



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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers! Thank you for all your support and positive feedback.

22 December, from Marine Area Command: VHF Marine Radio - How to use it

(video)

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has produced an educational video for the recreational boating community about how, and why it is important, to operate your VHF marine radio correctly.

[Click here](#) for video.

22 December, from The Hills command: AFTER HOURS HEALTH SERVICES - NUMBERS TO KNOW THIS HOLIDAY PERIOD**MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

For all emergencies call 000 or visit your nearest hospital.

For fast, safe information for poisonings and suspected poisonings ring the NSW Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (24 hour service).

GPs AND PHARMACIES

Do you want to find a GP or Pharmacy open now? Contact your GP about their after hours arrangements. Alternatively, visit nhsd.com.au and enter your postcode to search for a GP or Pharmacy open near you now.

HEALTH CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS

If you have a health concern and you're not sure what to do, call healthdirect on 1800 022 222 (24 Hour helpline) and speak to a registered nurse.

AFTER HOURS GP VISITS

To have a Doctor come to your home after hours call:

The National Home Doctor Service - 13 SICK (13 7425)

From 4pm weekdays, 10am Saturdays, all day Sunday and public holidays. Bulk-billed. For further information visit homedoctor.com.au

Home GP " 1300 HOME GP (or 02 8724 6300)

From 6pm until 8am weekdays, Saturdays from 12pm and 24hrs on Sundays and public holidays. Bulk-billed (conditions apply). For further information visit homegp.org

OTHER USEFUL HELPLINE SERVICES

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

COUNSELLING SERVICE - 1800 737 732 (24 hours) or visit 1800respect.org.au

KIDS HELPLINE â€“ 1800 551 800 (24 hours) - Kids Helpline is a free, 24 hour counselling service for young people aged 5-25 years.

LIFELINE - 13 11 14 (24 hours)

22 December: If you are tired and you are on the road this Christmas - you shouldn't be there. Tired drivers are more at risk of being involved in a crash. Take a break from the road at one of the many Driver Reviver stations across the state.

[Click here](#) for all the Driver Reviver sites.

22 December, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Outer Western Sydney. Christmas spirit exercised, lights removed no ticket issued. Car-humbug.





20 December, from the Australian Federal Police: Travelling through any of Australia's major airports over the holidays? Here are some tips for a smooth journey:

1. Airports and your safety are serious stuff. Don't be foolish.
2. Know what's in the bag you're carrying. There are some things you can't take on the plane.
3. Don't joke about it. See point 1.
4. The only word starting with 'b' that we want to hear is 'bon voyage'. DO NOT make jokes about 'bombs'.
5. Remember, there are some things you can't take into the sterile area. See point 3.
6. Don't leave your bags unattended. At best, they might be stolen. At worst, they could close down the terminal.
7. Don't leave your kids unattended. If they're flying without you, hand them over to the airline to look after them during the flight.
8. Don't get drunk before or during your flight. At best, you won't be allowed to fly. At worst, you'll be arrested, miss your connection, and end up with a criminal record.
9. At an airport, there are 'in' doors and 'out' doors. Don't go in an 'out' door! You risk having the whole terminal closed down, evacuated, and everyone (including you) having to be re-screened.
10. Make sure you arrive with plenty of time to check in for your flight.

Enjoy your trip!

20 December, from eyewitness - Casey Police Service Area:

Thefts from cars are often due to valuables being left in plain sight or doors and windows being left unlocked. Thefts can occur at any time, so it is important not to present an easy opportunity to thieves. In order to steal, thieves will smash a car window or break locks, and the cost of repairs may exceed the value of the stolen items.

[Click here](#) for great video.

19 December: Operation Trident targets illegal seafood trade

Consumers are being urged to avoid stolen seafood this Christmas, with enforcement officers on the beat to stop illegal seafood traders. Department of Primary Industries ([NSW DPI Fisheries](#)) Acting Director Fisheries Compliance, Patrick Tully said Operation Trident is a multi-phase operation targeting the theft or illegal sale of oysters during this peak season.

[Click here](#) for full media release.

19 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: Three people were lucky to escape with their lives after this horror crash on Bobbin Head Rd, North Turramurra, about 6:30pm yesterday. The driver, a male aged about 40, was taken to hospital after three of his fingers were severed in the accident, which happened when a black BMW convertible crossed the road, hit a power pole and flipped. The driver was trapped until officers from Hornsby Fire & Rescue were able to get him out. Both passengers were also taken to hospital for assessment after they were thrown from the vehicle: a male aged about 40 was thrown about 5m onto a driveway and a youth aged about 15 was thrown about 10m into a front yard.



