



Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 125 - 17 February 2014

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').

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: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

17 February: Do you have the new 'Speed Advisor' App mentioned in this article?

[From the Sydney Morning Herald: Speeding drivers ignore school zone warnings](#)

[More than 500 drivers a day were fined for speeding in school zones late last year despite hundreds of extra flashing lights warning motorists to slow down. The latest](#)

figures from the Office of State Revenue reveal that between October and December, 27,852 drivers were fined for speeding in school zones with fixed speed cameras. In 2012, that figure was 26,074.

Full article at: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/speeding-drivers-ignore-school-zone-warnings-20140215-32s5i.html#ixzz2tYqrGJ25>

'**Speed Advisor**' App can be downloaded FREE from itunes, but is not available yet on Android, etc.



NSW school zones with flashing lights

15 February, from the Hornsby Advocate:

Motorists are advised essential work will be carried out in the southbound lanes of the M1 Pacific Motorway between Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road at Asquith and Pacific Highway overpass at Wahroonga to improve road safety. The work will be carried out for 12 nights between Tuesday 25 February and Monday 17 March, excluding Saturday, weather permitting. Work will take place between 8pm to 5am and will include replacing the asphalt to provide a more durable road surface, and line marking. Partial road closures will be in place while work is carried out and minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions.

14 February: WARNING

We are currently experiencing a spike of **Break and Enters in the Killara and East Killara** areas during the day, particularly after 3pm and particularly from

backyards. Please be vigilant. It may be a good time to check out the crime prevention advice available on the NSW Police website:https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/crime_prevention/residential. Neighbourhood Watch in Gordon/Killara/East Killara also have facebook pages and are at [facebook/NeighbourhoodWatchGordon](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchGordon) and [facebook/EastKillaraNeighbourhood Watch](https://www.facebook.com/EastKillaraNeighbourhoodWatch). Thank you.

13 February: We had an enquiry about disabled parking spaces:

Heavy fines apply for stopping in spaces reserved for people with disabilities without a permit displayed or using a permit in contravention of the conditions of use. You can also incur a fine if you have a permit but do not display it on the vehicle when stopping or parking in a reserved space.

Stand vehicle in disabled persons parking space without authority =\$506, increased if within a school zone. (as at 10 Feb 2014)

More information at:

http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/mobilityparking/mobility_penalties.html
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/downloads/demerits-parking.pdf>

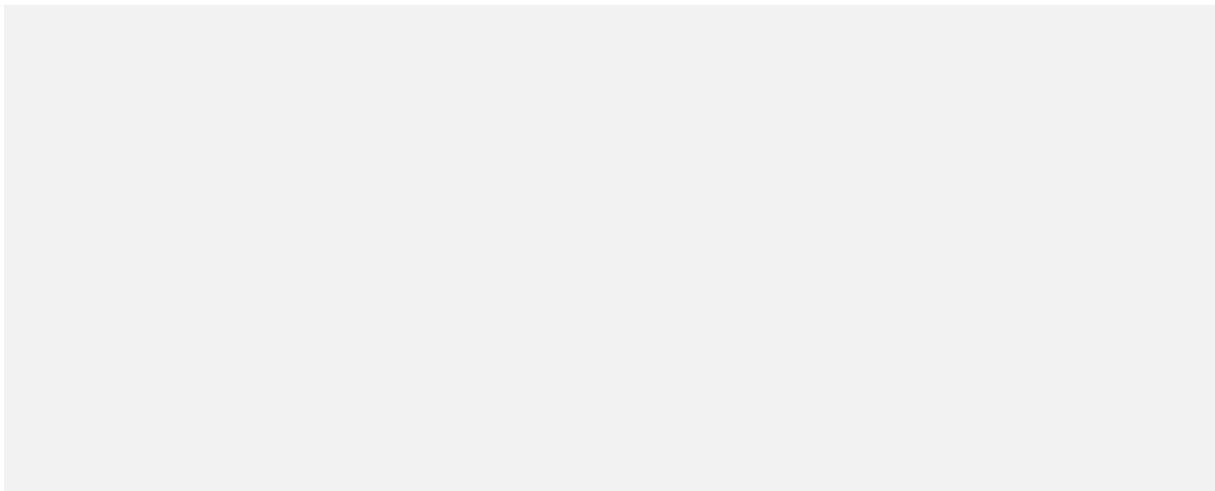


13 February: Hi community and friends,

Remember a recent post (23 January) about a young apprentice losing the tools which fell from the back of his ute in **Galston Gorge**? Unfortunately they haven't turned up. I spoke to Rob the young man's dad today. He said the family were heart overwhelmed and appreciative of the support you all showed, going out of your way to repost on your pages and friends' pages and kind offers to help replace some of his tools. In saying that Simon, the young apprentice is trying to get tools together and get his tool box restocked which is hard on apprentice wages. He advised if those offers are still there he could do with a helping hand; he had a bit of trouble contacting some of you who did offer. If those offers are still on the table you could either ring the number in the photo (same as last post) which is his dad Rob.



