



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 that others may appreciate: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

12 May, Know someone that rides a motor-cycle? You might want to share this with them. This is a great [video produced by The Motor Accident Commission \(MAC\) of South Australia](#).

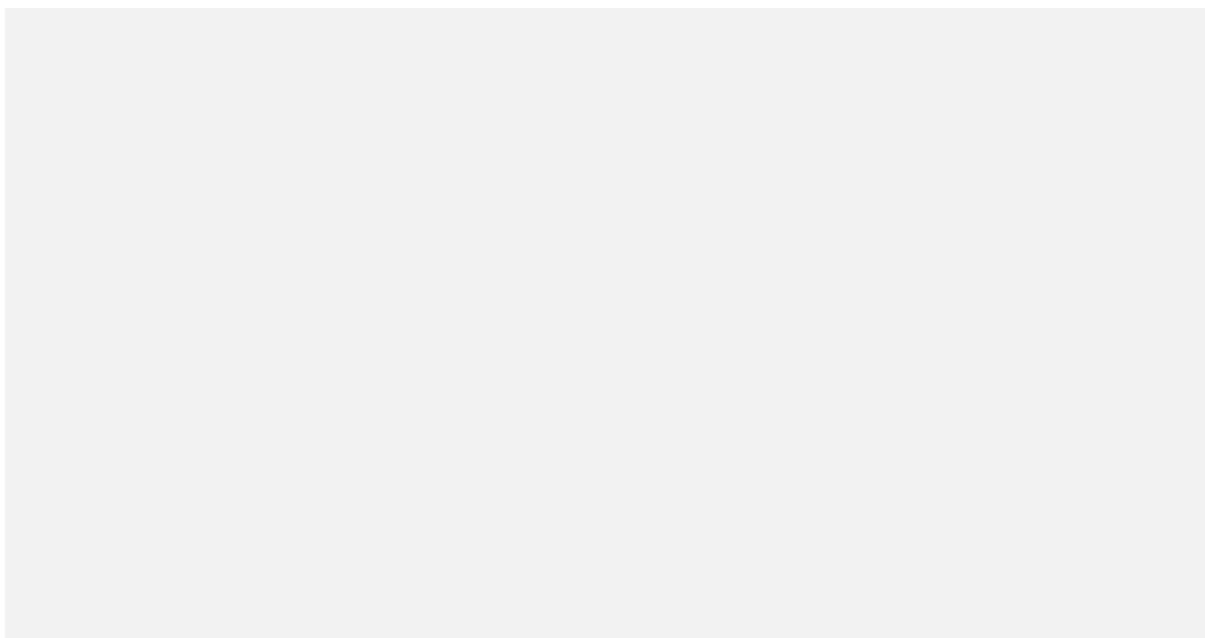
10 May, from Stay Smart Online: Bitly link shortening service compromised:

SSO Alert Priority high Bitly, a popular link shortening service regularly used in combination with other social media services, has released an urgent security notice about a compromise of its customers' accounts. For the full alert and instructions, [click here](#).

07 May: A man has been charged after police allegedly located a sub-machine gun, ammunition and Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMCG) paraphernalia during investigations into a robbery at Denistone earlier in the year. About 2:30am on Saturday 5 April 2014, a 19-year-old man got off a bus at Denistone Railway Station when he was allegedly approached by a man and punched in the head. He was knocked unconscious during the assault before his attacker allegedly stole cash from him and fled the scene.

Police from Ryde Local Area Command commenced investigations into the robbery and today (Wednesday 7 May 2014) arrested a **21-year-old man outside a house in Hornsby**. During a search of the house, police allegedly located a sub-machine gun, ammunition, a leather OMCG vest, mobile phones and other items of clothing. The 21-year-old man was taken to Hornsby Police Station, where he was charged with aggravated robbery, possess prohibited firearm and possess ammunition.

He was refused bail to appear in Hornsby Local Court tomorrow (Thursday 8 May 2014). The firearm and ammunition will undergo further ballistic testing while investigations into the matter are continuing.





Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting

page: <https://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.

07 May, from NSW Fair Trading: It's Mothers Day this Sunday and some people may struggle to find a gift they think their mum will need or like. Inevitably, some mums will receive duplicates of the same gift or something she might find hard to use. Don't assume all retailers will happily swap the gift for another or refund the money altogether. Now's a good time to brush up on **your refunds and returns rights**. To do so, [click here](#) to read **Consumer Rights - Myths and Facts**

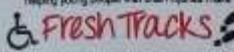
07 May: A man has been charged with the alleged cultivation of cannabis after police seized plants from an industrial unit in Mt Ku-ring-gai yesterday.