18 December: Operation Safe Arrival starts at 12.01am tomorrow (Friday 19 December) and runs until 11.59pm Sunday (4 January 2015).

Double demerits will be in place from Wednesday 24 December 2014 until Sunday 4 January 2015, for speeding, seatbelt and motorcycle helmet offences. The entire highway patrol fleet - consisting of 388 patrol vehicles, 24 motorcycles, 22 crash investigation vehicles and two RBT trucks - will be out to enforce road safety and will now all display "high-visibility" markings.

Question: Hello, I was wondering about school zones...As many others are..considering there are no schools have classes as to why the lights are still flashing for 40? Presumably you'd still get a fine? Would the speed camera on Pac hwy @ leonard till go off? The signs state "school days" it is not a school day today, nor was yesterday. I'm sure there is a simple, clear and fair answer. Thanks!

Reply: It always goes according to the published public school term dates for all of NSW. [Click here](#) for Board of Studies scheduled dates for 2015.

18 December: Police are searching for a prisoner who escaped from a minimum security facility near Bathurst this afternoon.

Jake Skaines, 23, was last seen at the Oberon Correctional Facility about 3pm

today (Wednesday 17 December). He was reported missing to officers at Chifley Local Area Command who have conducted searches in the area. Skaines is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 162cm tall, medium build and was last seen wearing prison greens. He has tattoos on his left arm, including the word "Auzzie"™, a star symbol and a Southern Cross.



Police are warning the public not to approach the man but to instead contact Triple Zero immediately.

17 December: You may have noticed that our Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page now has no 'MESSAGE' button. Unfortunately some messaging had been inappropriate, so the facility has been removed. Note: this Facebook page isn't monitored 24/7.

- * In an emergency (life-threatening situation or when a crime is in progress), always phone Triple Zero 000.
- * For non-emergency crime (To report minor crime already committed - property owner or victim), please phone the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444.
- * To report information about a crime or criminal behaviour anonymously, phone Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
- * If you have any query, comment, or suggestion, see anything suspicious, or are in doubt, then please phone Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799.

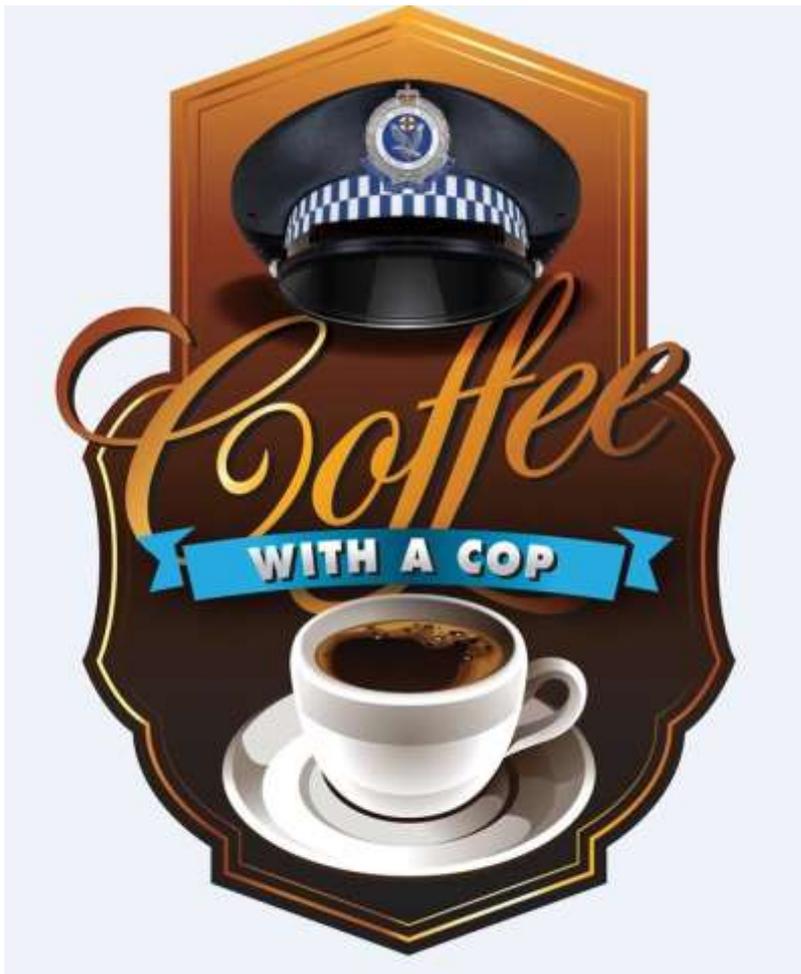


17 December: Coffee With a Cop 10:30 - 11:30am Wednesday 17 December
2014 Blu Water Grill, Hornsby Mall (near the fountain)
JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS & POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE &
CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions.

