



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: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

14 April: Hornsby Police news, 14/4/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: High range drink driving charge

Time/Date: About 11.30pm Friday 11th

Place: Old Northern Road, Glenorie

Vehicle 1: Toyota 4x4

Driver 1: 52 year old male

Details: The man had been to a party and started to move his car, in the process he became bogged on the grass verge. Police have attended and a road side breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .186. The man had his licence suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The man is to face Hornsby Local court on the 1st of May charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 3.20am Saturday 12th

Place: Galston road, Hornsby Heights.

Vehicle 1: Kia

Driver 1: Female

Details: The Kia was driven along Galston road and has attempted to make a right turn into Somerville road, in doing so the Kia is alleged to have crashed into a power pole. The driver according to witnesses was female and was seen trying to push the car away from the pole. Witnesses have called police, at this point the female is alleged to have run off. Inquiries into the matter are being made with the registered owner of the Kia.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 7.30pm Sunday 13th and 6am Monday 14th

Place: Bannockburn road, Turramurra

Details: A Magna was parked on the street, person/s unknown have smashed a rear window and stolen a hand bag from the car. The bag contained a wallet, cash and credit cards.

Incident: Steal from dwelling

Time/Date: Between 10.30am and 11am Wednesday 9th

Place: Beresford road, Thornleigh

Details: Person/s unknown have enter the home via an open rear door. A mobile phone, laptop computer and cash was taken.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 8.45am and 11.30am Thursday 10th

Place: The Broadway, Wahroonga

Details: Person/s unknown have forced the lock on the ground floor rear door before ransacking the home. Various jewellery items were taken.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 10am and 9.20pm Saturday 12th

Place: Dumaresq street, Gordon

Details: Person/s unknown have broken into the garage of an underground car park. Inside they have cut the chain and lock which secured 2 push bikes. The bikes a Colnago brand valued at \$10,000 was stolen as was a Mountain bike.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 10am and 9.20pm Saturday 12th

Place: Carters road, Dural.

Details: Person/s unknown have forced entry into the home, a large amount of jewellery was taken including a Rolex watch. A floor safe was ripped from its mountings and thrown into the rear yard. The alarm on the home had been tampered with.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: About 4pm Saturday 12th

Place: Grocery store at Edgeworth David Avenue, Waitara

Person: Described as Caucasian male, 25 year old, brown hair, wearing a blue hooded jacket, Blue shorts and riding a BMX bike.

Details: CCTV footage shows the male enter the store and go to the rear are of the store. The male is alleged to have placed an IMB laptop up his jacket and leave the store, riding away on the BMX.

Incident: Robbery

Time/Date: About 4.15am Friday 11th

Place: Bus shelter near Normanhurst railway station.

Person: Described as male, Asian in appearance 20 - 25 years old, wearing a Green zip up jacket.

Details: The victim a 23 year old female was waiting at the bus stop. The male person has waited nearby before snatching a mobile phone the victim was holding. The victim has begun wrestling over the phone and her handbag. The thief has run off with her mobile with the victim chasing him. The male was last seen running near Kenley Park, Normanhurst. Police and a dog squad officer attended and tracked a scent before losing it nearby. The female victim had minor injuries as a result of the robbery.

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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14 April: Number plates, cash/wallets and mobile devices (phones and GPS units) are commonly stolen from motor vehicles. The easiest ways to reduce the chance of this happening to you include:

1. Don't leave valuables in your car;
2. Lock car doors and ensure all windows are up;
3. Install theft-resistant registration plate screws;
4. Try to park in busy, well lit areas.

If something is stolen from your vehicle, you can report it to the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444.**

10 April, from NSW Police Force (edited): NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione has welcomed the latest crime data from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) for the 24 months to December 2013 that shows 15 of the 17 major crime categories have remained stable or are going down.

Only two major categories have increased over the last two years:

* indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences (up 7.8 per cent),

* and fraud (up 13.2 per cent).

Commissioner Scipione said: "The main component of the rise is in indecent assaults on girls aged 10 to 15 and most of these have been committed by people known to the victim.

*50 per cent of victims over the past two years were indecently assaulted in their own homes and

*92 per cent were assaulted by a person known to them.

The rise in fraud is mainly due to unauthorised use of credit cards. There is a range of things people can do to protect themselves."

*Protect your PIN at ATMs

*Inspect ATMs for any suspicious signs

*Have up-to-date virus protection on your computer

*Never provide your financial details to anyone, particularly those who contact you unexpectedly on line.

Full Media Release [click here](#).

NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)

website: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/>

09 April, from the Daily Telegraph: Fatal crash at Terrey Hills



The scene of the crash along Mona Vale Rd. Picture: Bill Hearne Source: News

Corp Australia

A FEMALE passenger has been killed and a man remains in hospital following a car crash in Sydney's north. The woman died at the scene when a small hatchback left the roadway on Mona Vale Rd and crashed about 4.15am. The male driver was taken to hospital and his condition is being assessed. It is believed the vehicle rolled before coming to rest on a grass medium strip. Police spoke to a witness at the scene and their investigations are ongoing. The incident affected Mona Vale Rd well into the morning. It was reopened just before 10am. The westbound lanes of the dual carriageway were closed with one lane of traffic moving each way through the regular eastbound lanes.



From Dash Cam Owners Australia

Tips for Parents Whose Children are Attending Parties. As a parent or guardian you have the responsibility to ensure the safety of your children.

A great set of tips is available on the NSW Police website ([click here](#)).

If you are having a party anywhere in New South Wales, you can notify NSW Police Force via their 'MyNite' website ([click here](#)).

St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch - next meeting at **8pm on Tuesday 29 April at St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives**. Special attendance by the Kuring Gai LAC Youth Liaison Officer, Snr Con Stef Murray, and guest speaker Alan Lawrence, talking about **FreshTracks**. Everyone welcome.



From the Traffic & Highway Patrol Command.

EASTER SHOW. From NSW Fair Trading: Every year we head out to the Easter Show to make sure all the goodies in the showbags meet Australian safety

standards. This year we inspected 346 different showbags and delivered the show a clean bill of health. [Click here](#) to read more.

And last week's quick quiz... Your headlights' HIGH BEAM

A driver must not use their headlights on high beam if travelling:

- â€¢ less than 200m behind a vehicle travelling in the same direction
- â€¢ less than 200m from an oncoming vehicle.

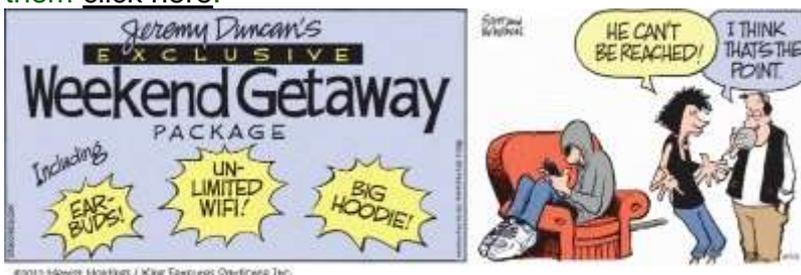
It is an offence to flash the vehicle's headlights unless the vehicle is being used to respond to an emergency.



A driver must not use any light fitted to their vehicle that may dazzle another road user.

Taken from the RMS "**Top 10 Misunderstood Road Rules**". For a copy, email NHWGordon@gmail.com.

From Stay Smart Online: Know what your kids are up to online? Tips to protect them [click here](#).



From Ku-ring-gai Council: Would we please share this email and offer a warning to residents. This kind of scam even has its own Wiki page! Art Student Scam - [click here](#)

*"I would like to draw attention that there is a rise in door to door art sales (scam?) in **Pymble area**. Last night, I had a so-called-french guy come to my door. Told me he was part of a group of people who travel around the country and try and subsidize the costs by selling art door to door, not spending too long in one area as they were still traveling. Then he showed me some oil paintings. Each painting cost around \$170. I told him that I was not interested. But he was very persistent. My husband asked him to go. Then he said he was thirsty and would like to get in and to have a glass of water. He got what he wanted and left. He spent nearly 30 minutes at my doorstep.*

I heard from my neighbour that they had similar experience too. May I draw your attention that some elders being single at home, could possibly be harassed or pursued by these kind of people. Is it possible for the Council to share this with the neighbourhood to avoid this kind of fraud?"

Stop Travelling Conmen is a campaign to protect the Australian community from misleading and deceptive conduct by people pretending to be legitimate tradespeople. If you are approached call the **National Hotline on 1300 133 408**.

What if a con man calls on me? This is what you should do:

- Don't open the door if you are unsure who the caller is
- Say no
- Record as much information as you can, such as their name and vehicle registration
- Report them to NSW Fair Trading by calling 13 32 20
- Warn your friends, family and neighbours.

Did you know that ~couch surfing~ is a form of homelessness? It is the most common way young people experience homelessness. A temporary roof over head does not mean they have a home.



this is not a home.

From Youth off the Streets.

