



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.

13 January: WE found her. A very big thank you to all my facebook friends and your friends. After **110,176 people** seeing this post, 2,219 shares, 223 comments and 180 likes, our facebook community reached out and was able to reunite the camera and those precious photo's with its owner. This morning the owner (who wants to stay anonymous) called to say it was her on the post and she had left the train at Pennant Hills RWS after being at the Royal Fleet Review, unfortunately

leaving the camera on the seat. The lady had given up all hope of seeing the camera and the memory cards again. A big thank you to the good Samaritan who found it and handed the camera in to police and to our community who reached out all over NSW and into Queensland in the hope of finding the owner. It is pleasing to report a good news story and one which touched so many people who expressed their desire to get the camera back to the owner. So thank you from Kuring gai LAC.

S/C Paul Cleary Crime Prevention Officer



13 January: Man facing murder charge after serious assault â€” Potts Point

A man, charged in relation to a serious assault in Sydney on New Years Eve, will face court tomorrow (Tuesday 14 January 2014) on the charge of murder. About 9.10pm on Tuesday 31 December 2013, police attended Victoria Street, Potts Point, after being alerted someone had been assaulted nearby. Daniel Christie, aged 18, was treated at the scene by ambulance paramedics before being taken to St Vincentâ€™s Hospital with serious head injuries. He remained in a critical condition for 11 days, however died after his life support was switched off on Saturday 11 January 2014. A 25-year-old man was arrested at the scene and taken to Kings Cross Police Station.

Today (Monday 13 January 2014), detectives from Kings Cross LAC - NSW Police Force laid an additional charge of murder against a 25-year-old man. He was refused bail and will appear in Central Local Court tomorrow (Tuesday 14 January 2014). The 25-year-old man has also been charged with maliciously inflict grievous bodily harm, assault occasioning actual bodily harm and assault-related offences.

11 January, from the Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade: #NSWRFS This coming Thursday afternoon. It's 42 Degrees, Winds are blowing from the North West @ 45 kph. The air is hot and dry ~ No cool change in sight.

â™! Have you Left Early or are you Staying to Defend?

â™! Is your property defensible?

â™! Are you mentally and physically prepared to fight this fire?

â™! Bush Fire Survival Kit prepared?

â™! Kids at home whilst you are at work?

â™! What if you have a plan, and THINGS DONT GO TO PLAN?

Lots of questions heh? Imagine trying to think of all this, and more, in the heat of the moment?

Don't assume that someone will be there to tell you what to do. We can help, but it is up to YOU.

Download a copy of your bushfire survival plan from here http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/Attachment_BushFireSurvivalPlan.pdf or www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

PREPARING TO MAKE A PLAN IS NOT A PLAN!
ARE YOU PREPARED TO GAMBLE WHAT CANT BE REPLACED?
PLEASE SHARE THIS POST WITH YOUR FRIENDS.



09 January: Our Crime Prevention Officer S/C Paul Cleary thanking Richard

Whitaker for the work he has done setting up the first 'eWatch' in his locality in St Ives. This was the first time in our command that residents were linked in a Neighbourhood Watch group via an email chain. Dick has now retired from the coordinator role to do more of his daytime weather work. Thank you Dick for your part in bringing the technology to Neighbourhood Watch! We now have other groups linked in this manner, as well as the Police's 'eyewatch' using facebook.



If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Watch in our command please ring the Crime Prevention Officer S/C Paul Cleary on 9476 9799.

09 January: Another telephone scam to be aware of.

If you receive a phone call from a person claiming to be from a new federal government agency, "**Reclub**", providing refunds from government departments be warned, it's a scam to try and steal your money! Here's the link: [http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About us/News and events/](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/)

[Media releases/2014 media releases/20140107 smart retiree spots ripoff.page](#)

08 January, from the Hornsby Advocate: POLICE are conducting investigations after 180 railway detonators were stolen from a Sydney Trains employee's car in Hornsby. The detonators are dangerous and are the same as those that blew up in the face of a Seven Hills teenager in 2012, resulting in the loss of his left hand.