Or check your messages when Simon tries to message you. With facebook if you are not 'friends' it won't show up easily you would need to click 'messages' and at the top left near the 'inbox' is the tag 'other'. This is where messages from nonfriends end up.

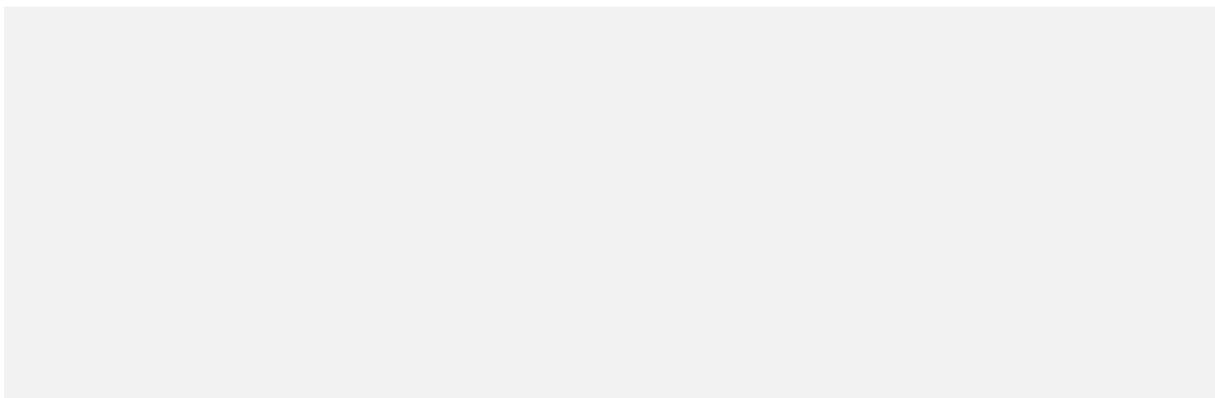




As in that post the tools were in a box in the back of his ute. The box or plastic crate is quite unique and not in general circulation, This is a photo of another his dad got these crates over 20 years ago and are not for sale now. It has raised printing on the side saying LOSCAM UNICRATE, it is more rectangular than square in shape. It would be easily identifiable if seen. The apprentice 'Simon' works in the Hornsby area.

The community spirit was certainly alive in that original post, 554 shares and 39,520 views It would be higher - this is just what was captured and recorded. S/C Paul Cleary

13 February, from Traffic & Highway Patrol Command: Just remember in hot weather the temp inside your car is a lot hotter than outside. NEVER leave children, the elderly or pets in a car alone. Not only is it dangerous and likely to distress those involved, in some cases it is illegal.



Did you know? The temperature inside a parked car can be **20° - 30°C** hotter than the outside temperature...

OUTSIDE
25° C



INSIDE THE CAR
45° - 55° C



**DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN
UNATTENDED IN CARS**



A further question: who should you call if you see a pet locked in a car?

Answer: If the pet is distressed (hot day) then **000**. If not a hot day or not in distress, then call **local police (Hornsby 9476 9799)** with as much info as possible about the incident. We can then talk you through what to do and how police will deal with it. If the owner turns up, it is a personal choice what you do, but our recommendation is not to escalate a situation or confront the person as you may be 'targeted' for inter-fearing. If there is a child inside the car, then **000** in all cases as this is now an offence and needs to be investigated.

13 February: Some recent incidents in our area.

About 3.10pm on Monday the 10th a 68 year old female driver of a Mitsubishi Triton was driving along Central avenue, **Thornleigh** looking for a parking spot. She has driven into a car park, but could not find a spot so started to exit the car park. As she was exiting down a slope she has attempted to brake but has hit the accelerator instead causing the car to speed off. She has managed to steer to the left travelling along Central avenue. A short distance away and at an intersection she has collided with a passing car, that car then hit a parked car. The Triton has then collided with a parked car. The female driver suffered a number of injuries and was taken to Hornsby Hospital for treatment. Police will wait for the results of blood tests before deciding what action is to be taken.

Also a Cyclist was injured in a crash while riding with a group of cyclists on **Galston Gorge**. About 7.05am on Sunday the 9th the cyclist a 38 year old man was travelling towards the Hornsby Heights end of the gorge. On a sweeping left hand bend the cyclist has apparently come in a bit quick and has hit the 'cats eyes' on the centre of the road. This has caused the bike to slip out, the cycle has then hit the guard rail which caused the rider to go over the handle bars and land down an embankment on the other side. The other riders in the pack (15 to 20) have stopped and assisted the injured rider and called 000. Police and ambulance have arrived and treated the man before taking him to Hornsby Hospital. The man suffered a fractured Pelvis and lacerations.

