



# Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

## eNewsletter # 171 - 19 January 2015

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues. [Click here](#) to join our distribution list.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Click here](#) to email Gordon NHW. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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**19 January: Hornsby Police news, 19/1/15 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.**

Incident: Crash and drink driving charge pending.

Time/Date: About 4.45am Sunday 18th

Place: Cambourne Avenue, St Ives.

Vehicle 1: Commodore Ute.

Driver 1: 23 year old male

Details: The 23 year old ute driver was allegedly travelling with 2 female passengers in the car, one was on the lap of the other with no seat belt on. The ute has "lost control" and slid into the gutter and a tree. A female passenger suffered some injuries and was taken to hospital. A number of inquiries are still being made into the matter and police are expected to lay charges soon.

Incident: Middle range drink driving charge.

Time/Date: About 2.20am Saturday 17th

Place: Mt William Street, Gordon.

Vehicle 1: Mazda

Driver 1: 21 year old female

Details: The female driver who was a P2 licence holder was stopped for a random breath test which was allegedly positive for alcohol. A further test gave a result of .108. The female had her licence suspended by police.

Court: The female is to appear at the North Sydney local Court charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Middle range drink driving charge.

Time/Date: About 12.10am Saturday 17th

Place: Dural Street, Hornsby

Vehicle 1: Kawasaki motor cycle.

Driver 1: 18 year old male learner licence holder.

Details: Police observed the motor cycle on the Pacific highway with a pillion passenger. Police have activated lights and sirens to speak to the rider. The bike has turned into Dural Street, when police have turned into the street the bike was found on its side on the ground with the rider and pillion next to it. A roadside breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol, a number of inquiries were made into the riders licence status where it was found he held a learners licence. A follow up breath analysis gave a result of .126. The male had his licence suspended by police. About 1.50am police were in the area due to the bike being in an isolated area and have found the same male next to the bike, fearing he would try to ride home police have confiscated the bikes keys.

Court: The male is to appear at the North Sydney local Court charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol and not display L plates.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 4am Monday 19th

Place: Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst.

Vehicle 1: Suzuki

Driver 1: 35 year old male.

Vehicle 2: Prime mover and trailer

Details: The truck was stationary at traffic lights, as the lights turned green the truck has started to move off, the truck driver has felt a bump from behind and smoke or steam coming from the behind. The Suzuki for unknown reasons has hit the truck. The 35 year old Suzuki driver was taken to Hospital with minor injuries, the Suzuki had extensive damage. Police will wait the results of blood tests prior to taking any action.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 10.20am Friday 16th

Place: M1 Motorway, near Kuring-gai Chase Road.

Vehicle 1: Commodore

Driver 1: 41 year old female

Details: The female Commodore driver was travelling southbound on the M1 in lane 3 of 3. After she passed a truck she merged into lane 2 and for an unknown reason has started swerving and skidded back into lane 3. At some point the Commodore has allegedly clipped another car also in lane 3; this car was pushed into the Armco railing and crashed. At some point the truck was also hit in the incident, all 3 vehicles have stopped with police and ambulance staff attending. The female driver suffered minor bruising; the driver of the other car involved suffered bruising to most parts of his body, both drivers were taken to the RNSH. Police will be waiting the results of blood tests before taking action.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle.

Time/Date: Between 10am and 3.40pm Wednesday 14th

Place: Banool Avenue, St Ives.

Details: The Hilux owner has left an Ipad in the car with the doors unlocked. When he returned a few hours later the car had been entered and the Ipad was missing.

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.