FULL REPORT: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/warning-issued-after-theft-of-180-railway-detonators-from-hornsby-the-same-that-blew-off-hand-of-seven-hills-teenager/story-fngr8i1f-1226797270294>

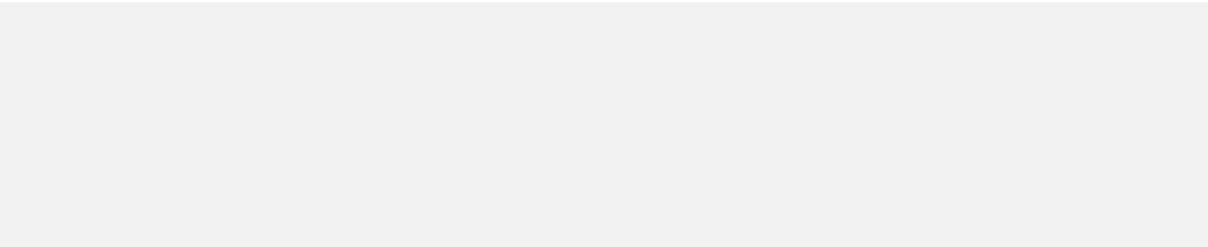


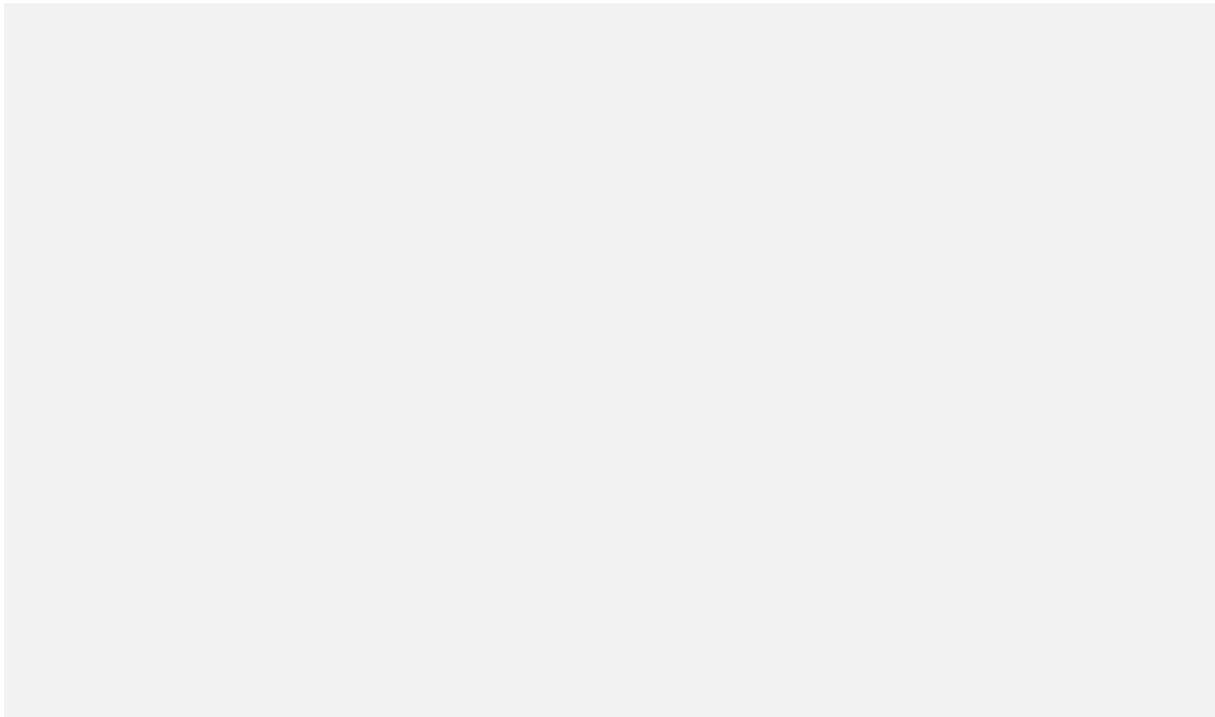
08 January, from the Sydney Morning Herald: A group of con artists dressed as Buddhist monks are duping people out of their cash at some of the city's busiest tourist destinations - and there is nothing the police can do about it. Up to six men and women are believed to be involved in the scam, in which they approach people for donations of up to \$50. The scammers have shaved heads and are dressed in monks' or nuns' robes, and sometimes thrust small medallions or cards into the hands of strangers before asking for cash in return. Some people have reported that the monks have stormed off when they are only given a few dollars. Full story at: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/con-artists-dressed-as-buddhist-monks-dupe-people-out-of-cash-in-sydney-20140108-30gt0.html>

A man dressed as a monk approaches someone in Circular Quay.