13 February, from Hornsby Shire Council: FREE LEARNER DRIVER WORKSHOP

If you have a child who is currently on their L-plates and on their way to getting a license, you have our sympathy. We're also keen to give you a bit of help with a free workshop next Tuesday night.

Topics covered will include new license conditions and laws, the Learner Driver Log Book, benefits of supervised driving, young driver issues and the Safer Drivers Course.

WHEN: Tuesday 18 February, 6.30-8.30pm

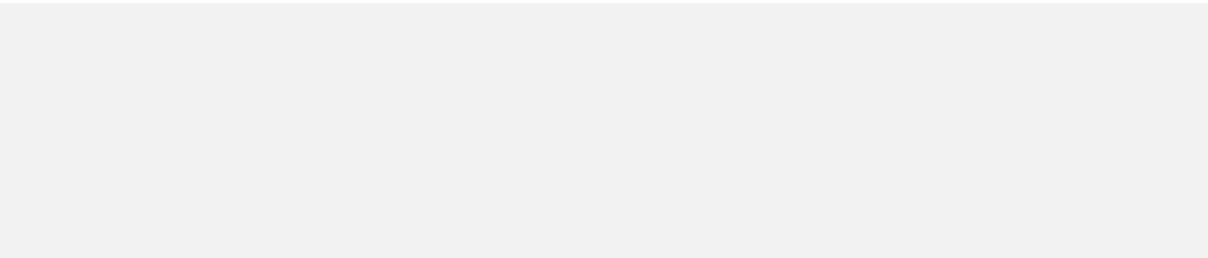
WHERE: Hornsby Shire Council Chambers

COST: Free

BOOKINGS: Essential by phoning **9847 6856**

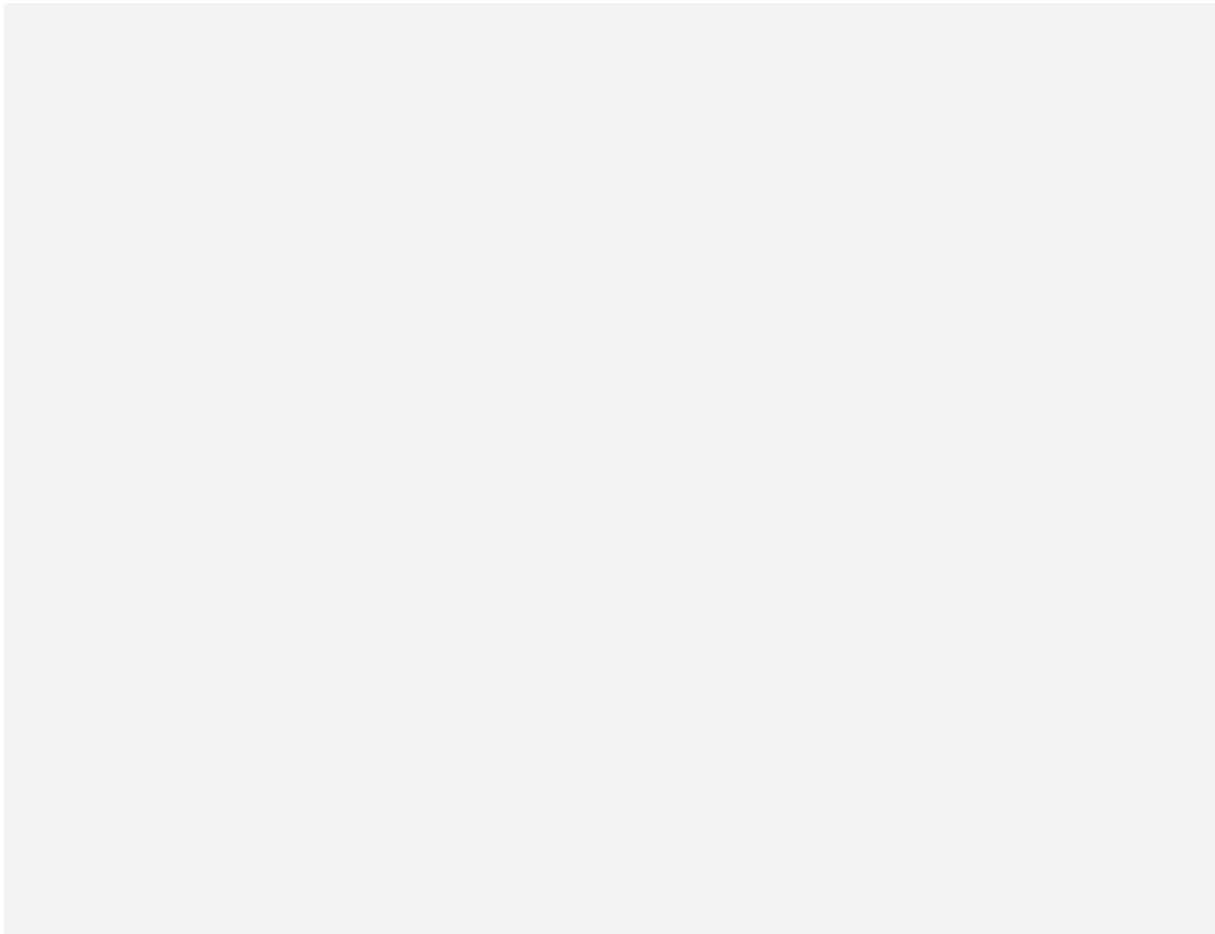
13 February, from neighbouring The Hills Shire Times: PLEASE SHARE:

A metal safe containing the Police National Medal (pictured), Police Service Medal and jewellery was stolen during a daytime break and enter on Kentwell St at Baulkham Hills yesterday. Contact Hills LAC on **9680 5399** if you know anything.





12 February: Update with photo: German Police have offered a 10 000 Euro reward on the ninth anniversary of the suspicious death of **Simone Strobel**. Call 1800 333 000 if you have any information that could assist police with this matter.





11 February: Do you know this man? Police appeal after bus driver robbed

Macquarie Park Police are appealing for information about the robbery of a bus driver at Macquarie Park in October last year. About 11.30pm on Saturday 19 October 2013, the driver was inside a bus stopped at a bus bay outside Macquarie Centre. Police were told a man entered the bus holding a beer bottle behind his back. When the bus driver asked him to dispose of the bottle, the man allegedly became aggressive and took coins from the cash tray near the driver's seat and assaulted the driver.

Full article and video to view at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_5l9y-kcVM&feature=youtu.be

11 February: Do you ever wonder why police stop drivers for traffic offences? Or the RMS for introducing traffic laws. Read this article from the RMS website, it goes into a bit of detail about what happens to a persons body in different types of crashes. Just remember you are flesh and blood, your car and other 'immovable' objects are steel, wood, hard plastic and glass. The comparison between hardness and softness is not in your favour, nor that of your passengers. Drive sensibly and to the conditions.

What happens to your body in a crash? http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/geared/your_driving_skills/car_crashes/anatomy_of_a_crash.html

11 February, some hazardous household waste tips from Hornsby Council: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/media/documents/services/waste-and-recycling/hazardous-household-waste/Chemical-Info-booklet.pdf>

11 February: <http://www.transportnsw.info/> has the current transport status information eg train delays etc. Also information on school bus services, timetables and travel passes, and an up-to-date map.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 (incl 23), the latest crime rates for the last quarter for Gordon, Killara and East Killara:

Assault (alc & non-d.v.) - Killara 3 Gordon 2
Assault (d.v.) - Gordon 3 Killara 2 East Killara 1
Assault (non d.v.) - Killara 5 Gordon 3
Break & Enter (dwellings) - Killara 12
Break & Enter (non-dwelling) - Gordon 1
Mal Damage - Killara 12 East Killara 5 Gordon 4
Steal from dwelling - Killara 7 Gordon 5

Robbery - Gordon 1
Steal from vehicle - Killara 9 Gordon 7 East Killara 1
Stolen vehicle - Gordon 3
Steal from Retail - Gordon 1
Powers search - Killara 48 Gordon 35 East Killara 6
Move On - Killara 25 Gordon 17 East Killara 2
Drug Detection/possession - Killara 5 Gordon 2

From the Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Another great road safety sign from South Australia !



From Hornsby Shire Council: FREE Child Restraint Safety Checking Day Monday 3rd March 2014 at The Brickpit Sports Stadium, 1A Dartford Road, Thornleigh.

Bookings are essential: Lesley Tipping Phone: 9847 6856 ltipping@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

DonateLife Week is Australia's national awareness week to promote organ and tissue donation. In 2014, DonateLife Week will be held from **Sunday 23 February to Sunday 2 March.**

DonateLife Week is a key part of the Australian Government's national reform

programme to increase organ and tissue donation for transplantation and is led by the Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA). Events will be taking place across Australia during DonateLife Week to encourage all Australians to have the chat with their loved ones about their decision to become an organ and tissue donor.