In February 2014, police from Gordon Region Enforcement Squad (RES) began investigations into the supply of cannabis in the Ku-ring-gai area. As a result of inquiries, yesterday (Tuesday 6 May 2014), Gordon RES officers were assisted by local police in executing a search warrant at an industrial unit on **Hamley Road, Mt Ku-ring-gai**. Officers seized hydroponic equipment and 50 mature cannabis plants with an estimated street value of \$150,000.

A 46-year-old man was later arrested at a **Pennant Hills** address, where a small amount of cannabis was also allegedly found. The man was taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with commercial indoor enhanced cultivation of cannabis and possession of a prohibited drug. He was granted conditional bail to appear before Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 28 May 2014.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Helping young people with brain injuries make a difference
 **Launch - North Shore Community Hub**
 An exciting new local facility where young people with an acquired brain injury (ABI) can access recumbent trikes to aid in their rehabilitation.

Mayor of Kur-ring-gai Jennifer Anderson
 requests the pleasure of _____
 to the launch of the North Shore Community Hub at HART, in St Ives.

This approximately one hour event will take place on:
Tuesday 20th May arriving at 10.30am for light refreshments for an 11am start at
 HART driver training facility, 451 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives NSW

Special messages from Paul Fletcher MP, Johnathan O'Dea MP and Stephen Lowndes, CEO of Royal Rehab. This will be followed by a demonstration of the trikes by Liam Knight and Kevin Luu who are young local men with an ABI.

RSVP Wed 14th May for catering purposes to alan@freshtracks.com.au or Mbr: 0403 388 876



Fresh Tracks Launch, 10:30am Tuesday 20 May at the HART Driver Training Facility, 451 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives. Those interested are very welcome to attend, and, to assist with catering, please **RSVP** by Friday 16 May to alan@freshtracks.com.au or **phone: 0403388876**.

Mobile Banking "Australia is one of the highest users of smart phones and tablets in the world, so it's no surprise consumers are embracing mobile banking to manage their finances."

Here are some tips to help you practice safe and secure mobile banking:

- Install security software from a verified provider on your device.
- Only download apps from reputable publishers or provided by your bank.
- Keep your device's software and apps up to date.
- Lock your device with a passcode, password or biometric when not in use.
- Clear your smart phone or tablet of any text messages from your bank and never disclose personal or financial information via text or email.
- Don't save PINs, logins or passwords as documents or phone numbers on your mobile device.
- Use different PINs or passwords for unlocking your mobile device and accessing your banking app.
- Do not use public Wi-Fi for online banking, shopping or other financial transactions.
- Contact your bank if you lose your smart phone or tablet and provide your

- new mobile number if you receive bank updates via SMS message.
- Reset factory settings before disposing of an old device.

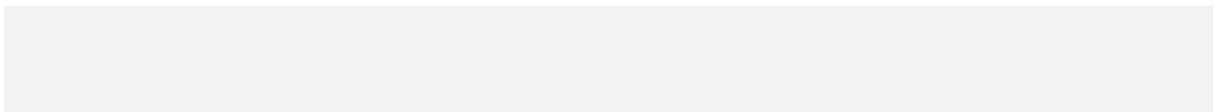
[Click here](#) for complete blog by Abul Rizvi, Deputy Secretary of the Australian Government's Department of Communications.



At the **St Ives Festival on the Green** we were able to answer lots of questions. But one question had us stumped. On 16 February, a family came home to their four chickens and a goose poisoned dead in the yard. Even though it was in February, we recommended that the incident was reported to the Police via the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444. However, the question remains - why? The family would like to know whether any one else has had a similar experience? Please email NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

From PC & Tech Authority magazine: Links posted on Twitter typically use a **URL shortening service** (such as Bitly, mentioned in the eyewatch report above) to make the most of the character limit, but with the potential for malware-laden websites it's wise to exercise caution before clicking. Paste the shortened URL into the '[Long URL Please](#)' website to see what the full link is.

From Consumer Affairs Victoria, a SCAM QUIZ. How scam savvy are you? Test your knowledge of common online scams and see how you can protect yourself from being scammed! [Click here](#). The quiz includes questions such as 'Is this email real or a scam?'.





