



# Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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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](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com). Thank you.

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**30 June, from NSW Fair Trading:** Over the weekend Sydney had higher than normal winds which may have caused some damage to homes. Beware of people doing the rounds door knocking for work. In order to reduce your risk of being scammed, follow the advice from the Fair trading website when dealing with

contractors or people offering to do jobs.

[Click here](#) for NSW Fair Trading - Home Building Licence Check.



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**30 June, from NSW Fair Trading:** Have you bought a cheap USB charger or any electrical device for that matter? Is it safe or approved by Australian authorities?

An unapproved USB charger has been implicated in a death. We are warning all consumers not to use non-compliant chargers and as a general rule not use your phone, tablet or any other device while it is plugged in and charging. To find out more about non-compliant USB chargers, read the full [Media Release here](#).



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**29 June, from the Hornsby Advocate:**

Yesterday's truck fire on the M1 (ex-F3). For up-to-date info on the M1 refer to <https://www.livetraffic.com/desktop.html#cameraview> and <http://m1traffic.com.au/>

HERE'S another photo of the burnt out truck on the M1, courtesy of Berowra Fire & Rescue. The incident caused delays of up to 14km for those unlucky motorists heading north. Fortunately the driver was unharmed.



Full story (June 30) [click here](#): Hundreds of bottles of Mildura wine lost in fire truck crash on M1 Pacific Motorway at Cowan

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**27 June, from the Hornsby Advocate: Repairs to Galston Gorge will close road for five days, motorists urged to allow extra 20-30 minutes travel time.** Resurfacing of the winding road will begin on Monday, July 7 and be completed on Friday, July 11, weather pending.



**[Full article click here.](#)**

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**27 June, from the Hornsby Advocate: Tree lopping company fined for leaving mulch at Berowra Oval as dumping on the rise**

A tree lopping company working in Berowra Heights was fined \$7,000 for dumping mulch at Berowra Oval and using chainsaws on a Sunday.



Full article [click here.](#)

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**27 June: Police will continue their crackdown on public transport offences with the launch of Operation Rolling Shield, an intelligence-driven, high-visibility operation targeting crime hotspots on public transport.**

Operation Rolling Shield will begin at 3pm on Friday 27 June and Saturday 28 June 2014; and will continue each Friday and Saturday night, helping to ensure a

safe environment for all public transport users.

Full Media Release, [click here](#).

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**25 June: So when is the correct time to use head lights, daytime running lights and fog lights?** There is a growing trend by some drivers to use them at all times of the day and night or regardless of the weather conditions, which can 'dazzle' other road users. Their correct use is documented [on the RMS website \(Top 10 Misunderstood Road Rules pg 10 &11\)](#) and [here at the NRMA website](#). Their use is to increase visibility for road users and drivers. A thought to ponder, using these lights when NOT appropriate is not only illegal (a ticket) but if it can be proven caused an accident or collision liability as to the cause of the collision may shift.

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**25 June: A timely reminder about SCAMS.** Hornsby police took a report of a scam last week in the lead up to tax time. This particular scam came via email and involve a claim of a refund from the ATO. A link was provided by the scammer to click on and advised to add bank details and pass word. Thankfully the bank picked it up and didn't process the transfer. Check out the story from the NSW Police Force Fraud and Cybercrime Squad, [click here](#).

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**25 June, from Tuggerah Lakes command:** Police are **seeking assistance** from a female witness in relation to an **act of indecency** that occurred on a Northbound Train from Sydney on **Sunday the 25th of May 2014**.

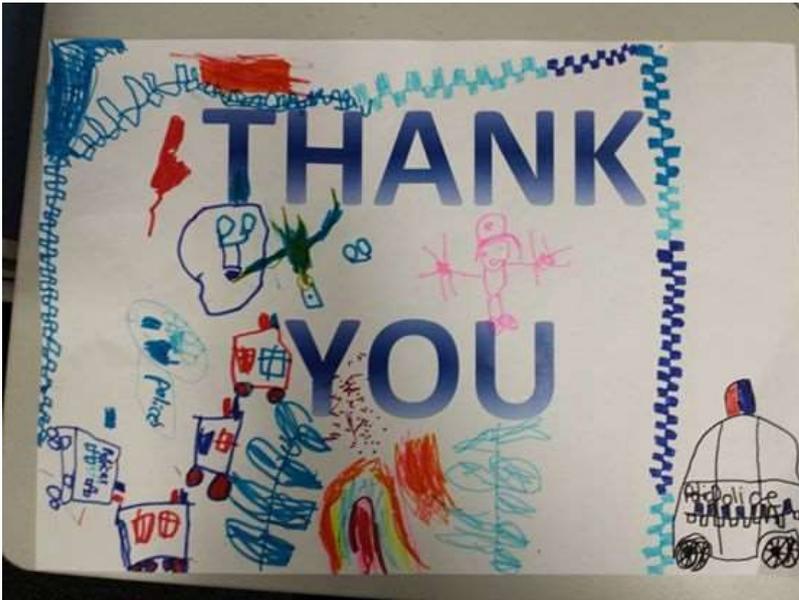
This train arrived at the Wyong Railway Station about 4:32pm this day and the witness approached Wyong Railway Staff about the indecent act that that occurred on the train towards two female passengers she was travelling with and an unknown male. The female witness pointed out the offending male to railway staff at the time of reporting the incident. Police now want the witness to come forward to Police to assist with their enquiries.