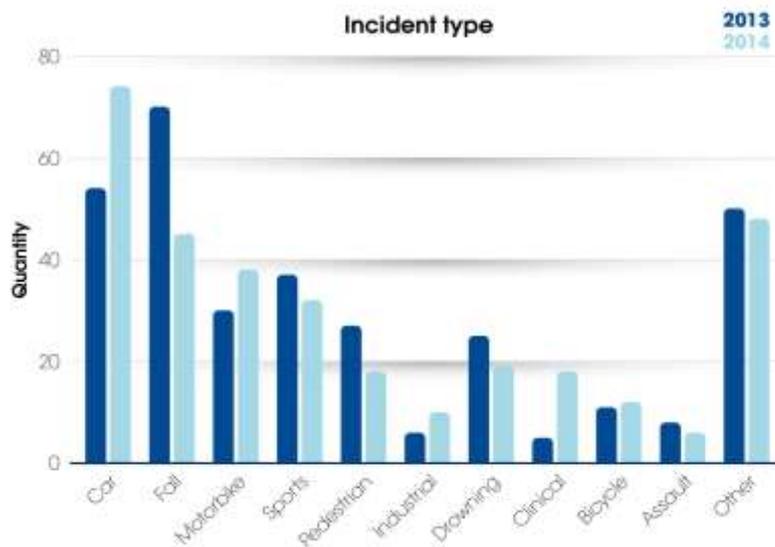
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### 19 January, from CareFlight: CAREFLIGHT RESCUE SERVICE MEETING GROWING DEMAND

The number of seriously injured patients flown to hospital by CareFlight's unique rapid response helicopter jumped almost 50% in 2014, according to a review of the year's activity. The rapid response service, based centrally in Sydney adjacent to Westmead Hospital, is the only service in Australia dedicated specifically to flying a specialist emergency doctor and paramedic directly to the scene of major trauma events. It also the only helicopter rescue service that relies mainly on community fundraising to keep flying, with no ongoing government funding and no large corporate sponsor standing behind the service.

[Click here for Media Release.](#)



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### 19 January, from our neighbouring The Hills command:

Do you own or know who owns a ring that has gone missing in late December 2014? A ring was located in the Castle Hill area in late December 2014. The ring is

valued at approximately \$15,000. The ring is possibly an engagement ring. Proof of ownership will be required if you believe you own the ring. Please share this post so we can try and identify the owner. Please contact the **exhibit officer by calling 9680 5380** if you have any information.

I can't believe this ring has not been claimed. This diamond ring was handed in to us and a jeweller gave us the valuation of \$15000. The ring was NOT found in Castle Towers but it was found in the Hills Shire. Help us solve this mystery. Was it lost? Was it stolen from a house? Has it just been misplaced? We have checked our records and can't find an owner. **Crime Manager**

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**16 January: Police have arrested a man in Lithgow after he was allegedly in possession of counterfeit notes today.**

About 9.30pm (Thursday 15 January 2015), police from Chifley Traffic and Highway Patrol attended a service station on Lithgow Street, Lithgow, to fill the car. On speaking to staff the officers were handed counterfeit notes that had been used in a previous transaction. Police commenced an investigation and attended other local businesses, including a fast food restaurant in Lithgow, where a number of counterfeit \$50 notes were seized. Early this morning (Friday 16 January 2015), following inquiries, officers attended a hotel on Main Street, Lithgow, and spoke to a 21-year-old Blue Haven man. The man allegedly handed over a number of counterfeit notes. He was arrested and taken to Lithgow Police Station where he assisted with inquiries. The man was released as investigations continue.

Police appeal for anyone that believes they may have received counterfeit notes, especially in the Lithgow and Blue Mountains area, to report the incidents to **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**, or local police. Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers.



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**14 January, from our neighbouring The Hills command: Champions Against Bullying: Teens read messages sent to friends after they committed suicide**  
[Click here for video](#) from News.com.au.



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**13 January, from the government's Stay Smart Online: Fake email uses ISIS threat to distribute malicious attachment: Alert Priority High**

You are advised to be cautious about opening any emails you receive that refer to an ISIS threat. New emails referring to ISIS terrorism activities carry a malicious attachment that can be used to infect your computer. The Australian Communications and Media Authority is experiencing a surge in reports of emails with the subject "ISIS attacks in sydney?" (sic). These emails encourage people to open an attached Word or RAR file by claiming the attachment includes

an article naming the Sydney locations ISIS plans to attack in 2015.