This website also has some great videos that will walk you through six of the most common "advance fee frauds"™. [Click here for Stevie's Scam School.](#)

[Online selling scam](#)

[Romance scam](#)

[Rental scam](#)

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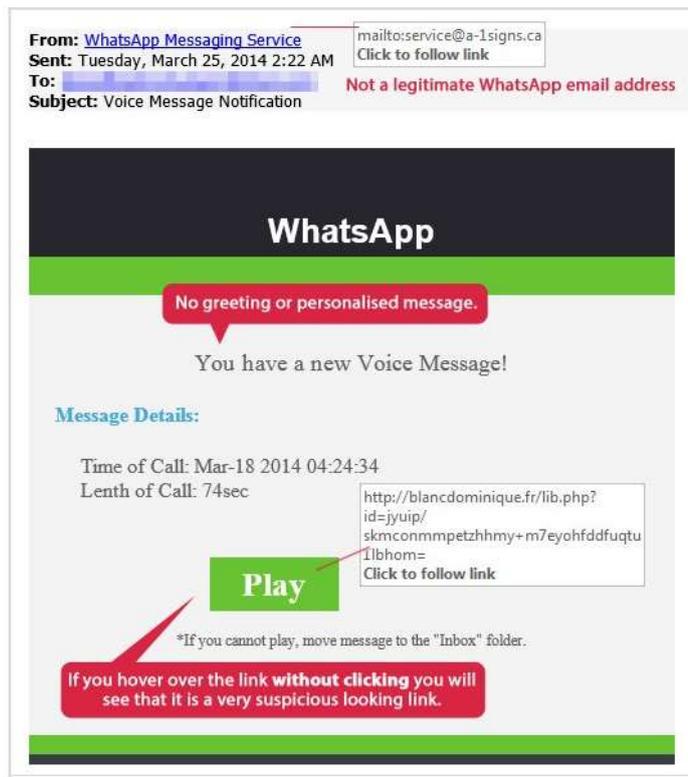
[Investment scam](#)

[Lottery scam](#)

From Stay Smart Online, 08 May: Be aware of **WhatsApp** phishing emails: SSO Alert Priority moderate. Users of mobile messaging app WhatsApp should be aware of scam "notification"™ emails pretending to be from the popular service. [Click here for full Media Release.](#)

Antivirus vendor AVG has recently published a [useful overview](#) of how you can identify one of the most recent email examples as a scam.

What's Up With This WhatsApp Scam Email?



From the Hornsby Advocate, 08 May: KEEP YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER "Please be our eyes and ears. Keep watch on your neighbours'™ homes for signs of unwelcome visitors or suspicious individuals" – Detective Inspector Jon Gross

MOONEY MOONEY A 21-year-old woman was charged with assaulting police after being pulled over for allegedly speeding on her motorbike. The woman was stopped on the Pacific Highway at Mooney Mooney at 5.10pm on Tuesday. Police alleged she was doing 80km/h on her Kawasaki in a 60km/h zone. She was also given a notice for defects on her bike. Police alleged the woman swore at them and as they tried to arrest her for offensive language, she hit one of the officers. She was additionally charged with resisting arrest and assaulting police.

BEROWRA The jaws of life had to be used to remove the passenger of a car involved in an accident at Berowra on Tuesday morning. The driver of a Nissan Pulsar had stopped to let someone reverse out of their driveway when a Holden Colorado hit them from behind. The 64-year-old passenger in the Pulsar could not

get out and emergency services had to remove his door. He was taken to hospital in a stable condition and the Colorado driver was charged with negligent driving.

ASQUITH Police are assessing the case of a diabetic driver who has no memory of running off the road at Asquith on Monday night. Around 10pm the motorist was seen driving onto a grass verge on Jersey St before hitting a Give Way sign, heading onto the wrong side of the Pacific Highway and hitting a concrete divide. A tyre was ripped off the car. The 68-year-old driver told ambulance officers he suffered from diabetes.

HORNSBY A teenager who was stopped by police in relation to stolen DVDs was charged with being in breach of his bail. Several movies were taken from JB Hifi at Hornsby Westfield at 9pm on Thursday. Soon after police spoken to a man at Waitara railway station and allegedly found several unopened movies on him. The 17-year-old was charged with having goods in custody as well as his bail breach. He will face Bidura Children's Court next week.