Please contact **Wyong Police Station on 4356 6099** if you have any information.



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A letter to our neighbouring The Hills command.

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**From Josh The Otter: Floating Oranges – “Orange you going to Wear Your Life Jacket?”**

We LOVE this classroom activity for children to demonstrate the importance of life jackets. The oranges float with the peel or 'life jacket' on and they sink when the peel or 'life jacket' is off. Furthermore, if the life jacket is improperly worn (wrapping the peel loosely around the orange) the orange will sink as well. PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS...adults and children alike! If you'd like a copy of this lesson plan, email [laura@joshuamemorial.org](mailto:laura@joshuamemorial.org).

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## Floating Oranges – “Orange you going to Wear Your Life Jacket?”

### Name of Activity: *Floating Oranges*

The **floating orange** demonstration was well received at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit in San Diego, CA. Enclosed is program/presentation guide designed to assist boating and water safety educators in demonstrating the importance of wearing life jackets utilizing oranges.

**Purpose of Activity:** This activity is use to show children and adults the importance of wearing life jackets.

**Materials Needed:** Several **oranges/tangerines**, aquarium or clear container, small vessel is optional.

#### Description of Idea:

Have children or adults get into groups to take part in the orange floats demonstration. Throw an unpeeled orange/tangerine into the clear container filled with water. It will float perfectly on the surface. Explain that the orange represents a person wearing a life jacket that has entered the water. The children/adults can take part by writing their name on the orange.



Next peel the orange explaining that this represents a swimmer or boater taking off their life jacket. Ask the participants what will happen when they do so? *The unpeeled orange will immediately sink to the bottom of the container representing a person in trouble in the water.* The person is a poor swimmer and drowns. Note the orange peel will float on the surface representing the life jacket they took off. The children/adults can peel their own orange (gives

ownership to demonstration).

Next wrap a peeled orange in the orange peeling. This represents a swimmer or boater that is wearing an improperly fitting life jacket. The peeled orange when placed in the water will then come out of the peeling and sink to the bottom and the peel floats on the surface.

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## From the NSW Government Environment & Heritage website:

### What times are residential noise restrictions in place?

Link to the law, [click here](#).

### If someone is making noise during restricted times?

Link to advice, [click here](#).

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Thanks to Clark Griswold.

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**From the North Shore Times, 27 June:**

**New laws enabling motorcycles to lane-filter** in NSW will come into effect on Tuesday. Motorcyclists will be able to move alongside cars that have stopped or are moving slower than 30km/h. For further details visit [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au).

**GRAFFITI** is illegal and that's why Ku-ring-gai Council's Mayor Jennifer Anderson believes it's best removed.

A graffiti removal day will be held on August 2. Pictured is Roger Norman of Turramurra Rotary.

"A great number of Rotary clubs have helped clean up graffiti in the area," Cr Anderson said. A unanimous decision at Tuesday's council meeting was reached to support St Ives Rotary club in holding a **Graffiti Removal Day on Saturday, August 2**. While some may see graffiti as a kind of graphic art, Cr

Anderson said the street walls shouldn't be treated as galleries for anyone with a spray can to give a show. "The community speaks about their distaste for graffiti and the impact it has on the area. Turramurra and St Ives are graffiti hot spots and with Rotary's help, we can reduce the amount of graffiti in the area," Cr Anderson said. Organisers of last year's Graffiti Removal Day in October brought a recordbreaking number of volunteers. And with \$150,000 of council's money going toward cleaning up graffiti and vandalism, Cr Anderson said she's grateful for support from Rotary members who roll up their sleeves and get busy scrubbing.

### Berowra Rural Fire Brigade - Open Day 13 September 2014



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### **From the Hornsby Advocate, 26 June:**

THE man who assaulted 23-year-old **Turrumurra** man Michael McEwen on December 14 last year at a Bondi bus stop has pleaded guilty to recklessly causing grievous bodily harm. David Hona, 20, pleaded at Central Local Court on Tuesday to elbowing Mr McEwen in the back of the head. Mr McEwen spent eight days in a coma. Hona will be sentenced next month.

