



Kuring Gai NSW 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.

23 June, from the Hornsby Advocate: Turf war continues at Hornsby Station as taxi drivers attempt to take back spaces from bus companies.



Taxi drivers in Hornsby say they have been parking illegally and dobbing themselves in to rangers. Source: News Limited

Full article [click here](#).

23 June, from NSW Fair Trading: A dodgy tree lopper who received a deferred prison sentence for preying on elderly and vulnerable people in Sydney's northern suburbs (incl **Roseville, S Turramurra and Killara**) is behind bars, after failing to pay more than \$50,000 in fines, costs and compensation. Robert Douglas Pentecost was originally prosecuted for fraud and multiple breaches of the Australian Consumer Law and the Home Building Act in June 2013 and given one year to pay his penalties. [Click here](#) for more details.

23 June, from the Advocate: Ku-ring-gai Police offer tips for keeping cars safe after thieves target four cars at Colah Rd, Mt Colah

HORNSBY Police say they can only do so much to protect car owners from opportunistic thieves after a string of car break-ins late last week. Four cars were targeted in the one street at Mt Colah on Thursday and Friday last week. All four vehicles were left unlocked on Colah Rd and thieves made off with a GPS, an iPod, three bank cards, cash and a phone charger.

Withdrawals were made from the bank accounts linked to the keycards. In one incident, the car door was opened and items from the glovebox were strewn all over the front seats but nothing was taken.

Ku-ring-gai crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary said there were

a number of things vehicle owners could do to guard against thieves. He said people should always lock their windows and doors, use an alarm, and don't leave any property visible inside the car.

“Don't leave items under blankets or clothes” it looks like you may have goodies there,” he said. “Remove the mobile and GPS holders from the windscreen as thieves may believe things are inside the glove box and park in well lit areas at night and areas with high use (pedestrian and vehicular traffic).” He said some people even leave the glove box and centre console open to show nothing is inside.

If anyone has information about a break-in, contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**.



Police want motorists to lock their vehicles after thieves made off with stolen goods at Mt Colah. Source: Supplied

[Click here](#) for article.

21 June, from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade: Our core function is to protect the community from bush fire - we can't do this alone have you done your bit? Are you, your family and your property genuinely ready for the upcoming Bush Fire Season? [Click here](#) for RFS website



**20 June: Motorcyclist dies following collision - Gordon - Friday, 20 June 2014
12:31:08 PM**

Motorists are being urged to avoid the Pacific Highway at Gordon following the death of a motorcyclist today.

About 11.35am (Friday 20 June), a collision occurred between a motorcycle and car on the highway at the intersection of Park Avenue. The male rider was treated at the scene but died a short time ago. The male driver of the car has not been injured.

Investigations are underway into the cause of the crash and a number of lanes are closed. There are delays and motorists should avoid the area for the next few hours. [Click here](#) for Media Release.

19 June, from the NSW Mounted Police Unit: Advance Notice and 'Save the Date' for this year's Open Day at the unit, which is anticipated to be bigger and better than last year. Hope to see you all attend so we can showcase our work and our beautiful horses.

**NSW Mounted Police
OPEN DAY**



Sunday 14 September 2014

LOCATION: NSW Mounted Police Stables, 7 Baptist Street, Redfern

EVENT TIMES: 10am to 2pm

Program displays scheduled in menage:

- NSW Mounted Police - Troop drill
- PORS - Ground display
- Dog Squad - Dog display

Static acts:

- Meet the horses and riders of the NSW Mounted Police
- Marine Area Command Diving Unit - Small boat/diving gear
- PCYC - Youth Command
- Operational Programs - Charlie the Penguin
- Surry Hills Highway Patrol - Car and bike
- Fundraising BBQ

Free entry



18 June, sharing the Advocate: Here's the info several of you have been asking about regarding the recent helicopter in Berowra and Mt Colah.

Police locate Mt Colah man, 46, near Berowra Valley National Park after 20 hour search

[Click here](#) for full article.

18 June, from the Advocate: Mechanic from Patton Motor Repairs at Mt Colah injured after car he is working on bursts into flames



[Click here for full article.](#)

17 June, from neighbouring Harbourside command: WHAT IS "ONE" STANDARD DRINK? Below is a guide for those who rely on counting their "alcoholic" drinks before driving. Harbourside Police suggest, If you are going to drink, "don't drive".



These are only an approximate number of standard drinks.
Always read the container for the exact number of standard drinks.