THORNLEIGH Copper pipes were removed from underneath a house in Thornleigh late last month. The owners are not sure of when the pipe was removed but they believe it was late April. Thieves also took the brass fittings from the home on The Esplanade.

THORNLEIGH More than \$4000 in power tools were taken from a container left on a building site in Thornleigh. Some time between 5pm on Wednesday and 7am on Thursday a lock was broken on the container on Pennant Hills Rd.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS A quad bike was stolen from a Hornsby Heights property over the weekend. Some time between 10am on Friday and 1pm on Saturday, the bike was taken from the shed of a home on Galston Rd. Witnesses should phone 9476 9799.

WAITARA A handbag was stolen from a car left parked on the street overnight in Waitara last week. The bag was left in the car, on Orara St, between 7pm on Thursday and 8am on Friday. The Mazda was left with smashed windows and the bag, containing a wallet and credit cards, was taken.

HORNSBY Police are reviewing CCTV footage after a woman fled Dan Murphy's Hornsby Westfield with a bottle of whiskey. At 10.25am on Saturday the woman, wearing a pink hoodie, took the \$87 bottle and left the store. She was

described as in her 20s, caucasian, wearing black tights and with long dark hair. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

TURRAMURRA A woman who left her handbag on a letter box while talking on her mobile phone had it stolen while she was distracted. She was standing on Kissing Point Rd around 11pm when her handbag, containing her wallet, was taken. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

WAHROONGA A man, 44, has been charged with mid-range drink-driving. He was pulled over for a random breath test at 1.30am on Saturday on the Pacific Highway at Wahroonga.

From the North Shore Times, 09 May:

Beware of dodgy standards

 **DAVIDSON** state Liberal MP Jonathan O'Dea has issued a public alert urging families to be on the lookout for unapproved electrical goods which have failed to meet Australia's stringent standards when buying Mother's Day gifts. He said shoppers should look out for a regulatory

compliance mark (the tick in a triangle), an Australian approval number on the nameplate which starts with the first letter of the state followed by a number, normal operating voltage of 240 volts and warranty cards or instructions. Mr O'Dea advised consumers to download the free ShopSmart app.

From the North Shore Times, 07 May:

WAHROONGA A 44 yearold man was charged with mid-range drink-driving at 1.50am on Saturday. Officers pulled him over on the Pacific highway and submitted him to a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result. He was taken to the station and blew a reading of .101 per cent of alcohol.

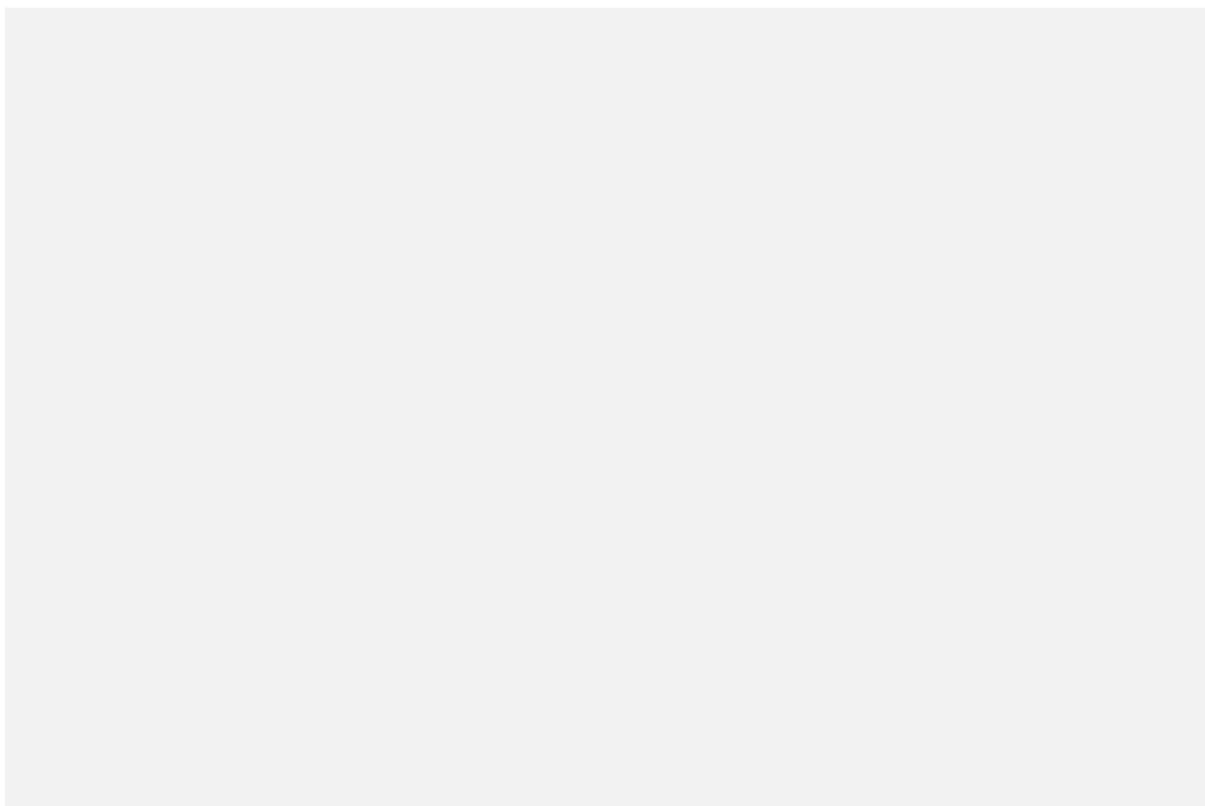
WEST PYMBLE A man was charged with mid-range drink-driving after an accident on Wednesday, April 30. A grey Alfa Romeo was driving on Lady Game Drive and allegedly collided with a rock wall, flipping onto its roof at about 11.45pm. Kuring Gai police officers attended and spoke to the 31-year-old driver of the Alfa. He was

