



Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 157 - 29 September 2014

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.

29 September: Hornsby Police news, 29/9/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Motor bike and car crash

Time/Date: About 5pm Sunday 28th
Place: Moores road, Glenorie
Vehicle 1: Commodore
Driver 1: 18 year old male
Vehicle 2: Yamaha R1
Driver 2: 37 year old male
Details: The Commodore was travelling south on Moores road and was in the process of turning into a driveway, at this time a Yamaha R1 was travelling northbound and collided with the Commodore, which was still partially out onto the roadway. The bike rider came off the bike and was thrown to the roadway. Ambulance officers attended and took the rider to Westmead hospital with deep lacerations and a suspected fractured spine. Police will wait the results of blood tests prior to proceeding further with this matter.

Incident: Motor bike crash
Time/Date: About 11.15pm Saturday 27th
Place: Pacific Highway, Cowan
Vehicle 1: Hyosung
Driver 1: 21 year old male
Details: The bike rider was travelling south on the Pacific highway and while negotiating a left hand bend has for unknown reasons hit the Armco railing, the rider was thrown from his bike into bushland about 10m. The rider was eventually found and was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg. Police will wait the results of blood tests prior to proceeding further with this matter.

Incident: Car crashes into house
Time/Date: About 5pm Sunday 28th
Place: Bralas avenue, St Ives Chase
Vehicle 1: BMW
Details: The BMW driver had just parked the car at the top of her driveway. The driveway had a downward slope of about 30 degrees and was about 15m long. Soon after, the owner heard a crash and the sound of glass breaking. The owner went outside to see her car had crashed into a balcony at the family home, it was at this point the owner realised she may have not put the handbrake on. No one was in the car and no one was injured. It seems the car took out a decorative pole to the balcony before crashing into a garage. The fire brigade were called and was on standby during the removal process as fuel could be smelt.

Incident: School vandalised

Place: Gordon East public school

Details: Over the last weekend an unknown number of persons decided the local school was a good place to have a good time. A log was set on fire on the grass oval and glass was smashed in the schools sand pit.

If you see or hear anyone in schools particularly during the school holidays please call police. Damage to schools costs money to fix or clean up not to mention the safety issues with smashed glass.

Incident: Several Break, enter & steal offences.

Time/Date: Since Wednesday 24th and Sunday 29th

Place: Dumaresq st, Gordon x 2, Lachlan avenue, West Pymble, The Esplanade, Thornleigh, Brushwood place, Hornsby, Galston road, Hornsby Heights.

Details: Over the past week several have been broken into, one in particular had a flyscreen removed and the thieves just entered through the open glass window. Property including computers, tools, jewellery and an Ipad was taken.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**, or phone **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

Please remember School returns after the long weekend, this means school zones will be in force and Kuring gai police will be actively targeting drivers for offences in those areas. Pedestrians will also be targeted for not using crossings.

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29 September: A 17-year-old legatee from **Killara** has been named the 2014 winner of the **NSW Police Legacy Commissionerâ€™s Scholarship**, awarded by NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione. The recipient of the \$5000 scholarship, **Kaylee Foran**, became a legatee in 2009 when her mother, Senior Constable Janice Hennessy from Mid North Coast Local Area Command, passed away suddenly.

Full article, [click here](#).

29 September: School holidays are in full swing. The weather is great and it's a perfect opportunity to take a well deserved holiday with the family. Sadly, thieves also use this opportunity to target unsuspecting home owners. Follow these simple tips to help safeguard your property from theft:

- Display street number at the front of the house to assist emergency services to locate your home;
- Ensure all perimeter fences are in good order and that gates are kept closed and locked to restrict unauthorised access to your property;
- Trim trees and shrubs from around doors and windows so as not to provide concealment to intruders and increase visibility to and from the street;
- Consider having a monitored intruder alarm system installed. Obtain at least three quotes from licensed security companies;
- Garden tools, equipment and ladders should be locked away when not in use to prevent them being used to gain access to your home.