08 January, from Northern Beaches command: DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE BIKES?

Police located these two bikes chained together in bushland on South Creek Road, Cromer on 27 October 2013. It appears they have been stolen. If you are the owner of the bikes or have any information to assist Police in reuniting the bikes with their owner please contact **Dee Why Police Station on 99713399**.







07 January: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man from the Central Hunter region, who was last seen by his family more than six weeks ago. **Pip Manley, 20**, from Bolwarra Heights, was last seen by his mother when he was dropped off at Telarah on Thursday 21 November 2013. His family became concerned when he failed to return home that night; he hasn't been seen by family members since.

Police have been investigating Pip's whereabouts and are appealing for information from the public to find him. Pip is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 183cm tall with a thin build, a fair complexion, brown hair with long blond tips, and green eyes. He has a piercing in his left eyebrow.

Anyone with information is urged to contact **Maitland Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**



07 January, from Penrith command: Design Crime out of your Home!

Carrying out security improvements to your home can protect your home. During the year did the barbeque come before the new bolt for the gate or maybe the weeding took preference over the window locks? Improving your home security can be a chore, especially when compared to the many other jobs we need to do but it can help protect your property. Now it's the time to sort out your security lighting and to make those improvements to the doors, windows and fences that have been put off. Have a look at the link below and conduct your own Home Security Audit.

http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/agdbasev7wr/_assets/cpd/m66000112/designing_crime_out_of_your_home_june11.pdf



From a draft 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours':

Tip #9. CONSIDER HAVING THE LOCKS CHANGED/UPDATED/RE-KEYED. RE-PROGRAMME NEW ALARM CODES FOR THE BURGLAR ALARM.

Tip #10. HAVE THE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM CHECKED. CLEAN THE SENSORS. CHECK BATTERIES. CONSIDER NEW ATTACHMENTS—there are some amazing new technologies available!

Tip #11: HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR PROPERTY IS SAFE FOR VISITORS, CHILDREN, TRADESMEN? Is your PUBLIC LIABILITY insurance adequate & up-to-date?

Tip #12. IS ANY SWIMMING POOL REGISTERED AND SECURE? Are all the laws complied with? Eg Have you a resuscitation chart on display? (The screw holes easily disintegrate.) CONSIDER REGISTERING YOUR POOL AS A STATIC WATER SUPPLY (SWS) FOR USE IN A FIRE EMERGENCY.

Have you any suggestions for our 20 Favourite Tips?
Email NHWGordon@gmail.com.

From the North Shore Times, 10 Jan:

Handbag nicked

 A woman's handbag was stolen out of her trolley at **St Ives** Shopping centre on December 31 when she stepped away to feed her dog.

NORTH SHORE

Courteous drivers key to reducing road rudeness

NORTH Shore motorists want parents to take on more responsibility to teach their children to be more courteous on roads, according to new research.

A survey on discourteous driving, conducted by GIO found respondents believed parents could play the biggest role in curbing aggression on NSW roads.

Ninety-four per cent of respondents said courtesy on the roads would improve if parents did more to instil courteous driving behaviours in their children.

A further 92 per cent believed courtesy should be part of driver education.

GIO's Stephen Bell said the research showed courtesy on the roads in NSW was getting worse and that drivers. "Courtesy isn't just 'nice to have', it's essential to combating road rage and keeping our community safe on the roads," Mr Bell said.

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

From the Hornsby Advocate, 09 Jan:

KEEP YOUR HOME SECURE DURING THE HOLIDAYS



The Kuring-gai Local Area Command is asking for help in keeping your homes safe. If you are going away and are friendly with your neighbours, let them know when you are leaving and when you will be back. Ask them to collect mail, put out and collect your bins. Timers for lights are a good idea to make it appear your home is occupied.