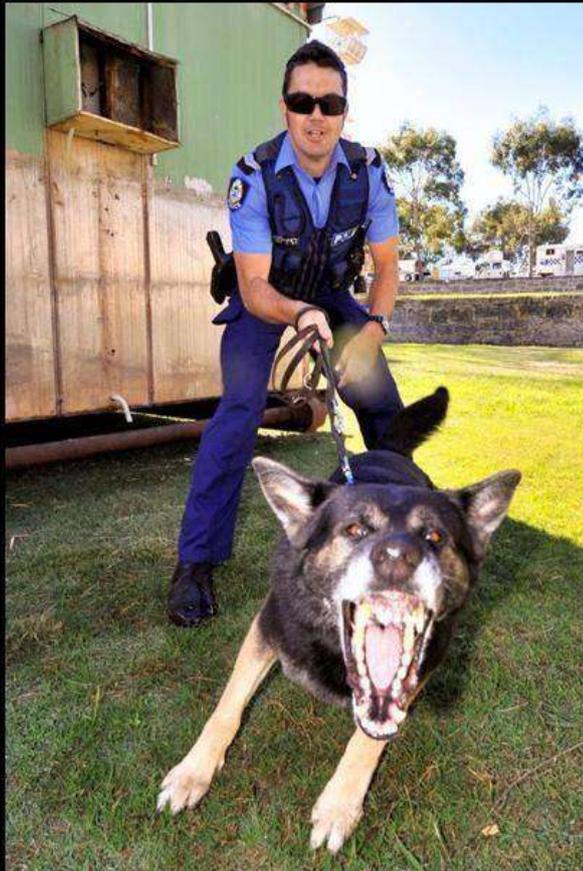
given a roadside breath test with an alleged positive result. He was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station and underwent a breath analysis and allegedly returned a reading of 0.097.

PYMBLE Numerous storage cages were broken into at a unit block on Pymble Ave overnight on Saturday. It was believed the offender/s tailgated another car to access the area as the building was well-secured. The lock was broken on a roller door and when officers attended it became evident that a number of other cages had been broken into but were yet to be reported.

LINDFIELD A number of cars were broken into at a unit block on Eaton Rd overnight on Friday, May 2. Police were called to the unit block by a number of residents who discovered the break-ins on Saturday morning. Investigations are continuing.

TURRAMURRA A woman's handbag was stolen about 11pm on Friday, May 2. The woman left her handbag near a letterbox of a property on Kissing Point Rd while she walked around the nearby area talking on her mobile phone. When she returned her bag had been taken which contained her credit cards, car keys and various other personal items.





BURGLARS TASTE LIKE CHICKEN

Live Traffic NSW - Personalised alerts now available!

With a Live Traffic NSW account, you can arrange to receive an alert email before you hit the road, telling you what traffic hazards you can expect to encounter on your journey. Create an account now to setup personalised alerts that match your own travel schedule!

