



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.

07 July: Police are appealing for public assistance in their search for a woman from North Bondi.

Elise Ann Ashmead, aged 36, was last seen by associates in the North Bondi

area about 8am on Thursday 26 June. When Elise failed to contact family members, they notified police and officers from Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command commenced an investigation. Inquiries revealed her last known movements to be in Katoomba Street at Katoomba at 11:30am on Thursday 26 June.



Elise is described as being of Caucasian appearance, with a solid build, 5 ' 5" tall, brown shoulder length hair, with a mole on the right side of her chin and one above the right side of her top lip. She was last seen wearing a navy blue jacket/windcheater, blue denim jeans and "Birkenstock"™ brand sandals. Police have concerns for her welfare as the disappearance is totally out of character.

07 July, from Live Traffic NSW: MOTORISTS URGED TO AVOID GALSTON GORGE DUE TO ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE:

Motorists are advised to avoid Galston Gorge this week while Galston Road is

closed for essential maintenance including resurfacing. Galston Road will be closed in both directions between Montview Parade in Hornsby Heights and Calderwood Road in Galston from 9am until 4pm today, tomorrow and again this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Motorists can use the Pacific Highway, Pennant Hills Road, Boundary Road, New Line Road and Old Northern Road instead. Motorists should allow up to 30 minutes additional travel time on the alternative route, which is also suitable for all vehicles.

For the latest traffic information, visit www.livetraffic.com or call 132 701. [Click here](#) for link to this bulletin.

07 July: Police investigate crash, cliff fall “ Hornsby

Police are conducting inquiries after a man fell down a cliff following a car crash at Hornsby overnight. Just after 7.30pm (Sunday 6 July 2014), a Holden Commodore and a Honda Odyssey collided on Leighton Place. The driver of the Commodore allegedly fled the scene. The driver of the Odyssey, a 62-year-old man, was not injured and contacted police after the incident. Officers from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command attended and commenced inquiries. Police located the Commodore a short time later behind a factory off Leighton Place. The driver, a 33-year-old man, had fallen 10 metres down a cliff and required rescuing. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with non life-threatening injuries. He will also undergo blood and urine testing.

An investigation into the incident is underway. 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, [click here](#). 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.



02 July: New police initiative assists blind and vision impaired

Police have introduced new processes to assist members of the community who are blind or vision impaired in communicating with emergency services. The new initiative follows concerns previously raised that those people who are blind or vision impaired may not be able to confirm the person attending their premises as police officers.

For full article detailing the new process, [click here](#).

02 July, from Hornsby Shire Council: ASBESTOS DUMPING EARNS \$2000 FINE

A property owner in Mount Colah has been fined \$2,000 for dumping material containing asbestos and for lying to Council about it.

“Any illegal dumping is a serious matter, but when asbestos is involved it is particularly concerning,” Hornsby Mayor Steve Russell said. “By now everybody knows the dangers of asbestos and there is absolutely no excuse for this type of behaviour.” The person was fined \$1,500 for dumping the waste and a further \$500 for lying about it to the Council officer who investigated the matter. “If you’ve been caught doing the wrong thing it’s always best to be honest, or else it will cost you even more in the long run,” Mayor Russell said. “It’s also worth noting that the waste was dumped outside Hornsby Shire, which proves there are no limits to our ability to catch those who do the wrong thing.” The property owner was served with a clean-up notice, which meant they had to hire an occupational hygienist to inspect the site and clean up any asbestos residue.

02 July, from the Northern District Times: Motorbike rider loses leg but stays alive thanks to the decisive action of his friend

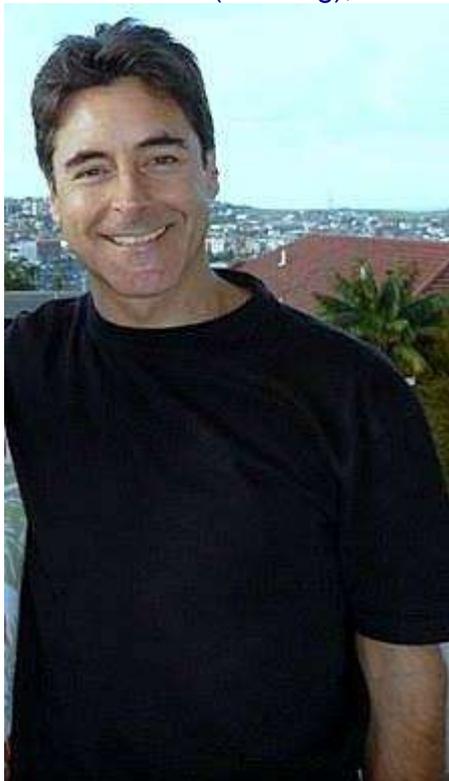
Full article [click here](#).