Police will be there to speak to community members. Police will buy you a coffee and talk about issues or concerns. This initiative is to help break down the barriers between police and the community.

[Click here](#) for full photo album.



Question: Will u do it again??

Reply: Yes, Hornsby police will be in the mall mid morning over the next few weeks to mingle with the public and talk about any subject (almost any), We are planning another coffee with a COP event probably mid January. This time we will give more notice.

17 December: 4030 likes, I knew we'd get there before Christmas. A very big thank you from Kuring-Gai LAC to all our Facebook followers. Be safe over the Christmas and New Year period. â€” feeling happy.

17 December, from Family & Community Services: School holiday parent kit or maybe a parent survival kit, either way this may come in handy.

[Click here](#) for resources.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Snippets from the Tuesday 06 December **Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 AGM and get-together....**

Tony McCormack is with the Rangers at Ku-ring-gai Council. Tony gave an interesting talk and the following points are just a few snippets, nowhere near the information he gave. Thanks Tony.

Areas of responsibility for the rangers are (not necessarily a complete list): parking, companion animals, unauthorised events (eg in parks), goods on footpaths (eg skip bins), animal management, building site management (eg hours, parking, pollution), tree protection, sediment control, park patrols, noxious weeds, abandoned vehicles, boats & boat trailers, shopping trolleys, bikes, advertising frames.

He suggests **“Snap, Send, Solve”™ App** for reporting problems to the council.

He suggests **“VandalTrak”™ App** for reporting of all graffiti.

A legally-registered vehicle can park where they want, as long as it is legal. New legislation is progressing to limit trailers parked in streets to 3 months.

Advertising trailers? New legislation has been drafted to regulate a **“œstructure designed & constructed for the purpose of advertising”** .

Variable Message Signs (VMS boards) with flashing lights can only be used for road control and traffic movement purposes, such as the RMS signs.

Shopping trolleys? It is an offence to abandon an article in a public place.

Dead animals? The council are responsible for removing the body. If it scans as a registered pet, then the rangers will contact the owner.

Illegal dumping? Community help is needed.

The community is invited to please report any issues to the rangers. They need our feedback on issues, no matter how small – they need a record. It may be a bigger incident later on. If you don't use the Apps above, then the preferred communication is via **Ku-ring-gai Council Customer Service: 9424 0000**.

Know anyone in St Ives?

One to pencil in your diaries: Sunday 15 February: Community Crime Prevention & Safety Day at Toolang Oval, St Ives. 9am-1pm.

There'll be the usual advice available, such as 'The Little Black Book of Scams' and the Neighbourhood Watch 20 Favourite Tips series, as well as the chance to borrow the engraver to mark your valuables, or come and pick up FREE locking screws for your car's rego plates. Come and collect your goodie bag and fill it with freebies from Paul, like the ever-popular screen wipe that doubles on your dashboard as a warning to car thieves. Bring the kids and collect the colouring-in, balloons, tattoos, stickers, keyrings etc.

We are looking for volunteers to help our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, spread the crime prevention message via the information table at this event. Please email NHWGordon@gmail.com if you can give us an hour of your time. What a great way to meet like-minded people, whilst learning more about crime prevention! Please spread the word.

Texting and Driving - [click here](#) for video from the Kunhadi nfp group. This video exposes myths everyone (even you!) believes about Texting and Driving. Watch it to learn the truth!

From the ACCC Product Safety Australia: The Battery Controlled – Button

battery safety

When swallowed, small coin-sized lithium button batteries can get stuck in a child's throat and cause severe burns or death. Order your fact card and poster for more information, including safety tips.

[Click here](#) for link to website.