29 September, from the SMH: Police pop pen-gun syndicate

Police have smashed a Sydney pen-gun syndicate accused of supplying miniature weapons to bikies and organised criminals. The James Bond-inspired weapons are made to look like pens, key rings and mobile phones.



Pocket-sized: According to police, despite their small size, the guns still have the potential to kill. Photo: Police Media

Full article, [click here](#).

29 September, from NSW Police: National Police Remembrance Day services will be held throughout the country today (Monday 29 September 2014) to honour police officers who have lost their lives. Since 1862, two hundred and fifty two NSW Police officers have died in the line of duty.

Full article, [click here](#).

28 September: Police are appealing for public assistance after a unique pink diamond ring worth more than half a million dollars was stolen from an auction centre at Alexandria yesterday.

Between 12:30pm and 1:25pm (Saturday 27 September 2014), a pink argyle and white diamond ring valued at \$577,000 was stolen from a display counter at an auction centre on Ralph Street. An attendant discovered the ring missing and contacted police.

Officers from Redfern Local Area Command commenced an investigation into the theft and are appealing for any witnesses to come forward. It's estimated about 100 people walked through the auction centre during the time it was stolen.

Each of the diamonds in the ring is laser inscribed with a serial number.



28 September: How well do you know your limits? Stop Before It Gets Ugly

30 sec TVC - "Aggressor"

Everyone knows that alcohol fueled violence is ugly. And the results of that violence are even uglier, from smashed faces and broken bones to shattered lives and wasted futures.



[Click here](#) to view the video.

28 September: Police are investigating after a woman was struck by a bottle at a party in East Killara last night.

About 9.30pm (Saturday 27 September 2014), a 20-year-old woman was at a house party on Springdale Road when a glass bottle struck the side of her head. Emergency services were called when the woman lost consciousness a short time later. She was taken by Ambulance Paramedics to Royal North Shore Hospital, where she is undergoing tests to ascertain the seriousness of her injuries. Police from [Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force](#) were called to the house and established a crime scene. A 23-year-old man was interviewed at the scene, but released pending further inquiries. At this stage, officers do not believe the bottle was thrown intentionally.

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.

26 September, from the Hornsby Advocate: Driver facing heavy penalty after another truck closes Galston Gorge

THE truck involved in the latest Galston Gorge drama could well have its registration suspended. The driver is also facing a heavy penalty following the incident on Wednesday, according to a Roads and Maritime Services spokeswoman. “Police intend to penalise the driver for disobeying signs which warn that overlength vehicles are prohibited from entering the gorge,” the spokeswoman said. “This includes penalties in excess of \$2000 and loss of six demerit points.

Full article, [click here](#).



The truck involved in Wednesday’s incident. Photo: Traffic and Highway Patrol Command.

24 September, from The Telegraph: Monty the retriever recovers after 12 hour cliff fall ordeal in Arcadia

Monty the eight-year-old retriever was rescued from the bush after falling several metres down a cliff in Arcadia. The much loved family pet had escaped from his garden and had gone exploring with fellow retriever, Storm.

Full article, [click here](#).



Monty the exhausted retriever rescued after falling down a cliff in Arcadia

23 September, from the Hornsby Advocate: A Warrawee homeowner and an arborist were handed a \$4500 fine by Ku-ring-gai Council after recently poisoning and removing a 35m high endangered Sydney Blue Gum tree.

23 September, from the Hornsby Advocate: Warrawee resident struggles with thief inside her home

A WOMAN has had a frightening encounter with a thief inside her home at Warrawee. The woman was gardening in the backyard of her Cherry St house about 1.25pm last Wednesday when she heard a door close inside. When she went inside to investigate she saw a man at the top of the stairs. Police said the man came down the stairs and threatened her, saying he had a syringe.