02 July: Police are appealing for public assistance in their search for a man from Bondi.

John Gary Bennett; also known as John Gary Stojonoff, aged 47, was last seen in the Bondi area in May. His family attended his Bondi Road home on Saturday 21 June, as they were concerned they hadn’t been able to make contact with him. The unit was found to be empty and there were signs it had been unoccupied for a while. The family notified police and officers from Eastern Suburbs LAC - NSW Police Force commenced an investigation. Inquiries revealed his last known movements to be in the Bondi Junction area on Monday 2 June 2014.

Mr Bennett/Stojonoff is described as being of Caucasian appearance, with a slim

muscular build (65-75kg), about 170-180cm tall, clean shaven with short black hair.



Anyone who has information about his whereabouts is urged to come forward. 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, [click here](#). 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.

02 July, from Police Transport Command: Police Transport Command officers arrested 17 people and moved on more than 140 during the first weekend of an intelligence-driven operation on public transport.

Operation Rolling Shield - which ran between 3pm and 6am on Friday (27 June) and Saturday (28 June) nights - saw officers maintain a highly-visible presence, boarding buses, trains and ferries; and targeting crime hotspots. In total, police inspected more than 500 buses and trains, resulting in 17 people being arrested; 143 individuals moved on; and 118 searched. Officers also issued 313 infringement notices for a variety of transport offences.

Police Transport Commander, Assistant Commissioner Max Mitchell, said the operation's first weekend results were pleasing. "These results highlight our commitment to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour on public transport. "By targeting the right areas, identified through intelligence, the community can rest assured we are out there and committed to making public transport safer," Assistant Commissioner Mitchell said. Operation Rolling Shield will continue again this weekend, helping to ensure a safe environment for all public transport users.

Of note: On Friday (27 June 2014), a 28-year-old man was arrested at Campbelltown Railway Station for an alleged indecent assault upon a female on a train approaching Leumeah. He was charged with indecent assault and conditionally bailed to appear at Campbelltown Local Court on Monday 21 July 2014.

On Sunday (29 June 2014), a 35-year-old man was arrested at **Hornsby Railway Station** for allegedly behaving in an offensive manner and resisting police. He was granted bail and is due to appear in North Sydney Local Court on 23 July 2014.

02 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Would-be thieves leave disappointed note after breaking into office building in Thornleigh and leaving empty-handed

A BREAK-IN at an office block in Sydney's north took a bizarre turn when would-be thieves penned a note for their victims and left empty-handed. Vandals, apparently infuriated by a blatant lack of valuable goods to steal after targeting an office building on **Pennant Hills Rd at Thornleigh**, left a note amid the sprawled rubbish that read: "Make it worthwhile next time, will ya?" The plea, which included a spelling error, was forwarded to Kuring-gai Police, who are investigating.

Two other businesses in the same area were broken into between 8.30pm on Wednesday, June 25 and 7am on Thursday, June 26, but nothing was stolen. Kuring-gai Police crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary said it was hard to please everybody. "Some things you just have to shake your head at," he said. Thieves had a hard time at nearby **Wahroonga**, too, after getting away with an empty safe. The equally unsuccessful break-in took place two days

later at a storage locker in **Millewa Ave.**

Full article [click here](#).

01 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Elderly man dies after 30m cliff fall at Mt Colah

A man died after falling 30m from a cliff on a fire trail behind his home at Mt Colah. Specialist paramedics were called to the rock face, near Carinya Rd, after a triple 0 call at 3pm. They abseiled down to the man, described as elderly, whom they found deceased. Kuring-gai Police attended the scene and found no suspicious circumstances surrounding the incident.



