



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.

11 January, from our neighbouring The Hills command: Warning Fake \$100 notes

Over the last week in the Hills LAC we have had a number of fake \$100 notes being presented for payment. On two occasions this happened on Thursday

8/1/2015 and Rouse Hill Town Centre and on another occasion it occurred at a hotel in Castle Hill.

Be warned you may get one in your change. They are a remarkably good photocopy on quality paper. They have a slightly more bluish tinge to them and have the plastic insert. These notes can be torn as distinct from the original \$100 notes which are made from polymer (plastic).

Be on the look out they may also be \$50 notes. It is quite prevalent at the moment and The Hills Detectives are investigating.

Crime Manager, The Hills LAC.

10 January, from Crime Stoppers NSW: WANTED *Please share*

Police are appealing for public assistance to help locate a man wanted on an arrest warrant in relation to the theft of a vehicle. Between 10.30am and midday on Wednesday (7 January 2015), a charcoal-coloured Audi A4 sedan was stolen from Anzac Parade at Kingsford. The vehicle was recovered shortly after 7.30pm yesterday (Thursday 8 January 2015) on Bourke Street, near the intersection of Forbes Street, at Darlinghurst. A crime scene was established and the vehicle was examined by forensic specialists.

Investigators are now appealing for information to help locate a man, **Christopher Chandler**, who is wanted on an arrest warrant regarding the incident. Chandler, 22, is described as being of Caucasian appearance, fair complexion, with short brown hair, facial hair, about 175-185cm tall, green/hazel-coloured eyes and of a thin build.

If anyone sees Chandler, theyâ€™re urged not to approach him, but to contact **Triple Zero (000)** immediately. Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



10 January, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Your summer holiday caravan checklist

Summer's arrived, time to get the caravan out and dusted off in preparation for the holidays. Here's a list of things to check, so you are ready for a stress-free festive season.

[Click here](#) for full article from NRMA.

09 January: Travelling conmen "don't become another victim.

NSW Fair Trading Acting Commissioner John Tansey is urging people to be vigilant if approached by sales or tradespeople travelling door-to-door, following 117 complaints regarding travelling conmen in the last calendar

year. “Travelling conmen are opportunists who will use every conceivable trick to rip-off or make money from vulnerable members of the community,” Mr Tansey said.

[Click here](#) to watch the video Driveway Scam “ don’t get fooled by dodgy tradespeople.

[Click here](#) for the Stop travelling conmen Facebook page.

[Click here](#) to check the interactive map for reports of travelling conmen.

[Click here](#) for original Media Release from NSW Fair Trading.

08 January, A request for assistance from our neighbouring Ryde command.

Police have released images of a man they believe can assist with inquiries into an indecent assault in Sydney’s north last year. Around 10pm on Monday 15 September 2014, a 19-year-old woman was indecently assaulted by a man on Sutherland Road at Beecroft. The man attacked the woman from behind, knocked her to the ground and indecently assaulted her, before she managed to fight him off. He was last seen running towards Beecroft Railway Station. Following the assault, the woman contacted her family who duly informed police. The woman was examined and spoken to following the attack; she did not sustain any serious physical injuries.

An investigation into the matter is now being managed by Ryde Detectives and officers are following up a number of lines of inquiry. Police have established that the woman got off a train at Beecroft Railway Station shortly before she was assaulted, and detectives believe her attacker had also been travelling on the train.

Investigators have now released images of a man who may be able to assist with the investigation. He was seen on the train the woman had been travelling on; detectives believe he got onto the train at Central Railway Station. He was also captured on CCTV cameras at Beecroft Railway Station around the time of the assault. The man is described as being of Asian appearance, aged in his 20s or 30s, with black hair and of medium height and build. In the CCTV images, he appears to be wearing a light blue/grey jumper, brown pants and cream/yellow shoes.

Detectives encourage anyone who recognises the man to contact Crime

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





07 January: Donate safely to bushfire appeals

SCAMwatch is encouraging Australians who are considering donating to bushfire appeals to make sure they double check whether the appeal or its organisers are legitimate so that their generosity reaches victims, not scammers.

Protect yourself:

- If you are considering making a donation to a charity, cause or appeal, approach the organisation directly using their official contact details to make the payment.
- Check an organisation's credentials at the ACNC website

- If you are approached by a street collector, ask to see their identification. If you have any doubts about who they are, do not pay and contact the organisation directly. Don't rely on contact details provided by the person – find them through an independent source such as a phone book or online search.
- If you are approached at home or over the phone, ask the collector for details about the charity such as its full name, address and how the proceeds will be used. If they become defensive and cannot answer your questions, close the door or hang up.
- If you receive an email from an unverified sender, do not click on any links or open attachments and press "delete".
- Never give money or your financial details to someone you don't trust.
- If you think you've spotted a scam, report it to SCAMwatch or contact the ACCC on 1300 795 995. You should also spread the word to your friends and family to protect them.