Make sure your alarm is on and leave the code with a trusted neighbour or family member so that if it is activated it can be reset.

Don't leave windows open on hot nights - we have had instances of homes being broken into while the occupants are asleep.

Insp Ian Mitchell

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

1 MOONEY MOONEY Two men died during a horrific accident on the M1 on Boxing Day. Around 5am on Thursday, December 26, a Mitsubishi heading south around Mooney Mooney hit an embankment. A man was thrown from the car and died instantly. A second also died on the scene. Three others were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with injuries. The 29-year-old driver was charged with negligent driving occasioning death and will appear in court on January 21.

2 HORNSBY A 72-year-old woman was taken to hospital with head injuries after driving into a power pole at Hornsby on Tuesday morning. The motorist was reversing out of her driveway on Ronald St at 10am when she became distracted by an animal. She accidentally accelerated across a road, mounted the gutter, hit a power pole and spun 180 degrees. She was taken to Hornsby Hospital and treated for cuts to her head. Police investigations are continuing.

3 HORNSBY HEIGHTS Police have released information about a teenager they believe was responsible for cutting the popular Christmas light display in Hornsby Heights late last year. On Monday, December 23, several houses in Sydney Rd and The Outlook had their lights cut. CCTV footage from one home has now revealed the offender was a boy about 15 years old with a cast on his foot. He was wearing a black hoodie. Anyone who knows this boy should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

4 PENNANT HILLS

A waiter was injured during an alleged armed robbery at a Thai restaurant in Pennant Hills on New Year's Eve. Police say a man entered the

business on Hillcrest Rd around 10pm armed with a knife and threatened a staff member before demanding money. There was a struggle between the pair and the man then left. When police were called they found a man on Pennant Hills Rd who was taken into custody. The staff member was taken to hospital for an injury to his foot.

Did you know?

Jay walking: pedestrians crossing at other than legally defined points and proceeding at walking pace. Pedestrians face a \$66 on-the-spot fine. The fines are dealt out for crossing against the lights, crossing the road near but not at the lights, and beginning to cross the lights when the red man is flashing. People crossing without pressing the button first, meaning there is no green man flashing, are also breaking the law and being fined.

Jay running: pedestrians crossing at other than legally defined points and proceeding at a running pace.

Our tip - Don't listening to music or carry out phone calls whilst crossing a road.

Dear Gordon NHW: Firstly, thanks for the newsletter - I like knowing what's happening in the local area - particularly in my suburb.

Looking at the police contacts at the end of the newsletter I'm wondering which number would be appropriate to call if I see an erratic driver. I often travel on the F3 and see dangerous drivers who are putting other drivers at risk; travelling at very high speeds, swerving in and out of traffic etc. Should the 000 number be used in this instance?

Dear reader: Thanks. Yes, if you see this kind of behaviour then ring 000. If you see anyone breaking the law, or you believe someone is about to break the law and/or behaving in a dangerous manner likely to cause harm to someone, then ring 000. If you're not sure you can ring the Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799.

Here's a copy of our '**Frequently Asked Question #4: WHAT PHONE NUMBER SHOULD I USE FOR THE POLICE AND WHEN?**' FAQ's can be requested from NHWGordon@gmail.com.

EMERGENCIES: 000 Phone whenever you see a crime being committed or when you believe that a crime will soon be committed due to something suspicious happening. It may be as simple as a person sitting in a car in the street for some time. It is much better for the Police to investigate and ascertain that a crime has not been committed, than for your neighbour to be the victim of a crime. (This includes anyone on your property.)

CRIME STOPPERS: 1 800 333 000 To report anything suspicious in your neighbourhood, or to give information that may help solve a crime. "If you've seen something, say something!"

POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (PAL) 131 444 To report non-emergency crime, or for non-urgent assistance. Use this number to call the Police to ask questions or to report matters such as lost property, damage, stealing, stolen cars, minor car accidents.

HORNSBY POLICE STATION 9476 9799 If you're not sure.

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

ROSEVILLE Archbold Rd *between* Bancroft Ave *and* Duntoon Ave

Date: Sun 19 Jan 2014
- Wed 22 Jan
2014

Impact:

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**
Sun to Wed (8pm
to 5am)
Eastbound
affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduced speed
limit

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,

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,

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.