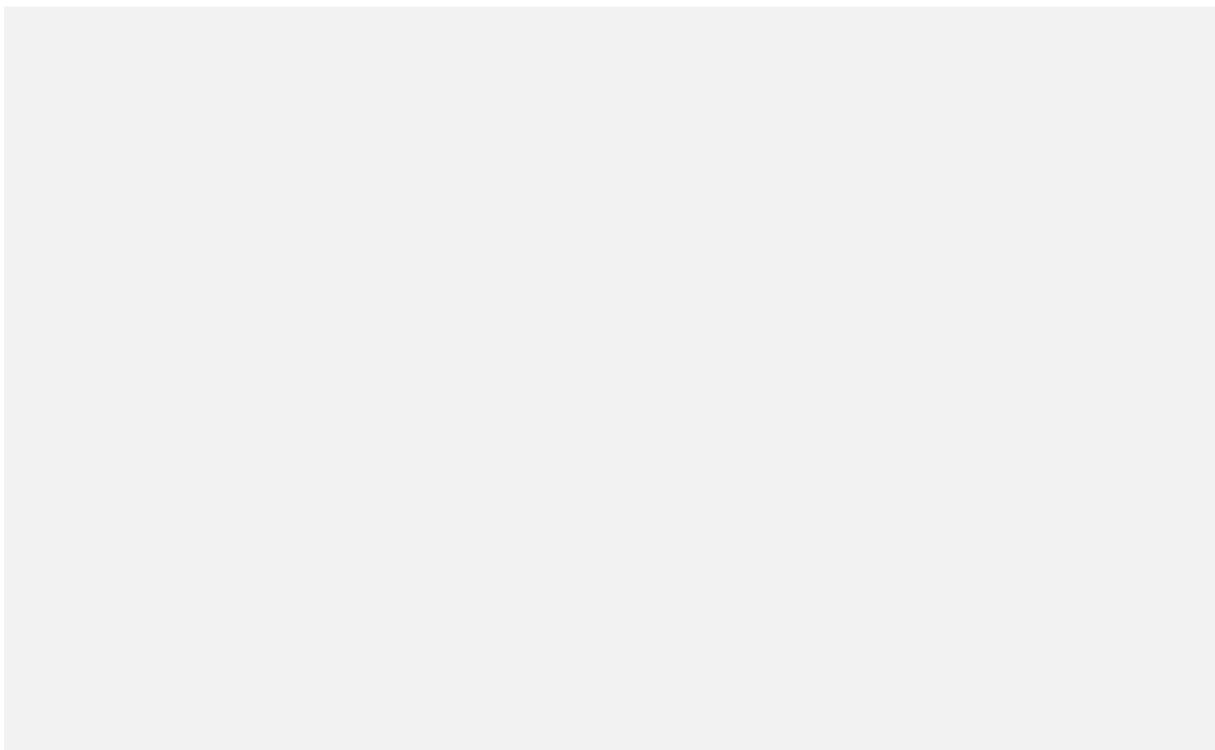
- See more at: <http://www.donatelife.gov.au/resources/donatelife-week-2014#sthash.Wk4LYtWp.dpuf>

Australian Organ Donor

Register: http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-organ-donor-register?utm_source=donorregister.gov.au&utm_medium=redirect&utm_campaign=redirect-server



From Epping Veterinary Clinic:



Warning to dog, cat and rabbit owners

Dogs and Cats

A fox baiting program has been scheduled for Feb 2014-2015. Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Ku-ring-gai Wildlife flower Garden and Sydney Harbour Park will all have buried 1080 poison baits.

There will be signs in all areas that will be affected. Dogs and cats are prohibited from these areas. 1080 poisoning is fatal if left untreated, and even with medical intervention the chances of survival are low.

Make sure you don't let your dogs or cats in National Parks, and prevent them from eating any wild animal carcasses.

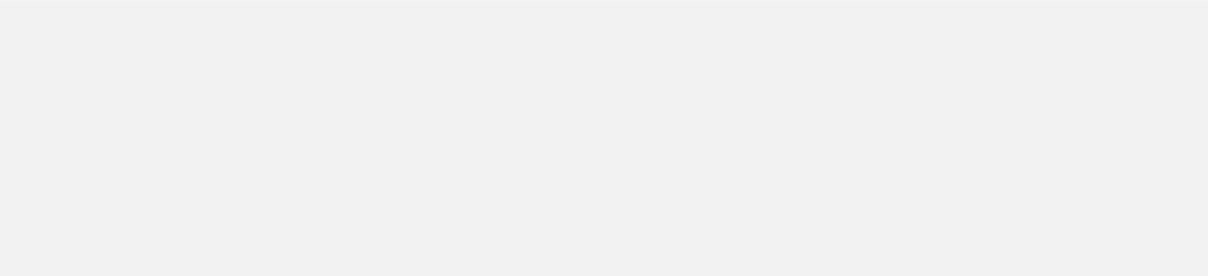
Rabbits

RHD (calicivirous) will be released in select reserves and open public spaces in late March. This is often deadly for rabbits, but a vaccination is available. It's advised that you vaccinate your rabbit by the 1st March to prevent them contracting the mosquito-transmitted virus.