[Click here](#) for full article.

07 January, from Mudgee command: Buyers beware of making on line purchases

Local people are frequently being scammed by on line fraudsters selling goods that never arrive. Sites such as Gumtree and eBay have safety tips for customers. Please read and follow their advice to lessen your chance of becoming a victim of fraud. Gumtree's safety tips can be found in the image below.

Staying safe while using Gumtree

1. When buying or selling, you should always **meet in-person to see the item and exchange money**. Gumtree encourages face-to-face, local trading. For personal ease and safety take someone with you, or have someone with you if a buyer is coming to your home or workplace. If this is not possible, arrange to meet in a public place. If you're answering a home service ad, ask the poster to produce identity and proof of qualification before inviting them into your home.
2. **Always inspect the item before agreeing to a sale**. Inspect all items carefully to ensure they match the description in the ad, and any issues are known before you finalise the sale.
3. **Never send or wire money to anyone you don't know**. This includes mailing cheques or using payment services like Bidpay, Western Union or Money Gram to pay. We believe that these forms of funds transfer are favoured by fraudsters.
4. **Gumtree doesn't offer any sort of buyer protection / payment programs**. Please ignore any emails you receive that refer to buyer protection/payment systems, even if they may have the Gumtree logo. If you receive any emails promoting these services, please [report it to us](#).
5. **Gumtree doesn't offer any sort of live chat support**. If you receive any emails containing a live chat link, please [report it to us](#).
6. **Always use common sense**. If it looks too good to be true it probably is!

[Remember: <ctrl> and <+> increase font size, and <ctrl> and <-> decrease font size.]

07 January, from eyewatch Stonnington Police: Have you recorded your serial numbers?

Read this post to see how useful this can be. If you would also like to mark your valuables with your licence number, please phone **Hornsby police station on 9476 9799** and borrow one of our Crime Prevention Officer's engravers.



Stonnington CIU Charged a 35 year old with multiple counts of possession of stolen property today, successfully resolving a burglary and theft operation. Of particular help to police in this investigation, was the victim had noted the serial numbers and detailed descriptions, including model numbers, of the stolen electronic and IT equipment.

Police are able to recover a fair amount of property, suspected of being stolen, in a range of ways. If we can link that back to an owner, there are more offences that an offender can be Charged with and we can return property to an owner, so

please help us to help reduce the impact of crime in our community.
Senior Sergeant Dagmar Andersen - Prahran Police

07 January, from the Australian Federal Police: What if you were walking along the street one day and saw something you believe may be a threat to our national security?

Would you know who to tell? Every piece of information however small, can help protect Australia. You can provide information on suspected terrorist activity to the National Security Hotline. Trained operators take every call seriously and you can remain anonymous.

The National Security Hotline number is 1800 1234 00 or you can email hotline@nationalsecurity.gov.au. Save the number in your phone. Just in case.



06 January, from Griffith command: PayWave Safety Tips: Paywave is a convenient way to purchase goods under \$100 without the requirement to enter your security PIN. Where is your card now?

When it comes to safeguarding your credit card information, it pays to follow a few simple tips:

- Always know where your PayPass is and keep it in a safe place.
- Check often to make sure none of your cards are missing.
- Keep a record of all your card numbers, expiration dates, and emergency phone numbers (located on the back of your card).

- Keep this record in a safe place, separate from your cards so you can use it if you need to report lost or stolen cards.
- If you suspect your card is lost or stolen, take action NOW.

Most thieves use stolen cards within 48 hours. If you suspect unauthorised activity on your account, stop using your PayPasscard and contact your financial institution immediately.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From the Hornsby Advocate, 08 January: BE WARY WHILE YOU SLEEP

January is certainly a time of hot days and sticky nights. This is why we must ensure we lock up at night to prevent unwelcome visitors. If you have security screen doors or windows, make sure they are secure before you go to sleep. If not, perhaps consider locking them open a small way to allow airflow but prevent entry. We are still seeing homes in our area entered by thieves looking for cash and valuables while you and your families sleep. This is happening far too often. If you are lucky enough to have airconditioning it is a good idea to use it instead of open windows. Detective Inspector Jon Gross Kuring-gai LAC

WAITARA Waitara 1st Scout Hall was the target of a graffiti attack between December 20 and January 6. Police said cream, blue and tan paint was used with the word "Fate" sprayed on the building multiple times and a bubble design sprayed twice.