Roseville Chase, Allard Avenue (between Babbage Road and Lockley Parade) and Normac Street: Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 3 February, weather permitting.

St Ives,

Sheather Avenue : Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 20 January, weather permitting.

Kelvin Road (between Sheather Avenue and Iluka Place) : Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 20 January, weather permitting.

Iluka Place : Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 20 January, weather permitting.

Wahroonga: Strone Avenue and Elizabeth Street : Road reconstruction works are scheduled for late January.

For further information, see:

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

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

Shared with us by a local Retirement Village, 07 Jan: Details of latest scam as follows...

A resident will receive a phone call early evening from someone claiming to be from Ku-ring-gai Council.

The caller states that complaints have been received about the residents'™ lawn being too high and action needs to be taken. The caller then says they are sending someone around the next day to mow the lawn the resident will have to pay. This

is of course complete rubbish!

From '**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Retirement Communities**'
(available by emailing NHWGordon@gmail.com):

Tip #13. SAY "NO" TO TELE-MARKETERS, "COLD-CALLERS", OR PEOPLE WANTING ANY PERSONAL DETAILS ON THE PHONE. Don't worry about being polite! If the caller sounds suspicious, hang up!

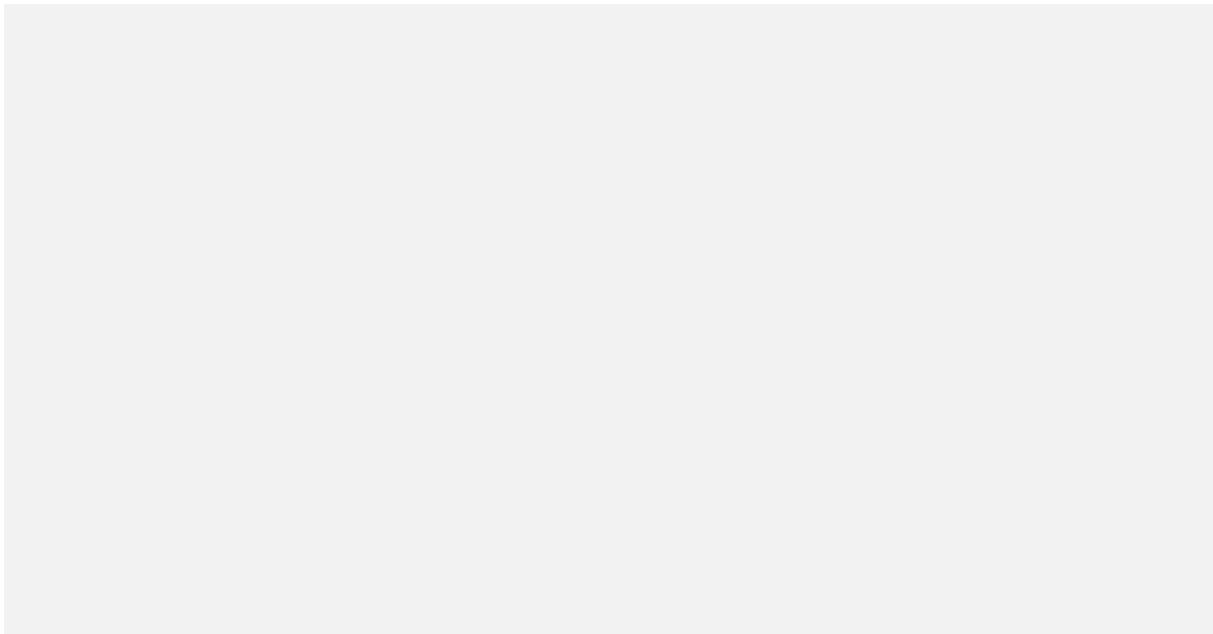
Tip #14. PLACE YOUR PHONE NUMBER(S) ON THE "DO NOT CALL REGISTER": www.donotcall.gov.au

Tip #17. GET YOURSELF A COPY OF "THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF SCAMS" from www.scamwatch.gov.au.

Vehicle stickers provide critical information in case you can't.

The Emergency ID Vehicle Stickers come in three sizes to suit individuals, small or large families and can be used in cars, trucks and caravans. www.emergencyid.com.au 1300 369 142.