**SES** crews were busy on Tuesday when strong winds lashed the upper north shore, bringing down a number of trees and branches. Volunteers attended nine jobs from **Pennant Hills to Mt Colah**, including one at Hornsby Heights where a large gum tree fell on a home just three weeks into the tenants' lease. No one was hurt. Power lines were affected on three jobs. SES warned residents to park cars away from trees during strong winds.

**MOONEY MOONEY** Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding a fatal crash at Mooney Mooney Creek on Sunday. Just after 10am on Sunday, emergency services attended the Old Pacific Highway, following reports two men were injured after their motorcycles collided. One of the men was taken to Gosford Hospital with leg injuries. The other man was airlifted from the scene but died on the way to Royal North Shore Hospital. A report will be prepared for the Coroner.

**WAHROONGA** Police are searching for information relating to a burglary of a business in Redleaf Ave, Wahroonga and the attempted break-in at another business in the same street between 5.30pm on Tuesday and 9.30am on Thursday. One business owner reported a ground floor lock had been forced, items were thrown on the floor and \$100 was stolen from petty cash. Another business reported that a ground floor lock had been tampered with during the same time period.

**HORNSBY** A homeowner in Clarinda Ave, Hornsby was given a scare after two objects were thrown through a front window about 12.20am on Sunday. No one was injured. Police are investigating the incident. Anyone with information should contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**WAHROONGA** A 55-year-old woman has been issued a court attendance notice after police discovered she was driving at Wahroonga with a suspended learners' permit and no full-licensed driver in the vehicle. Police stopped her at 8.45am on Saturday after she allegedly ran a red light. A police check showed her

license was suspended until July 21. She will appear before North Sydney Local Court on July 10.

**HORNSBY** A 28-year-old Hornsby man was arrested and issued with two \$300 criminal infringement notices on Thursday for allegedly stealing bread from early morning deliveries to Eastwood IGA. Police arrested the man about 3am on Thursday morning after he was seen stealing from crates.

**HORNSBY** Police are reviewing CCTV footage after a Samsung Galaxy S5 was stolen from a display case at the Telstra Shop at Westfield Hornsby. Staff believe the phone was stolen between 4pm and 5pm on Saturday.

**BEROWRA HEIGHTS** Vandals have spray painted on the walls of the Uniting Church at Berowra Heights between 10am Saturday and 9am Sunday. Two words were written on the church wall at Alan Rd. A colourbond fence was spray painted during the same time period at nearby Lonsdale Ave.

**WAHROONGA** Jewellery was stolen from the wardrobe of a home at Field Place, Wahroonga sometime between June 7 and June 22. .

**WAHROONGA** A laptop was stolen from a vehicle on Coonanbarra Rd, Wahroonga, sometime between 11pm on June 17 and 9am on June 18. Police say the back corner window was smashed to allow access to the vehicle. Police are investigating. Anyone with information about the crime should contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

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#### **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.

**Saturday 13 September:** Berowra Rural Fire Brigade - Open Day

**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.

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### **From Scamwatch.gov.au Mobile phone scams**

Scams that come to you on your mobile can be difficult to recognise. They might come from somebody who talks as if they know you; they might come through a 'missed call' from an unknown number that you redial; or they might be upfront about what they are promoting, but have hidden charges.

You might be offered free or cheap ring tones, or the chance to win fantastic prizes.

When you reply to these messages or calls, you may find yourself disappointed in the product or signed up to a service you don't want or cannot stop. You could be left facing a huge phone bill.

#### **Ring tone scams**

Misleading offers for "free" or cheap ring tones that end up being a subscription or premium rate service.

These scams might attract you with an offer for a "free" or low cost ring tone. What you may not realise is that by accepting the offer, you are actually subscribing to a service that will keep sending you ring tones and charging you a premium rate for them.

#### **Missed calls & text messages from unknown numbers**

Missed call scams start by ringing your phone and hanging up so quickly that you can't answer the call in time. Your phone registers a missed call and you probably won't recognise the number. People will often then call the number back to find out who it is. Apart from being a nuisance, the missed call can lead to a scam in two ways:

- The number you call back may be redirected to a premium rate service (a number that starts with 190) without your knowledge, which means you will be charged a lot of money per minute.
- The number may tell you that you have won a prize of some sort and give you another number to call to "claim" your prize, but they may not tell

you how much the call will cost. This second number may be a premium rate number, again charging you a lot of money to get your "prize". Your prize may be nothing more than a ring tone subscription"which can also be a scam!

Text message scams work by sending you a text message from a number you may not recognise, but the content of the message could sound like it's from a friend.