Full article, [click here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Warning emails

Please check the content of any warning email with an authentication site before sharing with your contacts. Often, these sites have a service which can alert you to the latest scams added to the sites.

Top 10 sites to debunk Internet hoaxes (from Tim Malone)

- 1: [Snopes](#)
- 2: [About Urban Legends](#)
- 3: [Break The Chain](#)
- 4: [TruthOrFiction.com](#)
- 5: [Sophos](#)
- 6: [Hoax-Slayer](#)
- 7: [VMyths](#)
- 8: [Symantec](#)
- 9: [Hoax Busters](#)
- 10: [Virus Busters](#)

[Click here](#) for full article.

Site Info



The screenshot shows a website interface with a navigation bar at the top containing four tabs: "What We Do", "How We Do It", "What's Hot", and "What's New". Below the navigation bar, the main content area features three sections, each starting with the heading "Hoax-Slayer:" followed by a bulleted list of services or features.

- Hoax-Slayer:**
 - Debunks email and social media hoaxes
 - Thwarts Internet scammers
 - Combats spam
 - Educates web users about email, social media, and Internet security issues
- Hoax-Slayer:**
 - Provides a resource where Internet users can check the veracity of email and social media messages
 - Counteracts criminal activity by publishing information about Internet scams
- Hoax-Slayer:**
 - Shares anti-spam tips
 - Publishes computer and email security information
 - Features articles about true email forwards and social media posts



From the Hornsby Advocate, September 27: A LOCAL Bible study group is the latest entity to throw its weight behind the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Womenâ€™s Shelter.

The group is hosting a black-tie ball next month to raise funds for the fit-out and maintenance of the shelter, which is expected to open early next month.

Full article, [click here](#).

Scam disruption project | An ACCC initiative

Have you ever been tempted to send money overseas to a person who has romanced you online? The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is warning people of the risks associated with online dating and sending money across the sea through its new National Scam Disruption Project. They are working with the Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce, including state and territory police and consumer affairs agencies, to alert at-risk individuals to the possibility of becoming a victim of fraud.

A wide range of resources have been developed to help people identify and protect themselves from these romance scammers. The resources include:

â€¢ scam case studies,

â€¢ information about how to spot a fake dating profile, and

â€¢a scam warning video.

For more information and to check out the ACCCâ€™s resources, go to the Scam Disruption Project page on the ACCC website, [click here](#).

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Age	29	Smoking	Non-smoker
Location	Canberra, QLD	Drinking	Social drinker
Marital status	Single	Food	Non-vegetarian
Children	0	Religion	Christian
Height	150-159cm	Occupation	Accounting
Body type	Athletic	Education	Bachelors degree
Eye colour	Hazel	Languages	English Fluent
Ethnicity	Native American	Star sign	Capricorn

Seeking relationships
Activity partner; Travel partner; Friendship.
Short term; Long term; Marriage

Looking for a partner
I am looking for a honest caring man who can treat his woman as a Queen

Gender	Male
Age	from 40 to 99
Marital status	Not important
Children	Not important
Height	Not important
Body type	Not important
Ethnicity	Not important
Smoking	Not important
Drinking	Not important
Food	Not important
Religion	Not important
Education	Not important