Clicking on the attachment could result in malicious code being installed that allows an attacker to take control of your computer. The email includes the contact details of the prominent [news.com.au](http://news.com.au) website in an attempt to represent itself as a legitimate email. It is highly likely similar malicious emails are in circulation using references to high profile, terror-related events.

For full Alert and full text of the email, [click here](#).



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**From NSW Fair Trading: Are you a home owner or tradie building or renovating?**

Help your project run smoothly by checking out the changes to NSW home building laws that started today. There are reforms to licensing, owner-builders, dispute resolution and more.

[Click here to view key info and FAQs.](#) [Click here to read the media release.](#)

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**From RSPCA S.A.: THE VIDEO EVERY PET OWNER MUST WATCH.**

Today RSPCA South Australia, in conjunction with [SA Country Fire Service](#), held the official launch of the Pet Emergency Plan campaign. The Pet Emergency Plan campaign is designed to ensure pet owners are well prepared to protect their pets in emergencies, particularly during bushfires. The initiative is funded by the Natural Disaster Resilience Program, and has been developed by RSPCA South Australia in partnership with the Commonwealth and State Government of South Australia.

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

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Pet Emergency Plan and to start planning today.

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**From the Australian Federal Police: Is it worth risking 25 yrs imprisonment?  
Or your health?**

A woman has been charged with importing heroin - internally. The pics show the clean pellets.

[Click here for Media Release.](#)



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

Have you penciled-in the date? Have you thought about offering your time for an hour? A great way to meet others in the community who care about a safer neighbourhood. Please [email Gordon Neighbourhood Watch](#) if you can help on the day. Thanks.



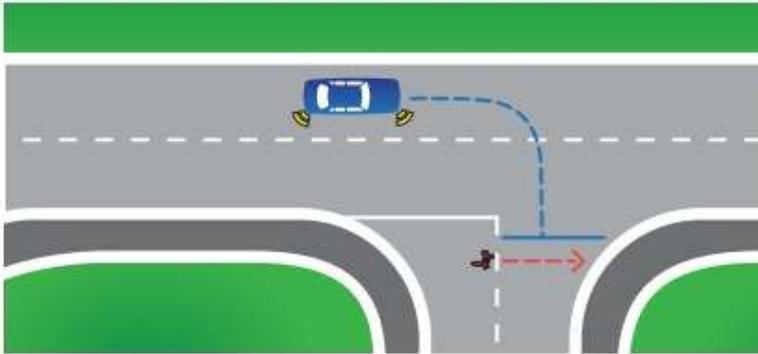
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### **READER's QUESTIONS**

**Now that we must give way to pedestrians at junctions, does that include at roundabouts?**

**Answer: No, roundabouts are meant to help the flow of traffic.** You do NOT have to give way to pedestrians crossing at a roundabout - this would hinder the flow of traffic.

## 2 Giving way to pedestrians when turning



If a driver is turning left or right at an intersection, the driver must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road the driver is entering.

This applies to intersections with and without traffic lights. However, this rule does not apply at roundabouts.

For their own safety, pedestrians should always check their surroundings before crossing the road.

[Click here for the Top 10 Misunderstood Road Rules in NSW.](#)

One of our readers is concerned about the crime prevention aspects in new developments. Here is an extract from the NSW Police website: **SAFER BY DESIGN** - "to ensure that development provides safety and security to users and the community."

### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a crime prevention strategy that focuses on the planning, design and structure of cities and neighbourhoods. It reduces opportunities for crime by using design and place management principles that reduce the likelihood of essential crime ingredients (law, offender, victim or target, opportunity) from intersecting in time and space.

### Safer By Design Evaluation

The Safer by Design program commenced in NSW in the early 1990s. The program is a co-operative initiative involving the NSW Police, local councils, government departments and key private sector organisations. The aim of the program is to ensure that development application proposals are routinely

assessed for crime risk, and that preventable risk is reduced before the development is approved.