OTHER SCAMS to be aware of

NSW Fair Tading, 06 April: Have you had an out-of-the-blue call lately by someone suggesting you or a close member of your family has been recently involved in a car accident and you may be entitled to thousands of dollars compensation? This a scam. Your personal details will be harvested and then may be used to defraud you. To avoid identity theft, never give out your personal or bank account details to somebody you don't know or trust and never send your credit card or bank details in response to unsolicited approaches on the phone, via emails or text. [Click here for more info.](#)

Scammers pretending to be from Telstra Technical Support continue cold-calling Australians March 2014: SCAMwatch and Telstra are warning consumers to hang up the phone if they receive a call out of the blue from someone claiming there is a problem with their internet connection or computer. [Click here for more info.](#)

Scammers using videos of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 to spread malware March 2014: SCAMwatch and Stay Smart Online are warning consumers

interested in finding out more about the recent disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 to be on guard when opening video footage about this event, as scammers are sending links infected with malware. [Click here for more info.](#)

ACCC (from Hornsby Advocate 10 April): SCAMMERS HIT ONLINE

DATING Australian Competition and Consumer Commission spokesman Duncan Harrod said a prevalent scam involved people meeting through online dating. “The level of sophistication is just above and beyond,” Mr Harrod said. It involves a potential suitor asking for money so they can visit their online friend, only to disappear soon after. “They use wires for you to transfer money to, like Western Union,” Mr Harrod said. “If money is being wired, you can’t track it.”

Also, consumers should be wary when buying a puppy. Scammers purporting to be dog breeders say they are out of town and the puppy is in kennels. The victim is asked to transfer money to pay for the dog, kennel fees and immunisation, only to be left with no dog.

Websites selling fake World Cup soccer tickets are starting to pop up while a scam purporting to involve Telstra Bigpond is also doing the rounds.



From Ku-ring-gai Council.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 29 April: St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch - meeting at 8pm, at St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives.

Sunday 04 May: Ku-ring-gai Council Festival on the Green, Village Green, St Ives. Crime Prevention stall.

Sunday 04 May: FreshTracks - Team Wheelathon, Narrabeen Academy of Sport & Rec 10am-2:30pm. Info: www.freshtracks.com.au/wheelathon

Monday 5 May: FREE Supervisor of Learner Drivers Workshop at 6:30-8:30pm, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings essential.

Monday 12 May: KYDS Alcohol fueled Violence Parent Forum. 6:30-8:30pm, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings: 9424 0837.

Friday 16 May: Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter Benefit Night. 6:30 for 7pm at Asquith Leagues Club. Phone Keith Murray 0400 745 644.

Saturday 21 June: PCYC's Trivia Night at [PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Club House](#). Info: **9477 2310**

Saturday 06 September: Gordon Shopping Centre, Dads are Great! Crime Prevention, Neighbourhood Watch, etc - more info nearer the event.

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, Hornsby Shire Council and Ku-ring-gai Council

ASQUITH TO WAHROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) *between* Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd *and* Pacific Hwy: Tue 1 Apr 2014 - Wed 16 Apr 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 4am) Southbound affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Traffic controllers will be on site.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Fri 31 Oct 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected. Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Road improvement works, including new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be on site.

There will also be night works from 8pm to 5am between Monday 14 April and Thursday 17 April and between Tuesday 29 April and Saturday 3 May.

GORDON Pacific Hwy at Moree St: Mon 7 Apr 2014 - Mon 26 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (10am to 2pm) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time.

Killara, Terrace Road: Road resurfacing scheduled for week commencing 14 April.

LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy *near* Westbourne St: Thu 1 May 2014 - Tue 6 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Thu to Tue (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. One night shift will be required to carry out the works. Minor delays can be expected. Traffic controllers will be on site. Access to properties may be affected during work hours.

Lindfield:

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

Grosvenor Road: Placing of subsoil drainage in road scheduled to commence 15 March. Work will be ongoing for several weeks, on Saturdays only at present.

Pymble:

Park Cres: Road stabilisation is now complete and road resurfacing scheduled to take place over the Easter period.

Yarran Street / Cross Street / Cultowa Road : Road resurfacing rescheduled for two nights during week commencing 28 April.

ROSEVILLE Babbage Rd *at* Boundary St: Mon 5 May 2014 - Sat 10 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Sat (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. Check signage. One night shift from 8pm to 5am between Monday 5 May and Saturday 10 May, will be required for these works. Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions.

Partial lane closures will be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers.

There will be temporary changes to street parking during this essential work. Traffic controllers will ensure vehicles are not parked on certain sections of Babbage Road between 5pm and 5am on the day of work.

St Ives, Catherine Street (between Yarrabung Road and Carmen Street): Road shoulders are now complete. Road resurfacing scheduled for week commencing 14 April.

THORNLEIGH Pennant Hills Rd *at* Wells St: Mon 7 Apr 2014 - Fri 30 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Safety improvement work including installing traffic signals and a median barrier. Motorists are advised to expect partial lane closures and minor delays.