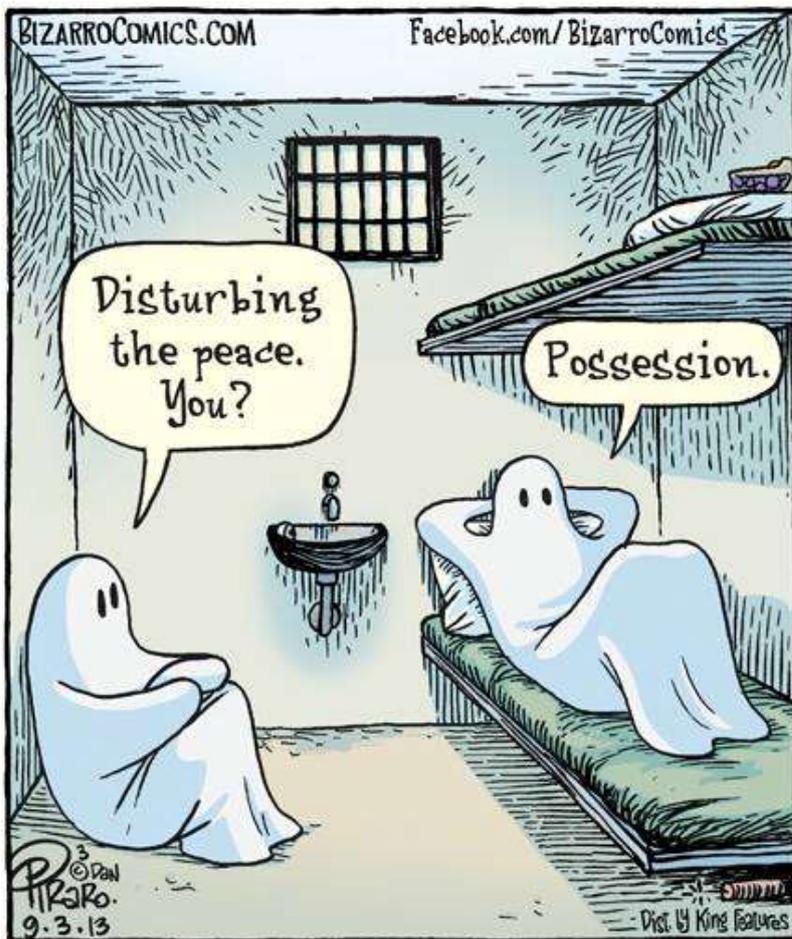
Personal message
I am single lovely person...Also the person who like to have slot of fun, that is going to the beach, movies dance and also listen to music.
Besides that I always like to be happy person...Wit smile on...

Things I enjoy
Sport
Beach; Biking; Motor racing; Running
Entertainment/Leisure
Chat; Dancing; Music; Opera; Partying; Singing
Interests
Cooking; Photography; Travel
Favourite music
Blues; Gospel; Hip-hop; R&B; Rock; Soul
Favourite reading
Bestsellers; Religious; Travel
Favourite movie genre
Action; Adventure; Comedy; Drama
Favourite cuisine
Mexican

Callout boxes:
- Pictures can be sourced from anywhere - do a Google image search to check
- Incorrect state
- Details don't match with photo
- Profile lists her age as 29 yet seeking only older men
- Keeps all options open allowing for highest level of interest
- English is very poor for a university educated, fluent English speaker

[**Trouble reading small print?** Use the Ctrl and + keys together on your computer keyboard to increase the magnification (Ctrl and - to decrease magnification).]

It is not a crime to have a mental illness!
It is a crime to treat those with a mental illness as criminals.
From the **Blacktown Mental Health Contact Officer**.



From Hornsby Shire Council: **GENEROUS GIFT FROM A LOCAL BUSINESS**

Hornsby Shire Council and Maroota Sandstone Quarry have joined forces to **fix a notorious dumping ground for illegal rubbish on Old Northern Road**. The quarry generously offered to place 12 large sandstone blocks across the entrance to the site that prevent vehicles entering, free of charge. "We decided to do it after I was chatting to Council's ranger one day about the problem," says Gary, the quarry's manager. "It was pretty unsightly when you came past here every day and saw the piles of garbage."

The need for action was made particularly clear this week when a new pile of rubbish was dumped less than half an hour after Council had finished cleaning out the site. "We're very grateful to Maroota Sandstone Quarry for their

generous assistance,â€• Hornsby Shireâ€™s Acting Mayor Gurdeep Singh says. â€œThis is a great example of Council and the local business community working together for the benefit of the entire community.â€• Each of the sandstone blocks weighs around seven tonnes.