Another common tactic is for a text message to sound like someone flirting with you. Many people reply asking who it is and end up engaging in a lengthy SMS exchange with the scammer. Only later do they find out that they have been charged a high rate both for messages they sent (sometimes there are also charges for messages received as well).

#### SMS competition & trivia scams

You are encouraged to enter a competition or trivia contest over SMS for a great prize " but misled about your chances or how much it will cost to take part. An SMS competition or SMS trivia scam usually arrives as a text message and may encourage you to enter a competition for a great prize. The message could also invite you to take part in a trivia competition, with a great prize on offer. The scammers make money by charging extremely high rates for the messages you send, and any further messages they send to you. With trivia scams, the first lot of questions will be very easy. This is meant to encourage you to keep playing. However, the last one or two questions that you need to answer to claim your "prize" could be very difficult or impossible to answer correctly (and may even require you to guess a random number).

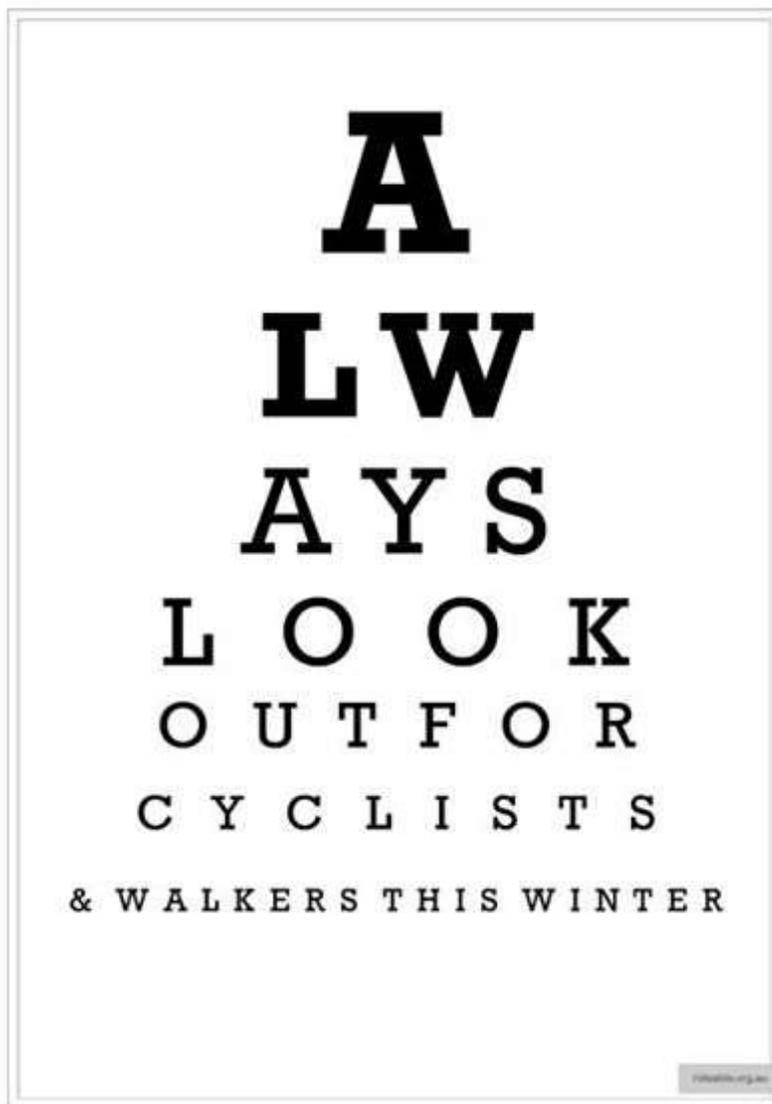
**If you receive a missed call or text message from an unknown number, the best thing to do is to delete the message or ignore the call.**

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**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. Scroll down to see more information going back in time.**

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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 between James Henty Dr and Hastings Rd: Thu 10 Jul 2014 - Wed

16 Jul 2014

Check signage. Expect delays. Vegetation maintenance works to remove several dead trees will take place on one night between 8pm and 5am (weather permitting). Minor delays are expected in New Line Road

**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: Wed 25 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: Sun 15 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: Sun 15 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. Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Partial lane closures will be in place.

**ROSEVILLE** Warringah Rd *near* Roseville Bridge: Mon 23 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** Eastern Arterial Rd *between* Koola Ave *and* Hunter Ave: Mon 30 Jun 2014 - Wed 9 Jul 2014

**Scheduled lane closures for this week**

Sun to Fri (10pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. Detours for light vehicles only. Buses and trucks will be escorted through the work site.

**ST IVES** Mona Vale Rd *at* Telegraph Rd: Tue 1 Jul 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 Turrumurra**, 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](mailto:hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au). Stay up-to-date with the latest roadworks by following us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil](http://www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil).

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

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**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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