



Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 165 - 08 December 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.

08 December from NSW Fair Trading: 95 dangerous toy products have been pulled from shelves across Sydney and destroyed in the lead up to Christmas. Our blitz targeted online stores and retailers importing directly from manufacturers overseas. These retailers are putting the lives of very young

children at risk by trading in non-compliant products. The haul of dangerous products included aquatic products, toys for children aged under 3 and projectile toys that had the potential to cause eye injury. Be wary of stores that pop-up around this time of year and only buy goods from reputable retailers.

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

08 December: Just a little heads up about scammers and their tactics with the increase in deliveries at Christmas.

Watch out for scammers trying to cash-in on the Christmas mail rush by posing as postal services, warns the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. "Australians send and receive millions of parcels at Christmas time. If you are expecting delivery of a gift for family or friends, or might receive a present, it's important to beware of these scams arriving in your inbox," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said. "These scams are common in the festive season and are sadly on the rise. This year, over \$100,000 has been lost to parcel delivery scams with more than 400 complaints to the ACCC."

[Click here](#) for the full ACCC Media Release.

08 December, from the Hunter Valley command: Yes, from another LAC, but it is something all police from time to time have the unfortunate task of having to do. Please talk to your family about safe driving whether a passenger or a driver.

The most dreaded message to be received at any police station. With the Christmas holidays almost upon us, please don't drink and drive. Don't speed. Wear your seat belt. Have plenty of rest and don't use your phone whilst driving. Tag your son or daughter. Like and share with your friends, letting them know you don't want your name and address or their name and address on one of these messages this Christmas holidays.

NSW POLICE FORCE P 518
Version 2.0 (10/2013)

GENERAL STATION PAD

Date	Particulars	
TO: Hunter Valley LAC	<u>DEATH MESSAGE</u> Please attend _____ and speak to _____. Advise them _____ has been killed in a motor vehicle collision this date.	

08 December: Threshold and Panic Braking - Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit

Vehicle Dynamics Testing conducted by the NSW Police Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit at the Young Drivers Expo in Tamworth.



[Click here](#) to watch video.

08 December, from Drive to Survive: This is a great way of understanding what a truck driver can't see. These people in the yellow boxes would all be invisible to the driver. So if you make it a habit of slotting your car into these known blind spots you are literally gambling with your life. Please share this around and please give trucks some space.



07 December: A search of bushland in Sydney's north is due to resume for an 84-year-old woman who hasn't been seen for four days.

It's believed **Mrs Gaida Coote** drove to the **Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden at St Ives** about 9am on Wednesday (3 December 2014). Police from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command have been co-ordinating the search for Mrs Coote since her car was found at the Garden's car park on Friday (5 December 2014).

Yesterday's search involved more than 70 people including local police on foot, the Police Dog Unit, the Mounted Police, Police Rescue, the police airwing PolAir, National Parks and Wildlife Service (NP&WS) and volunteers from the State Emergency Service (SES). Today's search will resume at 8am and will involve the same resources as well as volunteers from the Rural Fire Service (RFS).

Mrs Coote is described as being of Caucasian appearance with a thin build and short wavy grey hair. It is not known what she was wearing when she went missing. The police forward command post remains in the car park of the Gardens, which is off Mona Vale Road at St Ives.



Anyone with information about Mrs Coote's whereabouts, or who may have seen her the morning of Wednesday 3 December, is urged to call **Crime Stoppers immediately on 1800 333 000.**

06 December, from Stay Smart Online Alert Service: Mozilla Foundation releases security updates for Firefox and Thunderbird: Alert Priority High
[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

05 December: Police are appealing for information after a child was approached at Turramurra yesterday afternoon.

Shortly after 4pm (Thursday 4 December 2014), a 12-year-old girl was walking to a friend's house on Karuah Road, when a black vehicle pulled up next to

her. Investigators have been told the male driver spoke to the girl, before she ran toward her friend's house and the driver left the location.