Police at the scene of the cliff fall at Mt Colah. Picture: ROHAN SMITH

01 July: A motorcyclist is in Royal North Shore Hospital after a collision at Wahroonga this morning.

Emergency services were called to Fox Valley Way, near Strone Avenue, about 5am (Tuesday 1 July 2014), after a motorcycle and a car collided. The 25-year-old motorcyclist sustained chest and shoulder injuries; he was treated at the scene before being taken to hospital by NSW Ambulance Paramedics. The man driving the car, a Mitsubishi ASX, is assisting police with the investigation. Fox Valley Way was closed between The Comenarra Parkway and Lucinda Avenue while Crash Investigators examined the scene. Traffic was disrupted for almost four hours.

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, [click here](#). 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.

30 June: If you know someone in the Ku-ring-gai Area who may benefit from **RFS updates**, tell them to come on over and give [Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade](#) a 'Like'.

If you know someone in the Ku-ring-gai Area who may benefit from **SES updates**, tell them to come on over and give [Ku-Ring-Gai SES](#) a 'Like'.

If you need emergency assistance in storms or floods call the **NSW SES on 132 500**, or in a life threatening emergency dial **'000'**.

30 June, from a commuter: Set of car keys left in the doorway seating of the city to Berowra train. Just leaving Hornsby now, they will be left with the guard at **Berowra Station**.

30 June: Police from Lake Macquarie Local Area Command are appealing for assistance to locate a man wanted on arrest warrants.

Daniel James Tripp, 26, is wanted by virtue of a warrant. Police have conducted extensive searches for Tripp in an attempt to locate him. It is believed that Tripp was involved in a robbery on Wednesday 5 February 2014 at Cardiff.



He is described as Caucasian appearance, between 170 to 175cm tall, medium build, with light brown hair. Investigators are now appealing for assistance from the public. Anyone who spots Tripp, are urged not to approach him, but to contact **Triple Zero 000**™ immediately.

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Creating Safer Communities

Cyclists - Tips for Drivers

Equal rights Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers and motorcycle riders. Drivers must watch out for cyclists as they are smaller than cars and harder to see. Cyclists also have the right, like other vehicles, to travel on roads and be shown courtesy and care by other road users.

Tips when driving near cyclists

- Cyclists are more difficult to see than cars or trucks, especially at night. Take care to check for bicycle riders in blind spots and especially when turning at intersections.
- When overtaking, give bicycle riders a safe amount of space. This means at least one metre to the side in a 50km/h zone. If the speed limit is higher, bicycle riders need more space for their safety.
- Sometimes a bicycle can travel faster than a car, particularly in slow-moving traffic. Never underestimate their speed and do not to cut them off by moving in front of them. Remember that it takes cyclists longer to stop than cars.
- Check in your rear-view and side mirrors to avoid opening your car door into the path of bicycle riders. It can be dangerous and is legally your fault.

- At times, bicycle riders may need the full width of a lane to ride safely because of rough road edges and gravel. Be prepared to slow down and allow the rider to travel away from the kerb.
- Children on bikes can be unpredictable – be prepared to slow down and stop
- Cyclists are allowed to ride two abreast (side by side)

[Click here](#) for 'Staying Safe - Cyclists' advice from Transport NSW.

The Top 20 of Passwords found following the hacking into Adobe Photoshop - you wouldn't choose any of these, now would you?

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adobe1
macromedia
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iloveyou
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For advice on choosing passwords from the government's Stay Smart Online, [click here](#).

From Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade, July 07: Yesterday two Crews from Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade assisted Fire and Rescue NSW with a small bush fire at the end of **Clissold Rd, Wahroonga**. After some fast work by firefighter on scene, the Fire was brought under control. This is a friendly reminder that bush fires can start anywhere and anytime, even in the cooler months.



Bush Fire Arson is a crime. Help us to prevent it - report suspicious behaviour around bushland areas to **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** Report All Emergencies to **Triple Zero (000)**.

From the Bush Tele, July 04:

HELP SAVE Brooklyn Community Hall

3 Baden Powell Ave
Brooklyn

Please come along and show your support for our wonderful community asset.