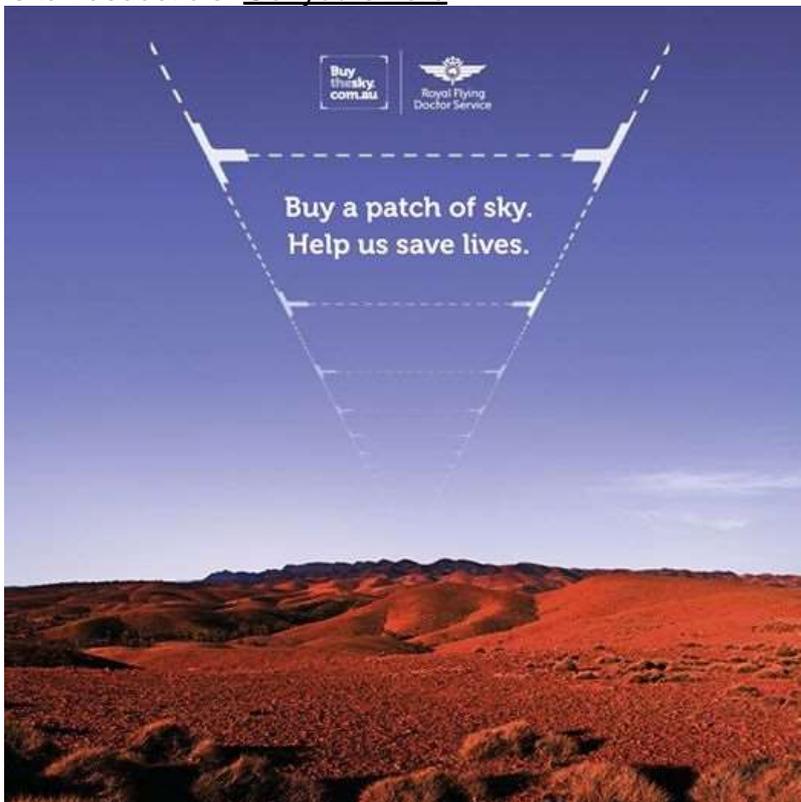


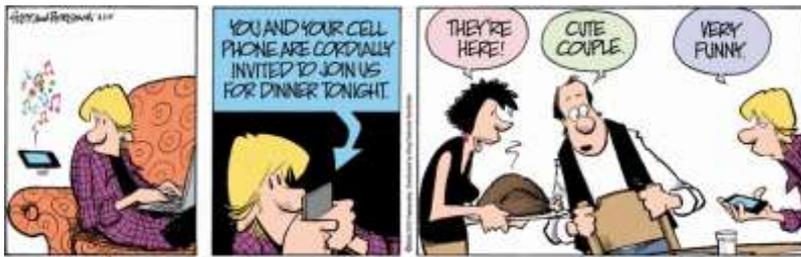
Neighbourhood Watch

Creating Safer Communities

From Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad: Help us reach 1,000 likes and spread the word of safety in wild places! Please share with your outdoorsy friends and encourage them to volunteer today! [Click here](#) for their Facebook page.

From Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia: Help us save lives today. For just \$50 you can buy a patch of sky and keep the Flying Doctor flying. Plus every patch is tax deductible! [Get yours here.](#)





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From NSW Government's Stay Smart Online.

From NakedSecurity: Domino's Pizza hacked, customer database held to ransom

[Click here](#) for full article.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 19 June:

MAGNIFICENT VOLUNTEER PARTNERS Emergency services are essential to the safety of our community. Your police are dedicated to keeping you and your families safe and we respond 24/7 to problems, including emergencies and serious incidents. However, we are not the only agency that responds to incidents, our community is magnificently supported by our volunteer services. The SES, RFS and St John Ambulance are fantastic organisations that are as dedicated to public safety as the police. They have specific roles to perform, but many times provide invaluable support to police in many operations. A huge thanks to our volunteer partners. Detective Inspector Jon Gross

WESTLEIGH Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade attended the Westleigh IGA supermarket after smoke began pouring out of a back-up power generator. A small fire broke out in the upstairs of the Westleigh Village shopping centre on the corner of Duffy and Eucalyptus avenues at around 5pm on Saturday. Firefighters from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade and Hornsby/Beecroft fire stations arrived and extinguished the flames. The store continued trading.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Did you know that the speed limit is **50 km/h on ALL local roads**, unless sign posted otherwise? Please share and help get the

message across to slow down on our roads. [Click here](#) for full Media Release.

Posted to the Berowra Community Page on Facebook, June 18: Hi all, Senior Constable Paul Cleary here (CPO Hornsby), I've just joined the group for crime prevention issues etc. I have just read the posts on the Solar guy with clip board in your area. I've spoken to our Intelligence section and they are aware of this guy and have spoken to him. He is legitimately selling solar deals in the area so no issue with this guy. That's not to say others may not be so legit. It is a trend we at Hornsby police have seen recently where crooks wear fluoro vests to 'blend in' so please continue to be vigilant but not alarmed. Report any sus people or vehicle to crime stoppers 1800 333 000 or 000 if they are actually committing a crime. As for the 1 cent (or English penny) on the mail box we are also aware of this and will monitor it. In saying this it is also advisable to clear your mail boxes daily regardless. Your mail box has a lot of personal info (bills, credit cards, bank statements) that in the wrong hands can be used to steal your ID or make your credit history a mess. Dogs a deterrent or not, in most cases yes. Beware of dog signs on gates and fences are a good idea as is the water bowl at the door. But nothing will deter a determined thief, everything you do crime prevention wise is a help to minimise your risk, it's about making your home less attractive to thieves (higher risk less reward). A lot of crime prevention tips are available on the **Kuring gai LAC FB page** in the photo section ([click here](#)). Paul

Dates for the diary:

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

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

Saturday 9 August: Celebrating 50 years of service - Community Open Day 11am until 4pm at the Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station.