PHOTO: Maroota Sandstone Quarry manager Gary with the newly placed blocks that prevent illegal dumping.

Ku-ring-gai Council is organising a free e-waste recycling collection for residents and small business.

The e-waste recycling event is on **Saturday October 11 and Sunday October 12** at the St Ives Showground from 9am to 4pm on both days. Unwanted technology such as televisions, computers and DVD players, can be dropped off free of charge by local residents and small business owners. St Ives Showground is located at 450 Mona Vale Road, St Ives.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL DATA IS ERASED FROM YOUR DEVICES BEFORE BEING HANDED OVER FOR RECYCLING.

[Click here](#) for more details, including what is/isn't accepted.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Survey

Had a footpath or road constructed near your property lately? If so, we would like to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to fill in this survey. [Click here](#) for Footpath Construction and Road Construction Surveys.

Keep our community graffiti-free

Do you know somewhere in Kuring Gai or Hornsby Shire that has been hit by graffiti vandalism? Help get it cleaned up by nominating it for **Graffiti Removal Day**. Delivered by the New South Wales Government, in partnership with Rotary Down Under and local councils, Graffiti Removal Day will be held on **Sunday 26 October** across the state. People can also keep the community beautiful by volunteering to help clean up graffiti on Graffiti Removal Day or promoting the event. Potential clean-up sites must be **nominated by Thursday 2 October at 5pm**. For more information or to volunteer, [click here](#).



From the Hornsby Advocate 25 September: Police increase patrols

TERROR THREAT LEVEL CHANGE PUTS OFFICERS ON STREETS

KU-RING-GAI Police will be more visible in response to the Federal

Government's raising of the national terror alert. Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command Crime Prevention Officer, Senior Constable Paul Cleary, said police had stepped up patrols in the area. "We do critical infrastructure patrols, we have always done these patrols, but once the terror alert went up we now do extra patrols," he said. Critical infrastructure refers to government assets like railway stations and hospitals. Snr Constable Cleary said residents should remain alert to any suspicious activity. "Go about your day-to-day business but just be extra mindful of cars loitering in the area ... people walking the streets who don't appear to have purpose. If you see any unattended bags (or notice) strange smells, things like that should be reported. But most importantly don't panic, go about your day-to-day business, just report it and let us deal with it."

On September 12, Australia's terror threat level was raised from medium to high, meaning a terror attack on home soil is now officially considered "likely". Residents who suspect a threat should call **000** or if they see anything suspicious contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

THE COMMUNITY ARE THE POLICE'S EYES AND EARS

THE Hornsby community is a safe place to live and work and we will keep it that way. You may be aware that there have been some operations recently aimed at ensuring we remain safe and secure. Your police are already focused on active patrolling 24 hours a day to detect offences and keep the peace. We are also committed to securing local events. Please remember that we need your eyes and ears to ensure we are in the right places. Please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or the National Security Hotline on 1800 123 400 to report suspicious behaviour and help your police keep our home safe. Detective Inspector Jon Gross

HORNSBY A woman and her boyfriend are facing assault charges following an incident at the Railway Hotel, Hornsby, on Tuesday night. The woman, 25, from Thornleigh, is facing two counts of assault police, two counts of resist arrest, failure to quit licensed premises and offensive language. The man, 34, from Tamworth, is facing an assault charge. The couple are due at North Sydney Local Court on October 8.

ASQUITH An angry motorist received a double penalty after he was stopped by Highway Patrol police on the Pacific Highway at Asquith on Monday afternoon. Police said the motorist, a 43-year-old Gosford man, received a ticket for a traffic offence, which he subsequently ripped up and threw on the ground. Police then

gave him a ticket for littering.