Officers attached to Kuring Gai Local Area Command were contacted and launched an investigation into the incident. They are continuing their inquiries and would now like to speak to a man who may be able to assist with their investigation.

The man is described as having a tanned complexion, about 50-60 years of age, with white/grey-coloured long straight hair. Anyone who knows the man's identity, or has any information that could assist police with their investigation, is urged to come forward.

Meanwhile, the incident has again prompted police to encourage parents to discuss the "Safe People, Safe Places" messages with their children, including;

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, "Go away, I don't know you". This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

05 December, from Blacktown command: If you are a young person aged between 5 and 25 in Australia you can contact the Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800 for a free, private and confidential, counselling service. If you are not comfortable talking to someone just yet, there is also an on-line service available. [Click here](#) for the Kids Helpline website.

05 December, from Crime Stoppers: PERSONAL SAFETY...

Everyone has the right to be safe and to live without fear. However, the more practical you are with your awareness, the more likely you will continue to keep yourself safe. When you are out and about:

- Keep alert, walk confidently with your head up high. If you feel unsafe, head for the nearest well-lit or populated area.
- Always walk against the flow of traffic. This allows you to see cars approaching.
- If possible walk with other friends, or a dog.
- If you become concerned about people following you or approaching you, don't stop to have a conversation with them. Try to keep moving and remain confident, even if you feel nervous.
- If someone persists in moving towards you put your hands up and shout confidently "GET BACK". This will not only help shock the person but alerts others nearby that someone is bothering you " quickly move in a direction AWAY from that person.
- At night, avoid walking in areas where the lighting is poor such as parks or laneways.
- Handbags should be carried either in front of you or under your arm with the strap secured. Never let the handbag hang loosely.
- Avoid wearing headphones. You should be able to hear what is happening around you at all times.
- If you do walk alone, consider varying your route and consider carrying a personal duress alarm.

Download the "Emergency +" app so that you can tell emergency services your EXACT location quickly.



05 December, from Blacktown command: As a pedestrian or driver, are you aware who has right of way at an intersection? Watch the video to find out.



Road rules: pedestrians
www.youtube.com

Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community h...

[Click here](#) to watch video.

05 December, from PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai.

**FREE
CHRISTMAS
DISCO**

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
6.30PM - 8.30PM
AGE: UNDER 13'S

Canteen Available - Including chicken nuggets and hot dogs

**PCYC Performing Arts
Centre**
22 Waitara Ave, Waitara

Tel: 9477 2310
Email: dallars@pcycnsw.org.au

04 December: Crash Investigation Officers are appealing for information to help locate a man wanted on an arrest warrant.

Joshua Uicich, 27, is wanted on an outstanding warrant in relation to a serious collision on Tuesday 3 June 2014, at Cams Wharf in the Lake Macquarie area, where he failed to stop. Officers have conducted extensive searches to locate the man, but he has not been located. They are now appealing for information from the public in an attempt to locate him.

Uicich is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 170-175cm tall, thin build, and with brown hair. It is understood he may have a beard or moustache.

If members of the public see Joshua Uicich, they are urged **not to approach him** but to contact **Triple Zero (000)** immediately.



[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

04 December, from NSW Fair Trading: Bag checks are often carried out by retailers in an attempt to control theft. In fact, if they choose to, retailers can make bag checking a condition of entry to their shops. A set of principles called the **Bagcheck guidelines** have been developed which shoppers need to know. [Click here](#) for full info on your rights and responsibilities.

04 December: NSW Police Force's Dog Unit has introduced Australia's first successfully accredited police dog trained to detect blood.

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

03 December: NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione has welcomed the latest crime figures which show all 17 major offence categories stable or falling for the second successive quarter.

[Click here](#) for full Media Release.