WAHROONGA Four men, aged between 20 and 23, were issued with criminal infringement notices for trespass after an incident at Wahroonga Public School about midnight on Tuesday. Police were alerted by a nearby resident who noticed a vehicle pull up outside the school and four males enter the school grounds. One of the men was allegedly in possession of a sword. A bag containing cannabis, a Stanley knife and scissors were also allegedly found at the scene.

WAHROONGA Police inquiries are continuing after a youth, 16, tried to avoid police by running along railway tracks at Wahroonga early yesterday. About

12.45am, police were called to Grosvenor St after reports that several males were attempting to break into a car. When one of the youths spotted police he ran on to Wahroonga railway station, then on to the tracks. A short time later the youth was detained by the police dog squad. His mother was called and she took him home. Another youth was detained by police on the station platform. All of the youths were aged 14-16.

WAHROONGA A set of golf clubs valued at \$1500 was stolen from the storage cage of a unit block in Bundarra Ave South, Wahroonga, between 7pm on January 1 and 8am on Tuesday.

Join the emergency services

IN STORMS and other emergencies the dedicated volunteers at Hornsby SES are quick to lend a hand and now you can join this important organisation. There are many roles that a SES volunteer can participate in regardless of age, gender or ability, and all training is provided. To join you need to be 16 years and over. Details about volunteering, [click here](#). Training for new volunteers will begin in February. To register interest phone **Hornsby SES controller Bob Corbett on 0427 442 326**.

NSW POLICE BAND

Back by popular demand for a school holiday performance, the NSW Police Band will be rocking Hornsby Mall from 11am to 11.45am and then again from 12.30pm to 1pm. The PCYC will be running a BBQ on the day, so you can kick back to the tunes while enjoying the sunshine and a sausage sandwich.

Friday 23 January, 11am-1pm. Hornsby Mall. Free.



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia.

From Blacktown command, 06 January: Stolen Motor Cycle

A 2013 Yamaha WR450 was stolen from Kerry Street Blacktown last night. Rego NKH80.

Please keep an eye out for this bike and if you know or see anything that can assist Police ring **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**.



From the Hornsby Advocate, 08 January: Fresh faces on the force

FRESH out of the Police Academy and ready to tackle crime in the Hornsby district are three new recruits.

Picture: DAVID SWIFT Acting Commander Luke Spurr welcomes Nerida Blundy, Andrew Campbell and Jarrod Beckley to the force.

Probationary constables Andrew Campbell, Nerida Blundy and Jarrod Beckley have joined the Kuring-gai Local Area Command and are among 313 new police recruits across the state. Constable Beckley said he anticipated a big learning curve. "My dad was a firefighter," he said. "I sort of grew up in the emergency services environment. He (my dad) recommended I look into it (a police career) and I thought it would be a good idea." Constables Campbell and Blundy, who are originally from Brooklyn and Cherrybrook, are already familiar with the area. "I just got drawn to the job," Constable Campbell said. "It's a great way to help people. I think it's quite interesting because there's lots of things you can do (within the police force)." Constable Blundy said police work was what she wanted to do since she was young. "It's an active job and there are many options," she said.

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

Each quarter, all the Neighbourhood Watch groups within in the Kuring Gai Police command get together to see how they can help one-another, and support the local Police Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary. Want to take a more active role? Then please come along and give us your input. We appreciate fresh ideas to keep our community safer. Next week's meeting will be focussing on the upcoming Crime Prevention & Community Safety Day at Toolang Oval, St Ives. All welcome. Yes, that includes you!

From the North Shore Times, 09 January:

NORTH SHORE Residents in Killara, Lindfield and Lane Cove reported damage to their mailboxes and some of their mail stolen on Sunday, January 4. Residents from a unit block in Killara Ave, a unit block on the Pacific Highway in Lindfield and residents in Ralston St, Lane Cove all reported their mailboxes had been accessed. Police are asking residents to report any suspicious activity to Chatswood police on 9414 8500.

Smackdown on dreadful drivers

NEW penalties for drivers who repeatedly exceed the demerit points limit for their licence will start from February 1. Unrestricted licence holders who exceed their

demerit points limit twice in five years must resit and pass the driver knowledge test at their own expense. This is the test that all drivers must pass before they get their learner licence. They must also complete a driver education course. Provisional licence holders who twice exceed their demerit points limit must also resit and pass the driver knowledge test. Drivers who commit a second or subsequent drinkdriving offence in five years must pass a knowledge test before they can get their licence back. These new penalties are in addition to existing demerit point penalties.