MT COLAH Jewellery and a watch valued at \$750 were stolen from a home in Parklands Rd, Mt Colah, some time between 10.30am and 5pm on Tuesday. Police said a ground floor front window had its flyscreen removed and the window was forced open.

GALSTON A sports facility in Bayfield Rd, Galston, had its canteen broken into some time between 7.30pm on Monday and 10.45am on Tuesday. Police said the canteen's lock had been cut and \$300 worth of soft drinks stolen from the fridges.

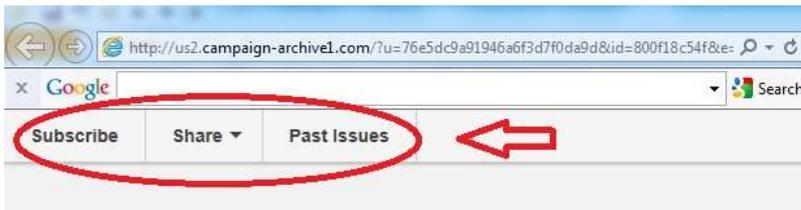
BEROWRA A motorist has been charged with high-range drink-driving after his vehicle was stopped by police in Berowra Waters Rd, Berowra, on Monday night. Police said the motorist recorded a 0.192 blood alcohol reading. His licence was suspended on the spot. He is due to appear in North Sydney Local Court on October 16.

DID YOU KNOW? All the past issues of this weekly email are available by simply clicking on the link in the top right hand corner of your email, where it says, "View this email in your browser".



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Follow the link and select 'Past Issues' for all our archive copies, with extra crime prevention advice, tips, humour, etc that you may have missed.



From the North Shore Times 26 September: Public Exhibition - Draft Policy for Camera Overt Surveillance in Public Places

Ku-ring-gai Council is seeking comment from the community on the Draft Policy for Camera Overt Surveillance in Public Places. The Policy sets out the use of camera surveillance to assist in the regulation of offences associated with illegal dumping, littering, vandalism and graffiti in public areas.

Viewing the document: The document is on public exhibition from Friday 26 September to Friday 24 October and can be viewed at Council Chambers, or any Ku-ring-gai Library branch, or [click here](#).

Providing Feedback: Comments must be provided in writing and quote reference 'S10339'. Email your feedback to kmc@kmc.nsw.gov.au or mail to The General Manager, Ku-ring-gai Council, Locked Bag 1056, Pymble NSW 2073.

Submissions close 5pm Friday 24 October 2014: All submissions are public documents and will be considered in a final report to council.

Enquiries: Colin Wright or Kathryn Odgers on 9424 0000.



The Harbourside LAC 2014 Porsche 911 Carrera police car kindly donated by Porsche Cars Australia and Porsche Willoughby. As always there is no cost to the tax payer for this program, with Porsche picking up the cost of the car, rego, servicing, etc etc. The ONLY thing we pay for is the fuel. The car is used in our

community engagement and youth programs. This is the 3rd year of this program with the previous Porsche Panameras attending over 300 events around the state and helping raised in excess of \$2million over the last 2 years.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 02 October: FREE concert by Ambre Hammond (on a Stuart Grand piano), 10:30 til 12 noon at Lorraine Smith Auditorium (Gate 3), Ravenswood School for Girls. Celebrate UN International Day of Older Persons. Enq: **9424 0000**.

Wednesday 08 October: Pain Support Group, St Ives. 1-2:30pm at St Ives Baptist Church, 28 Memorial Ave, St Ives. Ph: **0429 022 665**

Saturday 11 October: St John's Anglican Church FÃte, cnr Pac Hwy & St John's Ave, Gordon 9am - 2pm. Crime Prevention stall there, with NSW Police and local Neighbourhood Watch.

Saturday October 11 and Sunday October 12: FREE e-waste recycling collection for residents and small business at the St Ives Showground 9am to 4pm on both days.

Wednesday 15 October: East Killara NHW meeting. 7:30, East Killara Uniting Church meeting room.