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.

Sunday 14 September: Open Day FREE 10am-2pm. NSW Mounted Police Stables, 7 Baptist St, Redfern.

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.

When Bad Things Happen to your Good Name - Identity Theft Advice

Security of personal and business information is critical. Criminals commonly rummage through the rubbish bins looking for personal identifying data that they can steal and use to commit fraud and other offences in your name.

Â" Take time to shred or destroy old bank statements, credit card bills, utility bills or other documents to prevent this material falling into the hands of criminals.

Â" Be careful to whom you give personal information. If you have to reveal personal information, ask some questions about the security of the information and be very cautious giving out any information over the phone or Internet unless you know who you are dealing with.

Â" Guard your mail from theft by securing your letterbox. Criminals value your mail and will use it to commit fraud with your accounts or open loans or credit in your name.

Â" Minimise your identification and the number of cards you carry in your wallet to what you actually need.

Â" Check your bank and credit card statements to make sure there are no unauthorised transactionsâ€"this may be the first sign someone has stolen your identity.

Pdf of leaflet available by email from NHWGordon@gmail.com

From the City of Sydney Personal Security Fact Sheet: Dealing with confrontation

Committing to your personal safety when you're threatened is essential.

1 Trust your instincts

Trust your instincts when deciding the best way to respond to a threat – whether it's to scream, run away, physically defend yourself or negotiate with your attacker. Try and assess the motives of the offender when determining your strategy.

2 Attract attention

Attract attention if possible - offenders don't want to be caught in the act. Scream for assistance, call "Help" .

3 Don't put up a fight for your belongings

Your safety is more important than your belongings. If an offender wants your bag, wallet or money, hand them over.

4 Remove yourself from the threat

If possible, run away or use reasonable force to remove yourself from danger.

5 Don't give up

If one strategy doesn't work, keep trying different ones. This sends the message to an offender that you are not vulnerable or an easy target.

6 Being followed

If you think you're being followed, go to the nearest police station or occupied place.

7 Call for help

If nobody else is around, try to call for help on your mobile or public telephone.

8 Ignore verbal harassment

In cases involving verbal harassment, ignore it and move on. If you're alone, head straight to the nearest police station or occupied area.

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

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Ferry at Bay Rd
ROUTINE FERRY MAINTENANCE: Mon 7 Jul 2014 - Tue 8 Jul 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (12pm to 2:30pm) Both directions closed. 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, Dumeresq St and Vale St: Patching works scheduled for Saturday 5 July. Road resurfacing to be scheduled.

HORNSBY Jersey St North *opposite* Mildred Ave: Tue 24 Jun 2014 - Fri 4 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Wed to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Reduce speed. Exercise caution. Essential maintenance requiring two night shifts to complete.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS Galston Rd from Montview Pde and Calderwood Rd Galston: Mon 7 Jul 2014 - Fri 11 Jul 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Mon to Fri (9am to 4pm) Both directions closed. Alternative routes include: Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary Road, Pennant Hills Road, Pacific Highway and George Street. Check signage. Use alternative route. The detour is suitable for heavy vehicles. Galston Gorge will be closed during five daytime shifts. **Motorists should allow an additional 20 minutes travel time.** One lane will be open for access by emergency vehicles only, at all times.

LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy *between* Strickland Ave *and* Llewellyn St: Sat 14 Jun 2014 - Thu 3 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. This work will take place over 14 night shifts. Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

ROSEVILLE Pacific Hwy *between* Eton Rd *and* Clanville Rd: Sat 14 Jun 2014 - Thu 3 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. Exercise caution. Work will be completed in 14 night shifts from 8pm to 5am between Sunday 15 June and Thursday 3 July, except Saturdays.

Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Partial lane closures will be in place.

ROSEVILLE Warringah Rd *near* Roseville Bridge: Sun 22 Jun 2014 - Thu 10 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. This work will take place over five night shifts.

Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

ST IVES Mona Vale Rd *at* Telegraph Rd Mon 30 Jun 2014 - Tue 8 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Concreting work will take place over two night shifts during the week specified, Saturday excepted. Lane closures, minor delays and some noise is expected.

St Ives, Yarrabung Road (between Killeaton Street and Stanley Street): Road reconstruction scheduled for July school holidays.

South Turramurra, Maxwell Street Gipps Close: Road resurfacing scheduled for Saturday 5 July.

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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