- ★ Fun kids activities ★ Sausage sizzle
- ★ Cake stall ★ Refreshments
- ★ Live Music and Brooklyn Public School Band

Deputy Mayor Nathan Tilbury will be there to answer your questions about the hall.

For more info contact :

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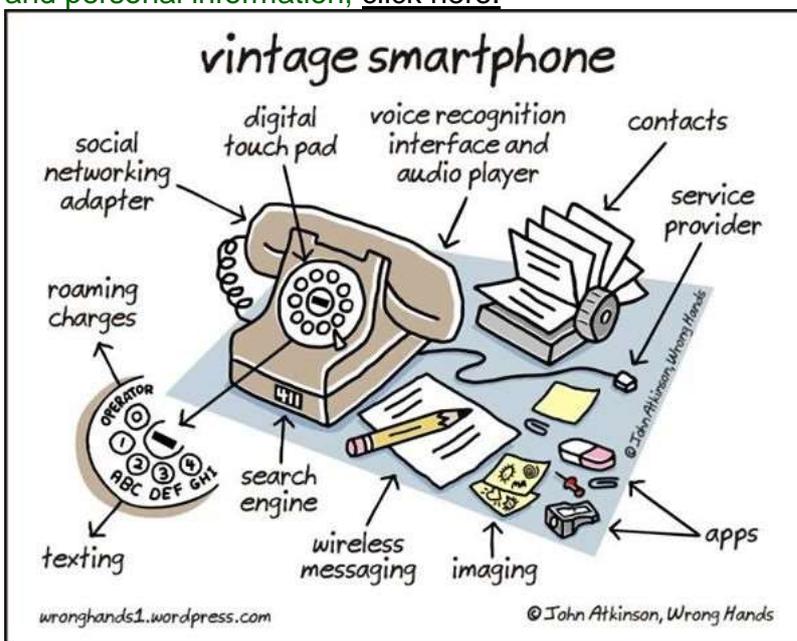
From the Hornsby Advocate, July 02: Motorists demand answers on contraflow system following firey truck crash on M1 at Cowan

A TRUCK fire on the M1 at Cowan on Saturday that led to traffic queues of 14km has sparked fresh calls for a contraflow system to be used for major incidents.



Traffic chaos on the M1 at Cowan after fire truck crash. Picture: PETER CLARK
Full article, [click here](#).

Times change, are the security settings on your devices up to date? It's the start of a new financial year, and a good time to check your security settings! Visit our friends over at [Stay Smart Online](#) to learn skills to secure your devices and personal information, [click here](#).



From ACCC Product Safety, July 01: News: We've released a tool to help parents detect choking and ingestion hazards for young children. The free do-it-yourself 'Choke Check' safety tool helps identify these hazards in toys and

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.

From the Hornsby Advocate, July 01: Bondi assault victim Michael McEwen speaks publicly about recovery, that night and support of family and friends

Mr McEwen spoke publicly about his experience in front of 300 people at a fundraising dinner at Pymble last week. The 23-year-old from **Turrumurra** was left fighting for his life after he was randomly assaulted at Bondi Beach in the early hours of December 14.



Michael McEwen spoke for the first time about his experience at a fundraiser last week. Picture: Wake Up Foundation.

Full article, [click here](#).

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.

Following on from last week's article about the proposed **St Ives Graffiti Removal**

Day, the day is to be rescheduled. It is now provisionally **Saturday 09 August**, still to be confirmed. We will be bringing you more information as soon as it becomes available. However, we do know that there will be a sausage sizzle! Will you be coming along?

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

Asquith: Raised pedestrian crossings are being installed at Peats Ferry Road, outside Asquith Boys High School.

Berowra: Roadworks are being completed by Hornsby Shire Council at Berowra Waters Road and Goodwyn Road, Berowra. Activity will include kerb and gutter drainage, along with work on the footpaths.

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Waters Ferry: Tue 12 Aug 2014 - Tue 12 Aug 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (10.30am to 2.30pm) closed. Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time.

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 Pacific Hwy *between* Ryde Rd *and* Henry St: Tue 8 Jul 2014 - Mon 4 Aug 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Wed (9.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Exercise caution. A contra

flow will be implemented to allow motorists to pass the works in both directions.

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.

Hornsby Heights: Fagan Park will have works done on the bridge and gazebo in the Chinese Garden.