For truck drivers who may have pre-existing health issues, for caravanning couples who require certain medications, or for families who have children with anaphylaxis or allergic reactions these simple stickers could be a life saver. These products are designed to act as a backup to wearing Emergency ID medical jewellery, which can be engraved with vital health details and provide access to important medical information via a 24 hour call service.

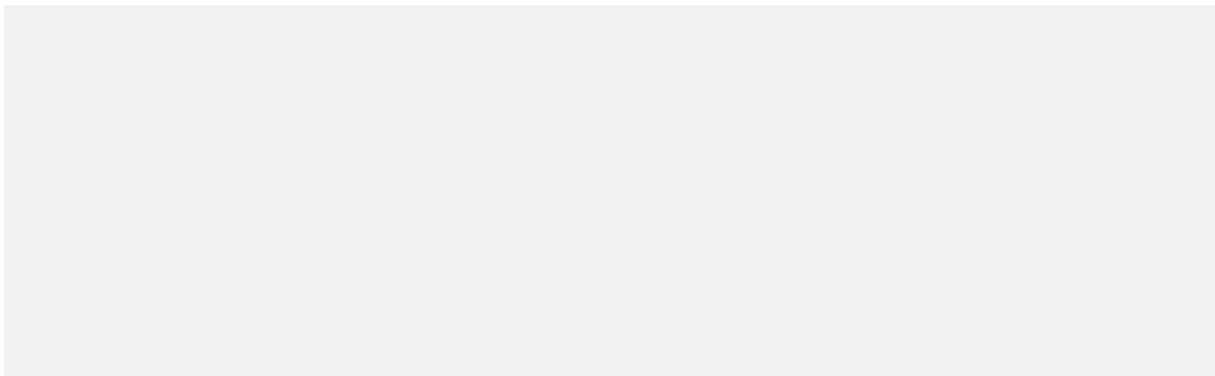




[NB - Neighbourhood Watch brings products to your attention. It does NOT endorse any products.]

From a concerned resident, 10 Jan [You never know - ed]: Hey guys, my Gibson Midtown Bass was stolen by someone at the courier company (Hunter Express / E-go.com) transporting it to Sydney from Melbourne, by their records it was loaded into a truck in Melbourne but never made it. It's a 2013 build Gibson Midtown in Pelham Blue, by all accounts it most likely the only Pelham blue one in the country. Serial number is 105330436. Condition is near mint.

There is a cash reward for info leading to its return. My details are: 0404064595 russell.murchie@hotmail.com (Bassist for Plastic Spaceman, Animal Hands and the MY band) I'd really appreciate any sharing on of this.





From Ku-ring-gai Council, 07 Jan: Please share and help us reunite Princess and Luna with their owners!

Princess is white maltese cross poodle with a pink collar on and preventic yellow collar - she has been missing from Wanganella St, St Ives since Boxing Day. Luna is a very small white maltese cross chihuahua with brown ears. She has a pink collar, is 10 years old and was last seen at Clifford Street, Gordon on Friday 27 December.



From East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26, 07 Jan: Shared by an East Killara resident, who said, "I want people to be aware of this group roaming around!"

This morning at 3am I was awoken by my dog barking hysterically in the garage. As I was going downstairs to see what was wrong I noticed from my balcony window a group of 7 individuals wearing all black, backpacks and hoodies covering their faces, scoping the street and surrounding houses. It was frightening to see these men in the front yards of both mine and my neighbours' houses looking through the windows as if they were trying to find a house to break into.

I went onto the balcony and called the police. The men must have heard me and they briskly walked through the bushes in the front yards of the houses opposite mine in order to continue out of the street. As they walked out with their heads hung they continuously looked up at me on the balcony.

As I live on a cul de sac (Warrego Pl, East Killara) I feel this has been a targeted attack. I think these individuals have been watching the area and looking out for routines and vacant houses over the holiday season.

Once they had left Warrego Pl, I could hear them continue down Churchill Rd as they started talking to one another and their voices started echoing. I heard male voices, probably in their late 20s and I did not hear a car engine start.

Our reminder: Anyone on your property or your neighbour's property, please call 000 immediately! See anything unusual, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Let's all feel safe in our beds at night.

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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