### **Territorial Re-enforcement**

Community ownership of public space sends positive signals to the community. Places that feel owned and cared for are likely to be used, enjoyed and revisited.

[Click here](#) for more on Safer by Design from the NSW Police website.

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### **From the SES: Prepare for a storm NOW**

[Click here](#) for advice.



#### **Tip 4 How to be StormSafe**

For everything you need to know about staying safe from storms

[WWW.STORMSAFE.COM.AU](http://WWW.STORMSAFE.COM.AU) | BY [WWW.WISDOM.COM.AU](http://WWW.WISDOM.COM.AU)

[Learn More](#)

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### **Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in the 21st Century?**

Want to know more about NHW in NSW?

Want to do more with NHW in your area, eg re-start, re-invigorate, refresh?

Don't have a NHW group in your street?

Come along to the NSW Police/Neighbourhood Watch Australasia 'Neighbourhood Watch Information Day'. The invitation is extended to interested members of the public. FREE to attend. Lunch, Morning tea, Afternoon tea/coffee is provided. This is a must see information session where a range of subjects and topics will be discussed, including our own Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary from

Kuring Gai Local Area Command: "Working with your local Crime Prevention Officer".

**When?** Thursday, 19th February, 2015

**Where?** NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills.

**Time?** 8:30am - Registration. 9:00am - 3:30pm

**RSVP?** Register your attendance by Friday, 13th February 2015. Please reply to: [nhwinfoday@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nhwinfoday@police.nsw.gov.au) or phone: Crime Prevention Team (02) 9768 0722 or (02) 9768 0723.

**Agenda?** Please [email Gordon NHW](#) for a copy of the Agenda detailing the day's planned presentations.

**We'll be there - will you?**

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## **Surveillance**

People feel safe in public areas when they can see and interact with others, particularly people connected with that space, such as shopkeepers or adjoining residents. Criminals are often deterred from committing crime in places that are well supervised.

**Natural surveillance** is achieved when normal space users can see and be seen by others. This highlights the importance of building layout, orientation and location; the strategic use of design; landscaping and lighting – it is a by-product of well-planned, well-designed and well-used space.

**Technical/mechanical surveillance** is achieved through mechanical/electronic measures such as CCTV, help points and mirrored building panels. It is commonly used as a "patch"™ to supervise isolated, high risk locations.

**Formal (or Organised) surveillance** is achieved through the tactical positioning of guardians. An example would be the use of on-site supervisors, e.g. security guards at higher risk locations.

Taken from the NSW Police Force website - Crime Prevention.

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**Tips for Transport Security: Tip#10** Report anti-social behaviour. Always report any anti-social behaviour or harassment to your driver, guard, conductor or to the police. Program emergency numbers into your phone.

### **TAXI TRAVEL**

â€¢ Consider phoning for a taxi from a safe place, such as your place of work, rather than hailing one from the street.

â€¢ Specify the route you would like to take to your driver. If your driver takes an alternative route, be assertive and ask him/her to take your specified route.

â€¢ Sit in the back of the taxi and consider travelling with friends.

â€¢ Take note of the taxi company, driver's name and car number. Let the driver know that you've noted their taxi number.

â€¢ At night consider asking your driver to wait for you until you are safely inside your destination.

[Click here for NSW Police Transport Security Fact Sheet](#)

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### **READER's QUESTIONS**

**Q:** Why do we include items from the **Hornsby Advocate** and **North Shore Times**?

**A:** Because within our command, those who get the Advocate, don't get the Times, and those who get the Times, don't get the Advocate!

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### **From the Hornsby Advocate, 15 January: YOU CAN PREVENT OPPORTUNIST CRIME**

Crime prevention can be an involved process using intelligence, strategic policing and attention to environmental factors. It can also be very simple â€“ just lock up! Your police continue to investigate thefts that occur on unlocked targets. These include unlocked windows and doors in houses, unlocked garages at houses and units and unlocked cars. Criminals are often opportunists. They know they want to steal something, and they know if they look hard enough they will find unlocked premises or cars, which makes it easy to steal from and also does not attract the attention that breaking a window or door will do.