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

This is your chance to see firsthand all the fantastic services we rely upon to minimise crime and help us to keep safe. Meet your local Police, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, State Emergency Services, and hopefully other emergency services too. They will be on hand to discuss any emergency issues, emergencies, graffiti prevention, etc. We also hope to have some other great St Ives associations along.

Lots of FREE give-aways for everyone!

There may even be a delicious sausage sizzle, weather permitting.



From Hornsby Shire Council: Download our App!

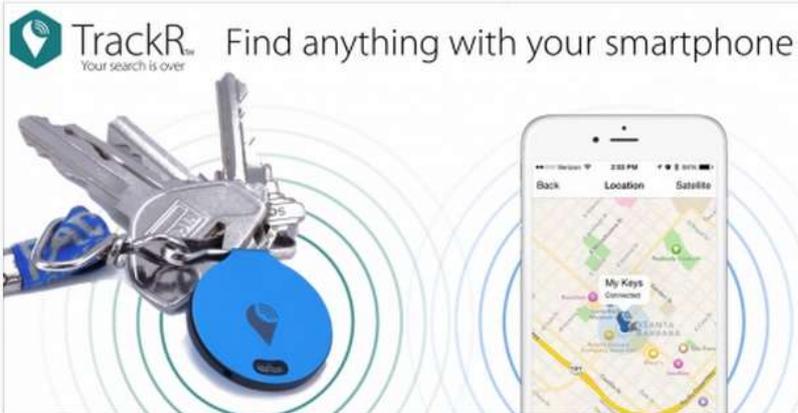
- Check sportground closures
- Search for your garbage and kerbside cleanup dates
- Find playgrounds, tennis courts, community centres and other facilities near you using the built-in maps
- Report issues to Council and upload photos directly from your phone
- Check water quality levels at popular swimming spots on the Hawkesbury River
- Find out whether the Hornsby Mountain Bike Trail is open
- Stay up to date with important announcements
- Sign up to Hornsby Council's monthly eNewsletters
- Find things to do in the events calendar
- Search the library catalogue
- Find a development application

[Click here](#) for more information.

REMINDER: If you see anything your council should know about, for example, an illegally-parked vehicle, a damaged pavement, dumped rubbish in a creek, a broken sign, use the FREE '**SNAP SEND SOLVE**' App. This app automatically works out which council area you are in according to GPS and generates an email to send to the council. Photo(s) can easily be included.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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From Over60Sixty: What to do in an emergency while traveling

[Click here](#) for full article, with advice.



Load fail! Thanks to Traffic & Highway Patrol command.

Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 18 January: Recycle your live Xmas tree (or other garden prunings to be chipped) 8am - 2:45pm. FREE to Hornsby Shire residents. Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai Phone 9847 4856

Tuesday 20 January: 'All Areas' NHW meeting. 6pm Gordon Police Station. All welcome.

Friday 23 January: NSW Police Band, 111m-1pm, Hornsby Mall. FREE. PCYC BBQ.

Monday 26 January: Australia Day celebrations. 11-3pm, Hornsby Park & 3:30-9pm, Bicentennial Park, W. Pymble.

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: 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.

BEROWRA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) at Berowra Exit

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 12 Jan 2015 - Fri 23 Jan 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Fri (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Exercise caution
Reduce speed

Other Info: This work will be carried out between 9pm and 5am from Monday 12 January to Friday 23 January, except Fridays and Saturdays, weather

permitting.

Lane closures will be in place while the work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers.

Gordon - not listed, but we know something's happening at Khartoum Rd, Gordon.

Hornsby: Roads to be resurfaced by Hornsby Council next week include Linda St, in selected areas and the Sherbrook Rd intersection during the nighttime.

Hornsby Heights: Roads to be resurfaced by Hornsby Council next week include Somerville Rd, between Galston Rd and Lynette Close (Hornsby Heights) during the nighttime.

Lindfield, Tryon Road: Heavy patching works completed prior to resurfacing scheduled for January 2015.

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.

Turramurra	Buckra Street (between Charlton Avenue and Merrivale Lane)	Shoulder construction completed prior to road resurfacing (yet to be scheduled).
	Canberra Avenue	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.

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

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

From the International Fund for Animal Welfare: Can you sew?

Koalas are one of the worst casualties of bushfires, and there are now dozens in treatment centres across NSW, VIC, and SA, who are in need of protective mittens. To help, download the special pattern and make your mittens from clean 100% cotton. Old sheets, tea towels or cotton t-shirts are ideal. Each mitten takes only minutes to make, even if you are not an experienced sewer. Send your mittens to

IFAW at 6 Belmore Street, Surry Hills 2010 and IFAW will distribute them to vets and wildlife carers, throughout Australia, who treat koalas.

[Click here](#) for full article.



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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