Traffic controllers will be on site. There may also be some day work between 10am and 2pm.

Turramurra,

Jersey Street: Road resurfacing scheduled for week commencing 14 April.

Fairlawn Avenue: Road resurfacing rescheduled for May.

Wahroonga, Westbrook Avenue (between Burns Road and Gladys Avenue): Road patching is complete. Shoulder construction works scheduled to commence in early April. Road resurfacing scheduled for April.

Hornsby Shire Council areas: If you would like to enquire about any work taking place please **phone 9847 6666** or email hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au. Stay up-to-date with the latest roadworks by following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil.

For further information, see [NSW Live Traffic](#) and the [Ku-ring-gai Council Roadworks page](#).

From the North Shore Times, 09 April: Improved safety for pedestrians

PEDESTRIAN safety will be improved on the **Pacific Highway at Gordon** with the **installation of pedestrian-activated traffic lights at Moree St and median fencing** between St Johns Ave and Dumaresq St.

Premier Barry O'Farrell said the section of road carried about 45,000 vehicles daily across six lanes.

"In the six-and-a-half years to December 2012, seven pedestrian crashes occurred as people attempted to cross the highway between St John Ave and Dumaresq St," he said. During consultation on the proposal carried out in October last year the community was supportive of safety measures on this busy road and the NSW Government will provide \$700,000 under the Safer Roads Program to proceed with work at this location."•

Work to install the traffic lights and median fencing started on Monday (14 April) and will take 10 weeks to complete. The work will be carried out between 9pm and 5am from Sundays to Thursdays, with some work between 10am and 2pm. Partial lane closures will be in place while work is under way.



From the Hornsby Advocate, 10 April:

Cyclists welcome upgrade plan RESIDENTS, motorists and cyclists are set to benefit from an upgrade to Berowra's oldest road. The 115-year-old Berowra Waters Rd between Crowley Rd and Alan Rd will be kerbed and guttered and a cycleway will be added thanks to almost \$3 million from Hornsby Council and Roads and Maritime Services. Cyclist Paul Berry said the works would be a welcome addition to what was also Berowra's busiest road. "As a regular cyclist along Berowra Waters Rd since 1990, I am very pleased to hear that it is being upgraded,"• he said. Mandy Corbett said she also welcomed the changes. "As a cyclist and a mum with a kid on the back of a bike, I'm all for it,"• she said. Hornsby Deputy Mayor Nathan Tilbury said he lobbied hard for the project after identifying the stretch of road as one of the biggest concerns among locals. He said that all efforts would be made to minimise disruption to residents during construction.

SIMPLE STEPS ON HOME SECURITY Police are offering the following home security advice:

Garages and sheds are targets. Secure them with quality locks and always lock away valuables and equipment such as surfboards, bicycles and power tools.

Lock up every time. Always lock accessible doors and windows.

Don't give burglars a place to hide. Keep gardens, trees and shrubs trimmed back and ensure fences don't block visibility.

Don't advertise valuables. Never leave items such as wallets, keys, jewellery and mobile phones where they can be seen from outside." Detective Inspector Jon Gross facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC

3 BROOKLYN A 19-year-old man remains in custody after being arrested for two separate robberies in Brooklyn in the past two months. In February and March, the Estuary Restaurant was robbed of power tools including drills, socket sets and a leaf blower. On Monday, police attended a home in Cheero Point and arrested a 19-year-old, who was charged with two counts of break, enter and steal.

6 HORNSBY Police terminated a chase on the M1 after it reached speeds of more than 190km/h on Tuesday. At 12.30pm, police witnessed a Ford Territory driving very slowly in the overtaking lane. When police tried to pull the car over, it increased to 190km/h. At 4pm the car was found in Clark St, Hornsby, with significant damage. The driver was described as a teenage boy with scruffy hair and there was a girl and another boy in the car. Witnesses should phone Hornsby police on 9476 9799.

4 TURRAMURRA Two cars drove into trees on the Comenarra Parkway on Tuesday morning. About 6am, a Barina failed to negotiate a bend near Howson Ave and lost control, hitting a tree. When a Rodeo rounded the corner it tried to avoid the car and drove into another tree. Neither driver was injured but both cars had to be towed. The 33-year-old Barina driver was given a ticket for negligent driving.

9 HORNSBY Two coffee machines worth more than \$2500 were stolen from David Jones at Westfield Hornsby by a couple captured on CCTV. Between 10.20am and 11.20am on Monday, the pair were seen taking the items from a cabinet. The pair are both caucasian, 35 years old and the man is described as tall and thin.

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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