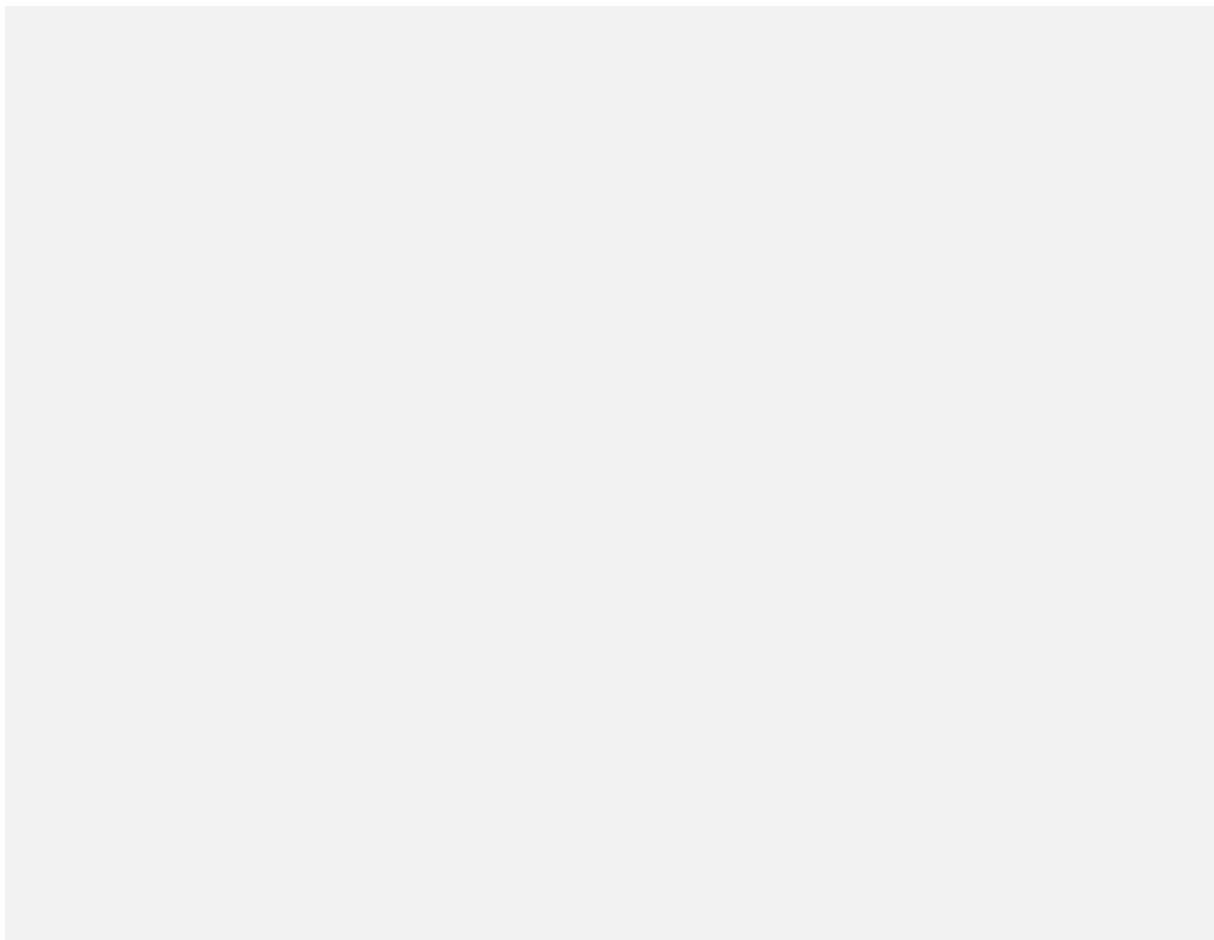
06 January, from Blue Mountains Police Rescue: Police have concern for this missing person. If the vehicle or male is sighted, please call police.





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

01 January: Found in Turramurra on Monday, now at Thornleigh pound. No chip but had a collar with the name Buddy on it.





Shared from the North Shore Mums group: The 10 Signs of Drowning:

Look for these other signs of drowning when people are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legsâ€™vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back

- Appear to be climbing an invisible ladder

Full article and video at: <http://www.mamamia.com.au/parenting/signs-of-drowning/>

The first person to be fined for speeding in the UK was doing 8mph (13km/h) in a 2mph (3km/h) zone!



Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW and Ku-ring-gai Council

TURRAMURRA Fox Valley Rd between Ada Ave and Pacific Hwy

Date: Mon 16 Dec 2013 - Fri 10 Jan 2014

Impact: Scheduled road closures for this week
Mon to Fri (10am to 3pm) Both directions closed
Sat to Sun (7am to 6pm) Both directions closed
Southbound: Turn right into Finlay Road from the Pacific Highway, then right into Mildred Street, Right into and Roland Avenue and then right to
Diversions: access Fox Valley Road.
Northbound: Turn left onto Gilda Avenue from the Pacific Highway, then left onto Ada Avenue, then left onto Fox Valley Road.

Advice: Check signage
Use alternative route

Other Info: Work will not take place between the 20 December 2013 and 1 January

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TURRAMURRA Fox Valley Rd between Lucinda Ave and Ada Ave

Date: Tue 10 Dec 2013 - Tue 11 Feb 2014

Impact: Scheduled road closures for this week
Mon to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions closed

Diversions: Detour via Lucinda Avenue, Pacific Highway and Ada Avenue.

Advice: Check signage
Allow extra travel time

Other Info: No works will be conducted from 23 December 2013 to 12 January 2014,

Lindfield,

Milray Street: Removal of concrete road sections is planned for Monday 13 January prior to road resurfacing on Thursday 16 January, weather permitting. Lindfield

Russell Avenue: Removal of concrete threshold is planned for Monday 13 January prior to road resurfacing on Friday 17 January, weather permitting. A new pedestrian refuge will be constructed following completion of the road resurfacing. Date is yet to be determined.

Nelson Road (between Treatts Road and Tryon Road): Road resurfacing scheduled for Tuesday 14 January and Wednesday 15 January, weather permitting.

Havilah Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for Monday 20 January, weather permitting.

Northcote Road (between No. 46 and Mackenzie Street): Road resurfacing scheduled for Tuesday 21 January, weather permitting.

Pymble,

Park Crescent: Kerb and gutter repair works are currently underway in preparation for planned road reconstruction during the week commencing 13 January, weather permitting.

Church Street (between Station Street and Wellesley Road): Road resurfacing scheduled for one day from 24 January, weather permitting.

Yarran Street / Cross Street / Cultowa Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for two nights from 24 February, weather permitting.

For further information, see:

<https://www.livetraffic.com/>

http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Projects_and_initiatives/Council_initiatives/Roadworks

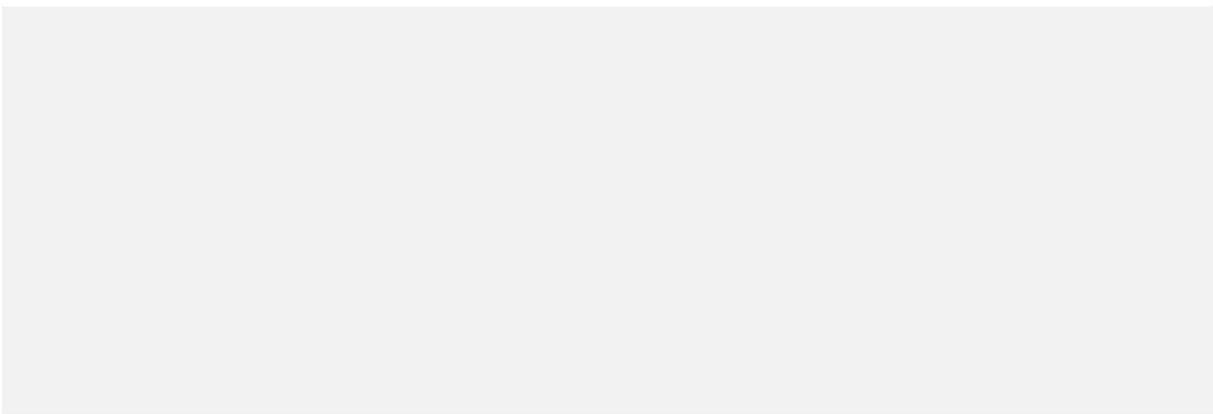
Ku-ring-gai Council and Hornsby Shire Council (along with other local councils) have produced a 'Seniors Road Safety Calendar 2014'. Have you got your copy?

As well as some great old black and white photos, each month comes with a message. January's is: '**At the Scene of a Crash**'.