*For more information, contact:
Local Land Services Camden office: 4655 9165
National Parks and Wildlife Service: 9472 8953
Your local council office*

From our old Commander, Superintendent Jeff Philippi:

Hello to all my Neighbourhood Watch friends, Thank you for all the support you gave me whilst at Kuring Gai. I love the card you sent to me, it was hand made and a wonderful gift that I will treasure forever. I also would like to give a special thank you to Julia, Carroll and Chantelle for their advice and friendship. I hope to see you all soon. Regards Jeff





From Mount Colah Neighbourhood Watch (NHW): We had our 'Welcome back NHW for 2014' gathering on the evening of **Sunday 16 February 2014**. There was good discussion about the current NHW situation and upcoming involvement in two events:

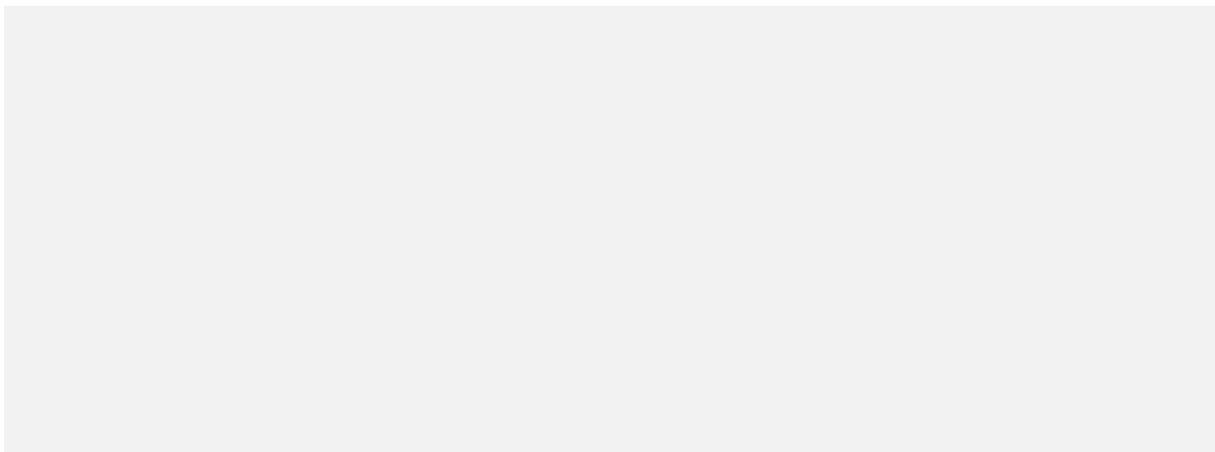
Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 02 March - Mt Colah NHW have identified a site. For more information please contact Mick on 0418 112 675.

Meet Your Neighbour | Berowra Community Day - Saturday 22 March.

Volunteers needed. More info from Mick on 0418 112 675.

Maybe do something special for Mount Colah in 2015?

From the Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Another great road safety sign from South Australia !





From Stay Smart Online: Shop Safely Online with these tips:

Top tips

Be wary if the website looks suspicious or unprofessional or makes unrealistic promises. Bargains which look too good to be true often are.

Know what you are buying. Read the description of the product carefully-check the size, colour, value and safety of the product.

Read all the fine print. This includes refund and complaints handling policies.

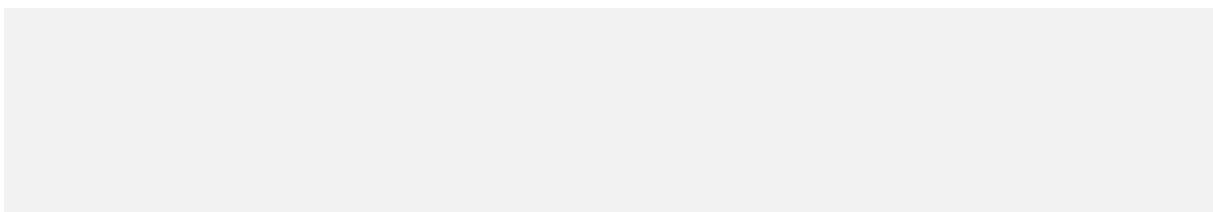
Check the currency, postage and handling and other charges - there may be extra charges you aren't aware of. Only pay via a secure web page-one that has a valid digital certificate.