02 December, from the North Shore Times: Cameras to target illegal dump sites in Ku-ring-gai

The decision to adopt surveillance in public places was unanimously backed at the recent Ku-ring-gai Council meeting after 1225 incidents of illegal dumping in the past financial year. In a bid to clean up the rubbish, the initial CCTV installation trial period will run for one year in Bicentennial Park, West Pymble, and St Ives Showground, two areas regularly targeted for illegal dumping, according to a council report.

[Click here](#) for full article.

02 December, from Queensland Ambulance Service: Do you know how to use an automated external defibrillator?

AEDs are smart little devices found in public places such as shopping centres and airports, and they can help save the life of someone suffering cardiac arrest. Watch as QAS paramedic Kate Pemberton shows how easy it is to use an AED.

[Click here](#) for video.

02 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: Driver fined \$2145 after truck gets stuck in Galston Gorge

[Click here](#) for full article.



Neighbourhood Watch

Creating Safer Communities

GENTLE REMINDER - TOMORROW (Tuesday) NIGHT - "Lots of FREE goodies and advice!"

Gordon Neighbourhood Watch: Starting 7pm on Tuesday 09 December, at the Gordon Bowling Club, 4 Pennant Ave, Gordon.

Come and hear about Neighbourhood Watch in the 21st Century

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and our local Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC) invite you to the annual Gordon Area 24/12 Neighbourhood Watch get-together and AGM. Bring a neighbour! Bring a question! Bring a plate! Not 1, but 3 interesting speakers:

1. **Mario Dimovski, Stiktag**, Theft Prevention and Recovery Partners www.stiktag.com "Tag any item by recording its serial numbers or unique markers & secure its digital ownership for life." What do you want to protect?
2. **Tony McCormack, Regulation Team Leader for the Ku-ring-gai Council Rangers** "discussing all the local issues we get annoyed about and how we can help as a community; graffiti, shopping trolleys, parking, litter, etc. What really bugs you?"
3. **Snr Con Paul Cleary, Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station** "giving an update of the current crime situation in our neighbourhood and what we can do to protect ourselves. What's your worry?"

Everyone welcome, no matter where you live or work. A wonderful opportunity to learn more about how to protect yourself, your family, car, home and possessions. Make yourself safer at home and out-&-about.

From the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



And the 2014 Load Fail Winner is ...

ROFE PARK, Saturday 06 December: Thank you to those Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who helped out on the Kuring Gai Local Area Command/Neighbourhood Watch stall until the rain closed everything down at 7pm. It was going so well! Shame.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 04 December:

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU



Your police would like to remind you that we are at your service. We've recently heard of some issues that haven't been reported to police because of a concern about "rocking the boat" or "being a nuisance". This could not be further from the truth. Your police are here to support you in managing issues of concern and

to take care of problems affecting the peace and safety of our community. We can't help you if you don't tell us so we get to know where problems are developing in our neighbourhoods and we can attend to them before they get out of control.

Please call [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000) or [131 444](tel:131444).
Detective Inspector Jon Gross
Kuring-Gai LAC

3 WAHROONGA A young girl walking a dog at The Glade reserve, Wahroonga, about 5pm on Monday was confronted by a teenage boy exposing himself. He is described as about 15 to 16 years old, medium build, tanned skin, wearing a light blue T-shirt and dark blue shorts. Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to phone Hornsby police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799).

5 WAHROONGA A set of numberplates stolen from a car parked in the Abbotsleigh car park on Saturday morning was located later that evening 120km away. Police found the plates while responding to a domestic incident at a property in Buchanan about 11.30pm. A 39-year-old man has been charged with possessing stolen property.

4 TURRA-MURRA

A teenager was threatened by two young males while walking in Wonga Wonga St, Turramurra, about 11.50am on Tuesday. The 18-year-old handed over some property and cash to the males. One is described as being of Pacific Islander appearance, aged 17 to 18, about 182cm tall, wearing a blue sleeveless basketball shirt and blue or black shorts. The second male is aged about 17 or 18, of Pacific Islander appearance, wearing a black T-shirt and carrying a black backpack.