Wednesday 15 October: National Ride2Work Day.

Saturday 25 October: Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, Black Tie Ball. [Click here](#).

Sunday 26 October: National Graffiti Removal Day.

Sunday 26 October: Wahrenonga Food + Wine Festival at Wahrenonga Park, Coonanbarra Road 11am to 5pm. Details, [click here](#).

Wednesday 12 November: Wear Orange Wednesday to support SES volunteers.

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

Sunday 01 March 2015: St Ives Food & Wine Festival.

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.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW

BEROWRA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) and Pacific Hwy between Collingridge

Way and Yallambee Rd: Sun 7 Sep 2014 - Tue 30 Sep 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduced speed limit. Work will be carried out in two nights during this period, excluding Saturdays.

The off-ramp and on-ramp from/to M1 Pacific Motorway at the Windybanks Interchange will be closed and detoured for two shifts. There will be some noise associated with this work.

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Waters Ferry *between* Bay Rd *and* Berowra Waters Rd

SCHEDULED FERRY MAINTENANCE: Tue 14 Oct 2014 - Tue 14 Oct 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (12.30pm to 2.30pm) Both directions closed. Allow extra travel time. Use alternative route. The Ferry will be out of service for routine maintenance 14 October.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Sat 20 Dec 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. Work to upgrade the intersection will not take place during the Christmas and New Year period.

NORMANHURST Pennant Hills Rd between M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) and Normanhurst

Rd: Tue 7 Oct 2014 - Tue 14 Oct 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Tue to Tue Both directions affected. Reduce speed. Exercise caution. The on-ramp to the M1 will be closed for one shift at Pennant Hills Road with traffic detoured further north to the Pacific Highway motorway on-ramp.

These are night works.

ROSEVILLE Boundary St just past Spearman St: Tue 14 Oct 2014 - Tue 21 Oct 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Tue to Tue (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. This work will be carried out in one night shift between 8pm and 5am from Tuesday 14 October to Tuesday 21 October, excluding Saturdays, weather permitting.

Partial lane closures will be in place while the work is carried out to ensure the safety of road users and workers. Road users are asked to follow the direction of traffic controllers, adhere to reduced speed limits and follow traffic signs. Motorists may experience minor delays due to these changed traffic conditions. There may be some noise associated with this work.

Hot off the press from the Turramurra (Gordon Area 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting....

The guest speaker was our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, with a Question & Answer session. Here is a brief selection:

Q. What is the main worry in our area at the moment?

- A. 1. People leaving their windows ajar. We have 2 cases a month where homes are accessed in this manner.
2. Storage cages under unit blocks are built for price, not necessarily for security. Beware weak hinges, frames, wire, padlock attachments, gaps at the top/bottom.
3. Thieves entering the home during the day, whilst people are at home. This happened in W. Pymble and Thornleigh during the week. Don't get complacent about home security.

Q. How safe is it for Seniors in Hornsby Mall after dark?

A. Safe. There is CCTV. There are some youngsters causing a few problems, but seniors aren't their target. If you have a choice, go with others and keep to public places.

Paul recommended that if you are confronted by a robber, let them have your bag. Your safety is secondary to them; their focus is on your bag. Don't struggle. Instead keep your focus on them - memorising descriptions and possibly car regos, etc. If you have the opportunity, suggest that they take the cash and cards and leave the rest. They may be fool enough to leave items with fingerprints on! Get immediate help and call the Police asap.

[We'll include a few more tips that Paul shared in next week's email - ed]

Dates for 2015: Monday 23 March and Monday 28 September 2015.

FACT FILE - House Number/Street Number

The street number must be prominently displayed at the front of your home to comply with Local Government Act 1973, Section 124, Order 8. The number should be a minimum height of 120mm and be visible at night. The number could also be painted on the street kerb outside your home to assist emergency services and visitors to locate your home.

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.

This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

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