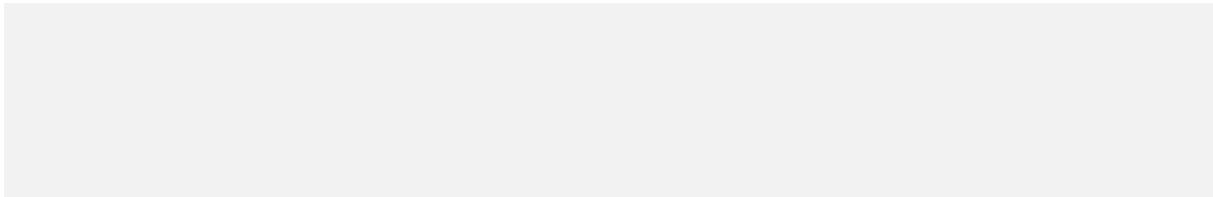
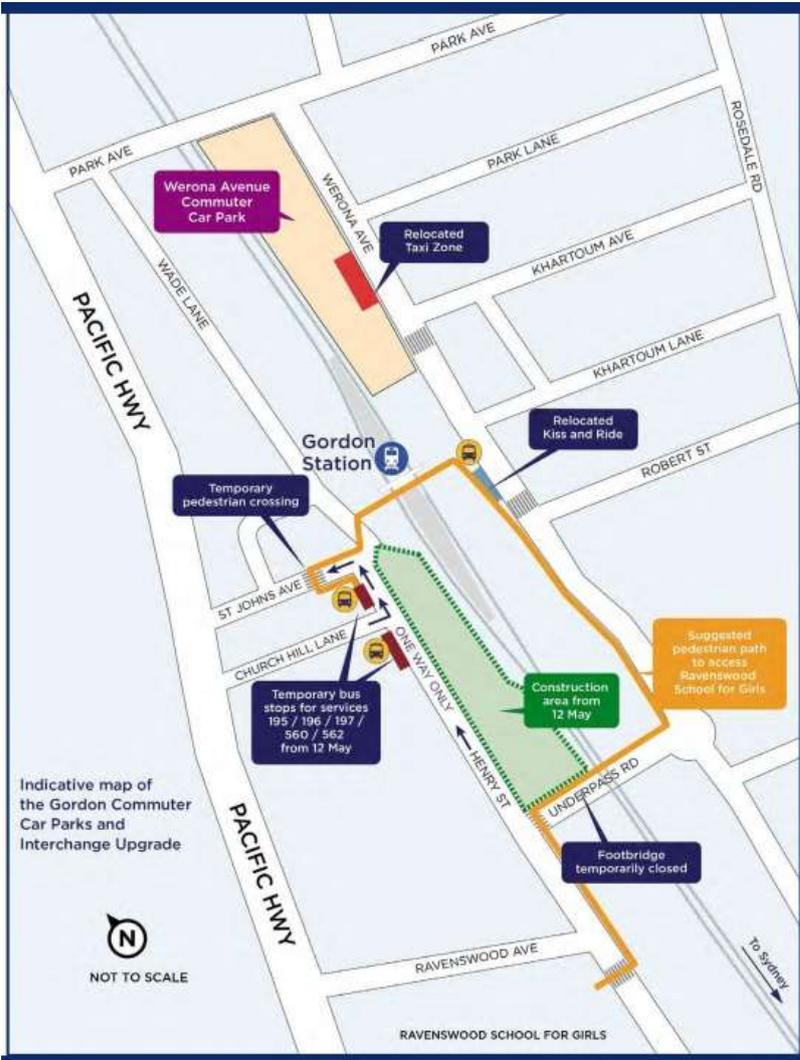
From Transport for NSW: GORDON MULTI-STOREY COMMUTER CAR PARK & INTERCHANGE UPGRADE NB: Changes to access, bus stops and parking are expected to be in place for approx 12 months.