- Make sure you stay safe. If someone is injured or killed, contact 000 immediately.
 - Call the Police if a vehicle requires towing, if there is damage to property, injury to people or animals, someone is affected by alcohol or drugs, or a driver fails to stop and exchange details.
 - Ensure you exchange name, address, licence number, vehicle registration and insurance details with all parties involved in the crash.
 - Remember to take the details of any witnesses. You can use a camera or camera phone.
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From the North Shore Times: An esky can be used for more than just keeping your food cold. A new campaign is calling on boaties to take one on board as they can help save lives.

The humble Esky has been lauded a hero after playing a part in several successful boating rescues. Full article at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/north-shore/humble-esky-saves-boaties/story-fnqr8h9d-1226795844600>

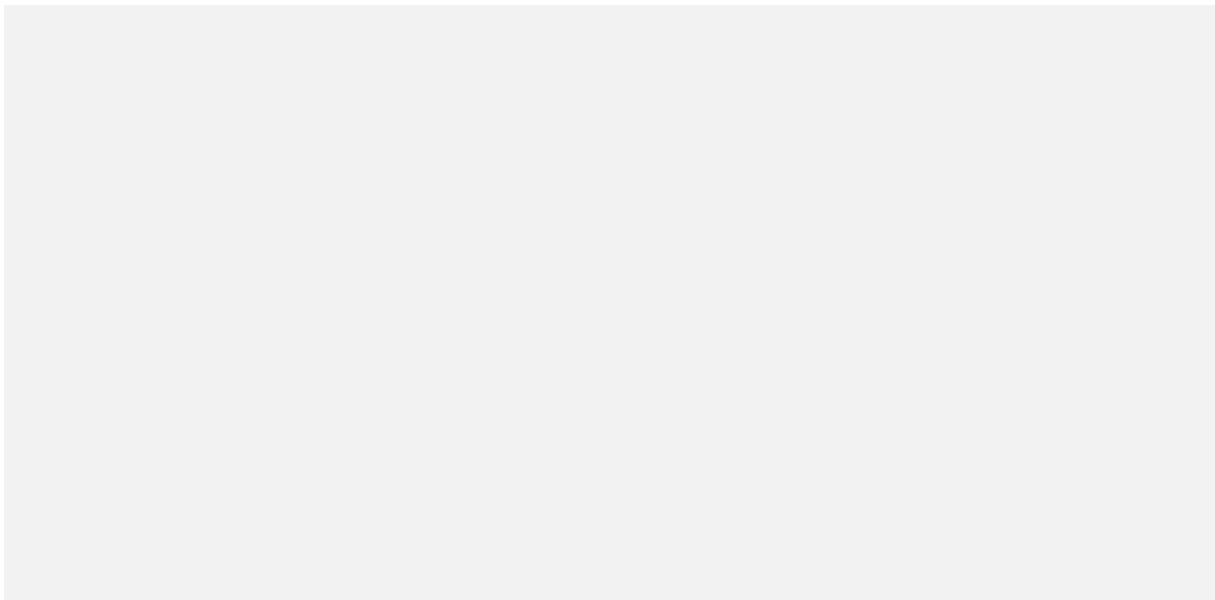




Knock Knock is a new national Neighbourhood Watch membership drive.

Successfully established and trialled in The Gap, Queensland, the Knock Knock membership drive is now available to all Neighbourhood Watch groups. The Knock Knock resources gives you an excuse, opportunity and or reason, to go next door and meet your neighbours, in a non-confronting way. Simply take the first step and leave a voucher in your next door neighbour's™ letterbox. The membership drive has been developed to help neighbours meet neighbours and promote neighbourliness - that leads to an engaged and safe community.

We are still attempting to find out more about this Neighbourhood Watch Australasia initiative... ed.





From the Hornsby Advocate Jan 03: ANGELS BY THE ROADSIDE

A Coffs Harbour family sent a letter in to the Advocate to thank a group of strangers from the C3 church administration centre at **Pennant Hills** for going above and beyond to help get them home from holidays on December 30 when their car broke down. Barbara Ellis wrote to thank "four angels" from the church who provided them with cold drinks, hats, cups of tea and support. She said the group stayed with them for seven hours to help remove wheel bearings and get the car back on the road. It's nice to know there are people willing to lend a helping hand when things go wrong.

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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