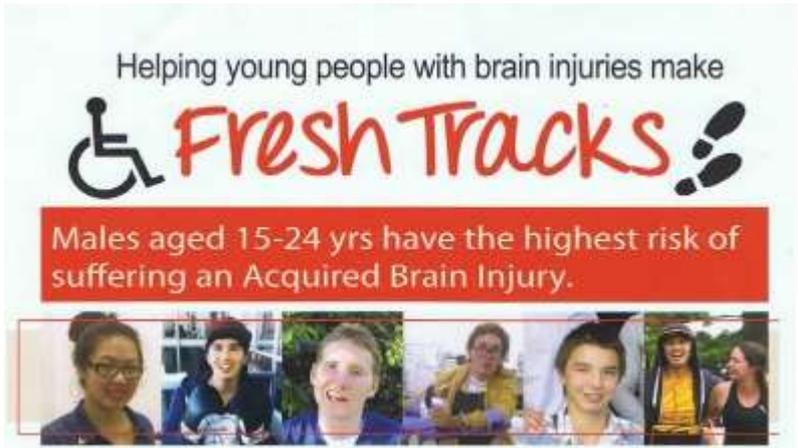
Use a secure payment method such as PayPal, BPay, or your credit card. Avoid money transfers and direct debit, as these can be open to abuse. Never send your bank or credit card details via email.

Always print and keep a copy of the transaction. Keep records of any emails to and from the seller.

Always conduct transactions within the auction website. Avoid private contact or payment directly with buyers or sellers-scammers will often use this ploy to 'offer a better deal.

Coming in a couple of months... a local hub for this organisation in Ku-ring-gai. Will let you know more details as soon as we know of them. May need your help spreading the word, please?





We followed up with the RMS about carrying dogs in utes and here is their reply to the email:

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Rule 7, states that a person must not carry or convey a dog (other than a dog being used to work livestock), on the open back of a moving vehicle on a public street unless the dog is restrained or enclosed in such a way as to prevent the dog falling from the vehicle.

Dogs should not ride unrestrained in either the front or back seats of any vehicle as the police may fine you if they deem that you do not have proper control of the vehicle due to the animal interfering with your control. Specially designed animal boxes and harnesses are available and should be used. A pet harness can be attached to the vehicle's seat belt allowing the dog to sit or lie on the seat. These harness and boxes can be purchased in a variety of sizes from the RSPCA or from pet supply stores.

It is stated in legislation that a driver must not drive with a person or animal in the driver's lap. This is Road Rule 297 (1A) Drive motor vehicle with person or animal in lap.

Dogs riding on the back of an open vehicle must be restrained or enclosed in such a way that they cannot fall off. If tethered, this should be to a short chain attached by a swivel to a central anchor point on the floor behind the cabin. The other end of the chain should be attached to the dog's collar by another swivel to prevent tangling.

A driver must not drive with a person or animal in the driver's lap. The rider of a

motorbike must not ride with an animal on the fuel tank. This does not apply to a person who travels less than 500 metres for the purposes of farming.

Animals are not permitted to be carried on a motor bike between a rider and the handlebars, or in any other position that would interfere with the rider's ability to control the motor bike.

To view the complete road rule please click on the below link to find Road Rule 297 which relates to your enquiry:

<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/viewtop/inforce/subordleg+179+2008+fn+0+N>

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

This facebook page can be accessed without being signed into facebook.

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

ASQUITH TO WAHROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) *between* Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd *and* Pacific Hwy overpass

Date: Tue 25 Feb 2014
- Mon 17 Mar
2014

Impact:

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**

Sun to Sat (8pm
to 5am)
Southbound
affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduce speed

Other Info: Maintenance
work will be
carried out over
12 nights (except
Saturdays).
Motorists are
advised to expect
minor delays and
partial lane
closures.

Traffic controllers
will be on site.
There will be
detours in place
on some shifts
for traffic to
divert onto the
Pacific Highway.

WEST PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd *at* Lancaster Ave

Date: Tue 18 Feb 2014 - Fri 28 Feb 2014

Impact:

Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Thu (8pm to 5am) Both directions
affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduced speed limit

Other Info: Work will be undertaken over two nights shifts
during this period. For further information
please contact Downer EDI Community
Relations on 1300 776 069 or email
CommunityRelations.PSMC@downergroup.com

GORDON Ryde Rd *between* Pacific Hwy *and* Minnamurra Rd

Date: Sun 23 Feb 2014
- Sun 23 Feb
2014

Impact:

2 of 3
southbound
lane(s) closed.

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**
Sun (2am to
9am)
Southbound
affected

Advice: Exercise caution

Other Info: Crane work to
remove a tree
will close 2 of 3
lanes
southbound.

Location: [View on map](#)

THORNLEIGH Pennant Hills Rd *between* The Comenarra Parkway *and* Pacific Hwy

Date: Thu 30 Jan 2014
- Thu 27 Feb
2014

Impact:

**Scheduled
lane closures
for this week**

Sun to Fri (11pm
to 5am) Both
directions
affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduce speed

Other Info: Maintenance
work will be
carried out over
10 nights (except
Saturdays).
Motorists are
advised to expect
delays.

Traffic controllers
will be on site
and will provide
access to
properties as
required. Some
bus stops will be
relocated.

Roseville Chase:

Allard Avenue (between Babbage Road and Lockley Parade) and Normac

Street: Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 3 March 2014.