[Click here for link to Transport for NSW - Gordon project.](#)

[Click here for May 2014 newsletter notification to residents.](#)



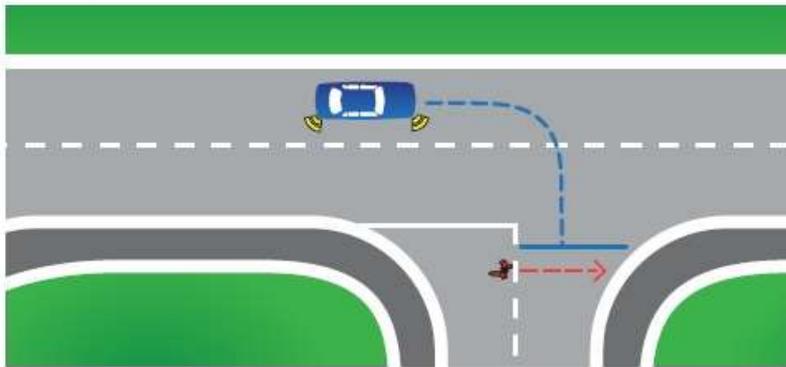
Artist's impression of the interchange - 3 levels of parking will be provided below the interchange.





Artist's impression of the multi-storey commuter car park, from Henry Street.

We received a request for this road rule - Giving way to pedestrians when turning



If a driver is turning left or right at an intersection, the driver must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road the driver is entering.

This applies to intersections with and without traffic lights. However, this rule does not apply at roundabouts.

For their own safety, pedestrians should always check their surroundings before crossing the road.

Dates for the diary:

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. **SOLD OUT!**

Sunday 25 May: Meet local Emergency Services - FREE BBQ & family games day. 10:30am to 12:30pm, grounds of Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Info: **9847 6994.**

Wednesday 28 May: 11am-12 Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop 'The Shed', St Ives Showground. 'Add to the Shedder's Tool Kit - A Lesson in Burglary Prevention'. All welcome! Info: **9983 9732**.

Wednesday 04 June: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee 5:30 for 6pm.

Monday 16 June: KPCSC Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers. FREE. 6pm for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings: Carroll, **0405 558 660**.

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

Wednesday 23 July: 10am. Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting.

Wednesday 30 July: 6pm. Kuring Gai Local Area Command 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Wednesday 03 September: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee 5:30 for 6pm

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

Saturday/Sunday 20/21 September: Ku-ring-gai Council's Medieval Faire at St Ives Showground.

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

NB: 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

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Ferry at Berowra Waters Rd: Tue 10 Jun 2014 - Tue 10 Jun 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Tue (12pm to 2.30pm) affected. Avoid the area. Use alternative route.

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.

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, Stanhope Road (Werona Avenue and Springdale Road): Road resurfacing scheduled for 12 and 13 May.

LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy *between* Bent St *and* Westbourne Rd: Tue 29 Apr 2014 - Fri 16 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Mon (9.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Mon to Tue (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Tue to Wed (10.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

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

Fri to Sat (11.30pm to 6.30am) Both directions affected

Exercise caution. Check signage. **A contraflow will be in place to allow motorists to pass the site in both directions.**

PYMBLE Ryde Rd *at* Minnamurra Ave: Mon 5 May 2014 - Tue 13 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected

Allow extra travel time. Reduce speed. This work will take place for one night shift only.

South Turramurra, Maxwell Street (between The Comenarra Parkway and Turramurra Street) / Gipps Place: Road resurfacing scheduled for 31 May.

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.

THORNLEIGH Pennant Hills Rd *between* Trebor Rd *and* Hilmont Ave: Fri 16 May 2014 - Fri 16 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Fri (1am to 3.30am) Both directions affected. Exercise caution. There will be intermittent stoppages during this work of up to five minutes.

Turrumurra:

Duff Street / Allan avenue: Kerb and gutter works now complete. Road resurfacing nightworksscheduled for 24 and 25 May.

Fairlawn Avenue: Road resurfacing scheduled for 13 May.

Coila Street : Road resurfacing scheduled for 13 May.

WAHROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) *between* Pacific Hwy *and* Pennant Hills Rd: Wed 14 May 2014 - Fri 16 May 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Wed to Thu (9pm to 4am) Southbound closed.

Southbound motorists will be required to exit the M1 Pacific Motorway at the Pacific Highway off-ramp and access Pennant Hills Road via the Pacific Highway. Exercise caution. Use diversions.

Wahroonga, Westbrook Avenue (between Burns Road and Gladys Avenue): Road resurfacing scheduled for 14 May.

WEST PYMBLE Ryde Rd at Minnamurra Ave: Mon 5 May 2014 - Tue 13 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Allow extra travel time. Reduce speed. This work will take place for one night shift only.

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](#).

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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