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

Waitara: Traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Edgeworth David Avenue and Balmoral Street in Waitara.

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 Hornsby Advocate, 03 July:

MAKING GOOD HOLIDAY CHOICES School holidays are back upon us and we need to make sure our young people have a safe break and don't get into trouble. Young people have a lot to manage during school time and deserve a break, but often they find themselves in trouble during unstructured breaks. Parents, try to assist your children to make good choices about activities such as those run by sporting and community groups, including the PCYC, to direct their energy into positive activity. We also ask the community to keep an eye on schools for signs of unauthorised access by people, leading to damage and thefts. Let us know. - Detective Inspector Jon Gross

NORMANHURST Police are investigating after a man, 24, presented to Hornsby Hospital with stab wounds to his right thigh at 2am on Sunday. Police said the man, who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol, told them he was attacked at Normanhurst Railway Station but no crime scene was found.

BEROWRA A youth, 16, suffered head injuries after he fell from his skateboard and became trapped under a parked car on Balaclava Rd, Berowra, about 3.50pm on Sunday. Police said the teenager was travelling down a dangerous section of road with a group of friends when he hit the vehicle. Witnesses phoned triple-0 and police and ambulance arrived a short time later. He was transported to the Children's Hospital at Westmead and later discharged with minor concussion.

NORMANHURST A man, 47, had his car keys confiscated after he was pulled over and returned a positive breath test less than two hours after having his licence suspended. Police first pulled the driver over on Pennant Hills Rd at Normanhurst about 10.45pm on Wednesday where he blew .114. He was pulled over again at 12.45am on Thursday and charged with mid-range PCA and driving while his licence was suspended. He will face North Sydney Local Court on July 16.

WESTLEIGH Police are searching for a man who they believe broke into a cafe at Westleigh shopping centre on Sunday night and stole \$200 in cash. A witness told police they heard an alarm at the centre and saw a man crawling under a roller door. He was described as caucasian, 168cm tall, skinny, pale, in his 40s. He was wearing a beanie, a hooded jumper and tracksuit pants.

GALSTON A woman, 67, allegedly lost control of her vehicle which collided with a parked car on Galston Rd outside Galston High School about 3.50pm on Wednesday. Police say she was driving north in a 40km/h school zone when the

cars collided. The other car was pushed into another car. A woman in the parked car suffered neck pain and an ambulance was called. The 67-year-old woman was given a ticket for negligent driving.

HORNSBY A trailer hire service was vandalised between 4.30pm on Friday and 12.35pm on Saturday in Leonard St, Hornsby. Police said vandals spray-painted the word "œcubed" on several trailers and five portable toilets were also damaged. The business owner estimated the damage bill to be \$15,000. Police are continuing their investigations. Anyone with information should contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

HORNSBY Nitropowered remote controlled cars valued at \$1600 were stolen from a storage garage at a home on Jersey St, Hornsby between 7am and 11.30am on Sunday. Police said the thieves gained access to the property via a ground floor front door. Police are continuing investigations. Anyone information contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**.

One from the Archives, 28 February 2012:

Computer Safety Tip#12: See website www.snopes.com for the truth on emails doing the round. "The definitive Internet reference source for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumours and misinformation." Try looking at their 'Top Scams' section (eg Nigerian letters, Microsoft employees phoning to tell you there's a problem with your p.c., a massive unclaimed lottery win in your name, etc), or see what they have to say about those emails forwarded by well-meaning friends suggesting you might get cancer by reusing water bottles/reheating plastic in the microwave, how to give yourself heart massage in an emergency, Strawberry Quick Methamphetamine (today's latest warning on facebook) and so on... the list is endless. Please use the Snopes website to check this important-sounding advice before you forward to your contacts. You may save yourself from embarrassment. Similar websites are www.urbanmyths.com and www.hoax-slayer.com .

From the Stay Smart Online July newsletter: SSO Alert Priority High - New wave of spam slipping past some spam filters

There has been a recent increase in the amount of spam getting past spam filters and reaching in-boxes. You should be wary of unsolicited emails and in particular, do not open attachments unless you are expecting it and are confident about its authenticity and sender. [Read the full Alert.](#)

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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