Malga Avenue (Rowe Street to Boundary Road) Road patching and resurfacing
programmed for 2 days. Date to be advised.

Rowe Street (Malga Avenue to Warrane Avenue) Road resurfacing scheduled. Date to
be advised.

Pymble:

Park Crescent: Road stabilisation now complete and being monitored. The leaking Sydney Water mail
has been repaired. Damaged kerb and gutter scheduled for repair.

Yarran Street / Cross Street / Cultowa Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for two nights
from 24 February 2014.

Lindfield, Northcote Road (between No. 46 and Mackenzie Street): Road resurfacing rescheduled for
Easter school holidays.

Wahroonga, Strone Avenue and Elizabeth Street: Road stabilisation now complete and being
monitored. The leaking Sydney Water mail has been repaired. Further shoulder works plus temporary
seal are scheduled.

For further information, see:

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

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

From the Hornsby Advocate 13 Feb:

After two tragic deaths in the past week, police are asking all parents to ensure their homes are safe for children. Prevention tips for homes:

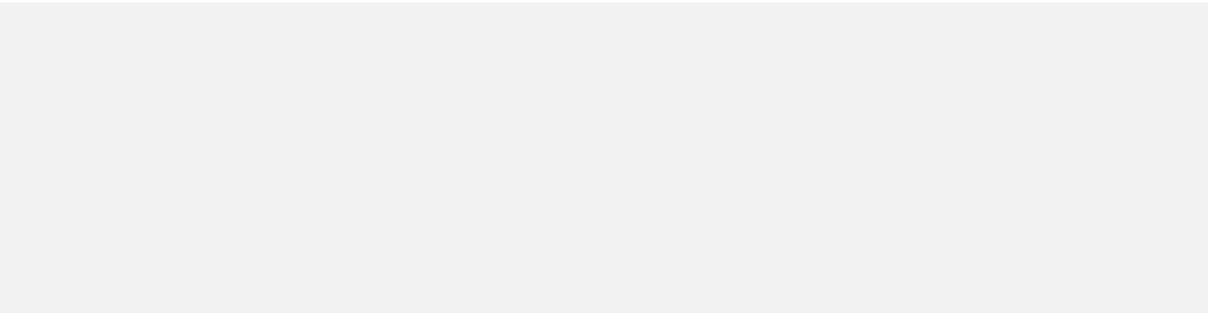
- Make sure blind cords are shortened to a safe height and are away from where a young child may be playing or sleeping
 - Have a securely fitted window guard
 - Be warned that flyscreens are not child-proof and do not prevent a child from falling from an open window, as has happened all too frequently
 - Ensure windows cannot be opened more than 10cm, except by an adult
 - Ensure windows are secure and not left open when unattended
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The next **Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee meeting** for March will be held on **THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2014 IN THE TRAINING ROOM AT HORNSBY POLICE STATION, 292 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, HORNSBY** – 5:30PM FOR 6:00PM TILL 7:30PM.

TOPIC: HORNSBY / KU-RING-GAI WOMEN’S SHELTER

Have you any question/comment you would like raised? Email it to NHWGordon@gmail.com .

From the Hornsby Advocate 13 Feb:



2 ASQUITH A man, 51, of Asquith, has been charged with high-range drink-driving after he was stopped by police and failed a breath test on Saturday morning. Police stopped the man on the Pacific Highway at Asquith about 2.05am. Police said a random breath test returned a positive result for alcohol and that a subsequent test returned a blood-alcohol level of .198. The driver's licence was suspended. He will face Hornsby Local Court on February 27.

6 TURRAMURRA Jewels were stolen during a break-and-enter at a home on Duff St, Turramurra, between 10am on February 3 and 11.15am on Tuesday. The thieves smashed a ground floor window to gain entry to the house and ransacked it. A deadlocked door was also destroyed to gain access to a garage, although nothing was taken from there. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

8 WAHROONGA On Monday morning a parked Nissan Patrol four-wheel-drive was broken in to on the Comenarra Parkway. An iPhone 5s was stolen. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

5 THORNLEIGH A handbag was stolen between 6.30pm and 6.40pm from a table at the Thornleigh Squash Centre on Tuesday. It was taken from among other handbags on the table and police have reminded members of the public to always keep an eye on their valuables. It contained cosmetics and a mobile phone. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

7 WAHROONGA Graffiti vandals sprayed yellow paint on walls and a noticeboard at Wahroonga Primary School between 6pm on Sunday and 7am on Tuesday. Police say the tag "carve" was visible among other illegible scribbles. The cost of cleaning the scrawls off the wall is estimated at \$500. Anyone with information should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

9 HORNSBY A Toyota Surf was broken into some time between 9pm Wednesday and 7.30am Thursday on the Pacific Highway, Hornsby. Police say the ignition was tampered with and a car amplifier and speakers stolen. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

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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