6 HORNSBY A woman had a wallet stolen out of her handbag while shopping at Westfield Hornsby on Tuesday. Police said the woman didn't notice that the wallet was missing until she went to pay for groceries. The incident happened sometime between 12.45pm and 1.45pm. Police are reviewing CCTV footage of the incident.

7 HORNSBY A motorist had his licence and bank cards stolen from his car parked in Clovelly Rd sometime between 10am and 9pm on Friday. Police said the car was unlocked.

"They say I should report someone acting suspiciously - what details are needed?"

When describing a person to the police, the following details would be of assistance:

Build, Gender, Age, Height, Appearance, Hair (colour, length, style), Clothing, Tattoos/Scars and Accessories.

CHIPPING FOR MULCH DAY

Bring along materials for chipping and take home free mulch. There are conditions about the material that can be accepted, which you can view online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/mulch

Sunday 14 December, 8am-2.45pm.
Council Depot, Johnson Road,
Galston. Free to Hornsby Shire residents only.



From the North Shore Times, 05 December's Mayor's Message:

Wake Up!

I want to give a quick mention to a campaign close to my heart, coordinated by young resident Claudia whose brother was the victim of a coward punch. This time of year can be the silly season for alcohol abuse, so before heading out to that party visit the Wake Up Foundation's website at www.wakeup.org.au for tips on keeping yourself and your friends safe during a night out.

From the draft "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips Concerning Fire Issues":

Fires Tip#5: PLEASE BE ALERT AROUND SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS AND AT WEEKENDS. Report any suspicious activity or groups of youths. Phone School Security Unit: 1300 880 02.

Fires Tip#6: FOR BUSINESSES, INCLUDE ARSON IN YOUR BUSINESS RISK ASSESSMENT PLAN AND INCLUDE ARSON RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN.

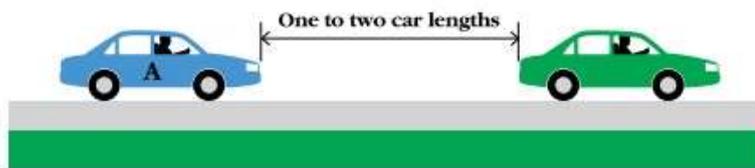
Fires Tip#11: PARENTS, KNOW YOUR TEENAGERS & WHERE THEY ARE. **â€™Vandalism-motivated arsonâ€™** is a spontaneous category involving peer pressure. Be aware of unusual behaviour, and look for matches, lighters, cigarettes, spray paint cans, hairspray, perfume, tissues, or flammable liquids. Most fires occur in the evening or at night, Friday or Saturday.

Fires Tip#12: BE ALERT TO ANY THREAT CONCERNING FIRES. If a person threatens to set a fire, the threat should be taken very seriously. Contact Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799.

AND WHEN TRAVELING, DO NOT USE THE HOTELâ€™S SPRINKLER SYSTEM VALVE IN THE CEILING AS A COAT-HANGER HOOK!

■ **MAINTAIN SPACE WHEN STOPPED**

When you are stopped in traffic you must keep one to two car lengths from the vehicle in front to reduce the risk of colliding with it if you are hit from behind. You may move forward to within one metre once other vehicles are stopped behind you and the risk of being hit from behind is reduced.



Leave one to two car lengths in front when stopped.

Walk the Talk, Friday 28 November: A big 'thank you' to those who joined in! News on the amount raised and photos next week.



Thanks, Survive the Streets - Down Under

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 04 December: APEX Santa Sleigh. From 6pm Barnett's Reserve, Barnett's Rd, Berowra.

Tuesday 09 December: Gordon Area 24/12 NHW AGM, 7pm at Gordon Bowling Club.

Thursday 11 December: APEX Santa Sleigh. From 6pm Warrina St Oval, Berowra.