Post from Facebook 'North Shore Lost and Found' December 18: Hi Ladies. Thought this might be worth a try. I feel really bad/stupid about this... but I lost my SD card (camera memory chip) after I left Big W Top Ryde Monday this week (15th) around 430pm. I have no idea when I lost it after that. It has my 6 month old boy's photos from the hospital until now on them and sadly/stupidly I never got around to backing it up. Please please please if anyone knows of anyone who has found this please let me know. There is a monetary reward that far outweighs the worth of the SD card. Thank you so much. Please if you have a chance ask around. And also please do me a favour and back up your own photos so this doesn't happen to you. Xx

Please email NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Thanks to [Traffic and Highway Patrol Command](#) - Load fail!



From Australian Red Cross - Preparing for a safe summer

Can you treat a jellyfish sting? Or a snake bite? Set aside some time to update the contents of your first aid kit and brush up on these summer first aid tips – it could save a life!

[Click here](#) for tips.

From Hornsby Shire Council: GARBAGE SERVICES - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Normal garbage services will be provided on Christmas Day (Thursday 25 December), Boxing Day (Friday 26 December) and New Years Day (Thursday 1 January). Hornsby Shire residents who receive a garbage service on the above days must place their bins out as usual on the evening before the collection day.

SITA waste services have restricted access times to their depots therefore services may occur earlier than usual.

The eWaste drop off centre will be closed from Monday 22 December and reopen on Monday 5 January.

Remember to be a good neighbour - offer to put out the garbage for neighbours going away, or for those in difficulty. Or maybe you need to offer to bring them back from the road edge once emptied?

For our '20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours', email NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Some tips whilst partying on holiday:

1. Think before you drink

Never accept drinks from strangers and try to buy alcoholic drinks that have screw

tops.

Watch the bar tender open your drink. People are less likely to spike your drink when you are alert and watching. Choose a drink with a narrower opening. Never leave your drink unattended, or if you do, tip it out and buy another one!

2. Safety in numbers

Stick with your friends, and never wander off down the beach alone – just because it’s a crazy beach party far away from home, it doesn’t mean you should let your guard down. You could try nominating a specific travel buddy among your group of friends when you’re out, and if you’re meeting up with new friends, make sure you rendezvous in a public place.

Pre-plan a meeting point and time in case you all get separated – it’s very easy to lose each other in the crowds.

6. Photos are your friend

Take photos of important travel documents, and store these securely (do not carry these with you). Besides, it’s a good idea to take a photocopy of your passport details out with you, just in case you need ID.

Taken from the Daily Telegraph article: 'My full moon party nightmare'
[Click here](#) for full article.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 20 January: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm at Gordon Police Station.

Sunday 15 February: Community Crime Prevention & Safety Day at Toolang Oval, St Ives. 9am-1pm.

Thursday 19 February: Neighbourhood Watch Information Day, 9am-4pm, NSW Teachers Federation Building, 37 Reservoir Street, Surrey Hills.

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

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

Monday 28 September 2015: Turrumurra 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.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 18 December:

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2014



As the year 2014 winds down it is a great time to thank you, our customers and colleagues, for the support you have shown your police all year. Crime is stable or falling and we have solved many serious crimes, many impossible to resolve without your help. We have formed excellent partnerships

with our elected officials at federal, state and local government levels and the business and caring communities to make positive impacts on the lives of our community in times of need. So, have a safe and meaningful Christmas, drink in moderation and join us for a great 2015.

Detective Inspector Jon Gross
Kuring-gai LAC

1 BEROWRA A 15-year old boy was arrested at Berowra railway station after he allegedly got on a train about 3pm on Monday and yelled "there is a bomb on the train". The boy was charged with public mischief and conveying false information that a person/property is in danger. He will appear in Bidura Children's Court on January 6.

2 BROOKLYN Police called off a pursuit after it reached speeds of more than 170km/h on Tuesday night. About 8.10pm police conducted checks on two cars parked at the Hawkesbury River marina. When one of the vehicles attempted to leave, police motioned the driver to stop. However, the car then took off. Police followed the vehicle along Peats Ferry Rd, the Pacific Highway and then onto the M1 motorway before calling off the pursuit. They are making further inquiries.

3 BEROWRA Five teenagers have been charged following a four-month investigation into alleged graffiti offences on the Sydney Trains network between Berowra and Thornleigh and Berowra and Gordon. Officers from Hornsby Police Transport Command and Kuring-gai Local Area Command arrested three of the boys at their homes on Tuesday. The teenagers, two aged 14 and one aged 16, were charged with a number of graffiti-related offences. Two boys, aged 16 and 17, were also issued with court attendance notices for possessing graffiti implements and intentionally marking premises without consent.