Saturday 13 December: Under 13's Xmas Disco. 6:30-8:30pm at PCYC Performing Arts Centre. Ph: 9477 2310

Sunday 14 December: Horsnby Council Chipping for Mulch Day. 8am-2:45pm, Council Depot, Johnson Rd, Galston.

Sunday 14 December: Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Street Meeting. 11-12 opp 188 Quarter Sessions Rd. RSVP to community@westleighrfb.org.au

Thursday 18 December: APEX Santa Sleigh. From 6pm Berowra Park Oval, Berowra.

Sunday 21 December: Westleigh Rural Fire Service Santa Run, 8:30 - 11:30 Westleigh & Thornleigh. More details to follow.

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

Monday 31 March 2015: **NOTE DATE CHANGE** Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Monday 28 September 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

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 & Ku-ring-gai Council.

BROOKLYN M1 Pacific Mwy (F3)

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 14 Dec 2014 - Fri 19 Dec 2014

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

Advice: Check signage
Allow extra travel time

Other Info: Stabilisation of slope works.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Sat 20 Dec 2014

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected
Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduce speed
Road improvement works are taking place, including installation of new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be on site.

Other Info: Work to upgrade the intersection will not take place during the Christmas and New Year period.

KILLARA Pacific Hwy between Marian St and Stanhope Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 8 Dec 2014 - Mon 15 Dec 2014

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Mon (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Reduce speed
Exercise caution

Other Info: Maintenance works requiring one night shift to complete. There will be no work on Saturday.

Lindfield

Short Street Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.

Tryon Road Heavy patching scheduled between Nelson Road and Howard Street.

Valley Road Preparation work in progress. Reconstruction of the bend near Short Street scheduled for early December. Adjustments of manholes to follow.

Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.

Pymble Alma Street Reconstruction works scheduled for mid-January 2015.

Roseville

Bromborough Road Stabilisation works completed between Shirley Road and Ontario Avenue. A temporary surface has been laid while the new works settle.

Heavy patching and kerb and guttering works in progress on the remainder of the street.

Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.

Ontario Avenue Heavy patching completed.

Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.

Shirley Road Heavy patching completed between Alston Way and bend near Shirley Road.

Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.

ROSEVILLE CHASE Malga Ave at bridge over Warringah Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 15 Dec 2014 - Sun 4 Jan 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Fri (7am to 5pm) affected

Advice: Check signage
Reduce speed

Other Info: Footpath concrete will be removed and replaced from Monday December 15 to Thursday December 18, and from Monday January 5 to Friday January 9.
There will be no work between December 19 and January 4.

There will be lane closures, traffic control and some noise. Pedestrians are

asked to use the footpath on the other side of the road.

Turramurra	Buckra Street (between Charlton Avenue and Merrivale Lane)	Shoulder construction completed prior to road resurfacing (yet to be scheduled).
	Canberra Avenue	Construction of the road shoulder and road reconstruction scheduled for mid-December. A temporary surface will be laid with final surfacing scheduled for early 2015.
	Nambucca Avenue	Reconstruction of the road pavement is scheduled for early 2015.
West Pymble	Lord Street	Lowering of utility services prior to road reconstruction in January 2015.
	Wallalong Crescent	Shoulder construction and adjustment of driveways completed prior to resurfacing in early 2015.

WEST PYMBLE Ryde Rd between Lady Game Dr and Lane Cove River

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 27 Oct 2014 - Fri 12 Dec 2014

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Fri (10am to 3pm) Southbound affected

Advice: Allow extra travel time
Expect delays

Other Info: One of three southbound lanes will be closed.

[Click here](#), for Ku-ring-gai Council Roadworks information.

[Click here](#) for Live Traffic NSW website.

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.

Copyright Â© 2021 Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby, All rights reserved.

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:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby
c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station
292 Peats Ferry Road
Hornsby, NSW 2077
Australia

[Add us to your address book](#)