5 HORNSBY A Nintendo gaming console, mobile phone and computer tablet were stolen from a home in Galston Rd, Hornsby, between 8.30am and 3.30pm on Tuesday. Police said the thieves gained access via a balcony door.

6 HORNSBY A woman had her wallet stolen out of her handbag while shopping at Westfield Hornsby on Monday. Police are reviewing CCTV footage.

4 WAITARA Two cars parked in Orara St, Waitara, were broken into some time between 9pm on Tuesday and 7am yesterday. A Nissan ute had a window smashed with some loose change and an iPod stolen, while a wallet and a ring was stolen from a handbag left on the floor of a Hyundai.

7 GALSTON A man had a car accident after he was distracted by a fly about 2.50pm on Tuesday. Police said the man, 58, was trying to swat the fly while driving in Galston Rd when his car hit a driveway and a pole in the ground. He was uninjured but a 55-year-old female passenger was taken to Hornsby Hospital for assessment.

8 BEROWRA A motorist, 45, has been charged with mid-range drink-driving after his Nissan 4WD was stopped on the Pacific Highway at Berowra on Friday night. Police said an initial test proved positive and a subsequent breath analysis returned a reading of 0.105. The driver's licence was suspended.

9 HORNSBY DJ equipment and a mountain bike worth around \$3000 were stolen from an underground garage of a unit complex in May St, Hornsby between 6pm on Friday and 9am on Saturday.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW & Ku-ring-gai Council.

Lindfield

- Short Street** Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.
- Tryon Road** Heavy patching works completed prior to resurfacing scheduled for January 2015.
- Valley Road** Reconstruction of the bend near Short Street is now complete. Adjustment of the manholes scheduled with resurfacing scheduled for mid-December.

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

ROSEVILLE Archbold Rd between Tryon Rd and Boundary St

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 5 Jan 2015 - Sat 17 Jan 2015

Advice: Check signage
Exercise caution

Other Info: The median lane in both directions will be closed for excavation work by Ausgrid, continuously from January 5 to 17. One lane will remain open for traffic in each direction.

Roseville Archbold Road Proposed extended day time hours - North Shore cable

project from 5 to 15 January 2015 (between Owen Street and Bancroft Avenue). There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays. Proposed hours are 7am to 9pm Monday to Saturday.

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| Bromborough Road | Reconstruction and resurfacing scheduled for mid-December. |
| Ontario Avenue | Heavy patching completed. Asphalt resurfacing scheduled for mid-December. |
| Shirley Road | Heaving 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

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| Impact: | Scheduled lane closures for this week Mon to Fri (7am to 5pm) affected |
| Advice: | Check signage Reduce speed Footpath concrete will be removed and replaced from Monday December 15 to Thursday December 18, and from Monday January 5 to Friday January 9. |
| Other Info: | 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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 at Lady Game Dr

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 15 Dec 2014 - Sun 28 Dec 2014

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| Impact: | Scheduled lane closures for this week Mon to Sat (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected |
| Advice: | Allow extra travel time Exercise caution |
| Other Info: | This work will be carried out between 8pm and 5am from Monday 15 December and Saturday 28 February 2015, excluding Saturdays, weather permitting. No work will be carried out between Friday 19 December 2014 and Sunday 4 January 2015. Lane closures will be in place. |

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

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

From the North Shore Times, December 19:

4 KILLARA An unknown

person entered a home in Killara about 10.55am on Friday 12. It's alleged the woman was aged between 60 and 70 years old, about 165cm tall with tanned skin and a cut under her left eye had entered the victim's home to find her dog. Nothing was stolen but police are reminding people to keep their doors locked and report anything suspicious.

6 KILLARA A garden hose was stolen from the front yard of a house in Albany Crescent, East Killara between 6pm on Monday and 8.30am on Tuesday.

7 TURRAMURRA \$9000 worth of damage was caused to CarLovers Car Wash on Pacific Hwy after a man allegedly damaged a vacuum cleaner with a blow torch about 5.25am on Monday. CCTV footage reveals the same man allegedly tried to access the cash register. Police want to speak with a man described as caucasian with a beard and dark clothing who was last seen driving a Ford Laser. Anyone with information should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

8 GORDON Two dogs were let out and one has gone missing after a break and enter at a home in Bushlands Ave, Gordon between 5.50pm and 10.50pm on Saturday. It's alleged that entry was gained by unknown people who rummaged through four or five rooms and although nothing was taken, the owners are still looking for their dog.

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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