**GALSTON** A woman was taken to Hornsby Hospital for assessment after her car went off Galston Rd, near Galston Gorge, and landed 10m down the embankment on Friday. The westbound lane was closed and traffic was diverted.

**ST IVES** A woman, 45, was treated at Royal Northshore Hospital for cuts and bruises after she lost control of her car and hit a tree while driving east on Eastern Arterial Rd on Sunday night. Serious injury was averted when the car's airbags were deployed. Police are waiting for blood test results to make a final assessment.

**THORNLEIGH** A 43-yearold woman was handed two infringement notices after allegedly driving on the wrong side of the road with a passenger not wearing a seatbelt, along Oakleigh Avenue, on Monday afternoon.

**NORTH TURRAMURRA** Jewellery was stolen from an Apps Avenue house some time between December 20 and January 8. Thieves entered via an unlocked ground floor rear window. If you have any information, contact Hornsby police on 9476 9799.

**HORNSBY** Several rooms of a Lodge St house were ransacked with an amount of cash stolen between 9am and 6pm on Thursday. The offenders entered through a front window.

**GALSTON** A shop on Galston Rd had its front glass doors damaged on Friday night. An attempt to cut through the doors was made but was unsuccessful.

**WAHROONGA** A male offender is at large after breaking into an Isis St house on Sunday at 2am. Described as aged 16-17 and wearing a black cap, the offender gained access through a laundry window and went searching through two handbags. The house owner was woken after the offender smashed a car window. If you have any information, contact Hornsby police on 9476 9799.

**WESTLEIGH** Cash and jewellery was stolen from a house at Quarter Sessions Rd some time between 8am and 4pm on Friday. The thief forced their way through a locked ground floor rear window.

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**From the North Shore Times, 16 January:**

## REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR WINDOWS AND DOORS



Police would like to remind car owners and residents to close and lock doors and windows.

Police are still getting reports of thieves simply opening car doors and stealing property and homeowners leaving windows and doors either open

or unlocked. You are making it all too easy for a thief, and will be known as a soft target, so a thief may return or let their friends know about the easy job - either way you lose.

So lock it or lose it.

- John Gross, Kuring gai local area command

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### Dates for the Diary:

**Tuesday 20 January:** 10:30am Volunteer Information Session, Gordon Library. Morning Tea provided.

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

**Friday 23 January:** NSW Police Band, 11am-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:** Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

**Monday 28 September 2015:** Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

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Thanks to Cop Humour - Australia.

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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.**

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**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.

**DURAL** New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Fri 16 Jan 2015 - Fri 23 Jan 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week  
Fri to Fri (10pm to 6am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage  
Reduce speed

Other Work will take place on one night. There will be lane closures as required  
Info: and traffic controllers will be on site.

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** Pacific Hwy between Maclaurin Pde and Findlay Ave

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 19 Jan 2015 - Mon 26 Jan 2015

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

Advice: Check signage  
Allow extra travel time

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

and Merrivale Lane)

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.

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### **15 January, from the Hornsby Advocate: Tossers get off scot free [edited]**

EVER suspected that litterbugs in Hornsby get off scot free? Well if the paltry number of people issued fines for littering in the Hornsby local government area is anything to go by, you may be right. The latest figures reveal that Hornsby Council issued just 45 fines for dumping rubbish or cigarette butts in 2013-14. The light touch that councils are taking on litter enforcement right across the state is brought into sharp relief when compared with parking fines. Councils issued 7.5 million parking fines in NSW in the five years to 2012-13 slugging motorists a total approaching \$1 billion.

**Two Hands** is global movement where individuals rather than groups use their "two hands" to pick up rubbish for 30 minutes before posting a trophy snap on social media to encourage others to take part.

Silke Stuckenbrock and Paul Sharp are anti litter campaigners who are part of the Two Hands Project.

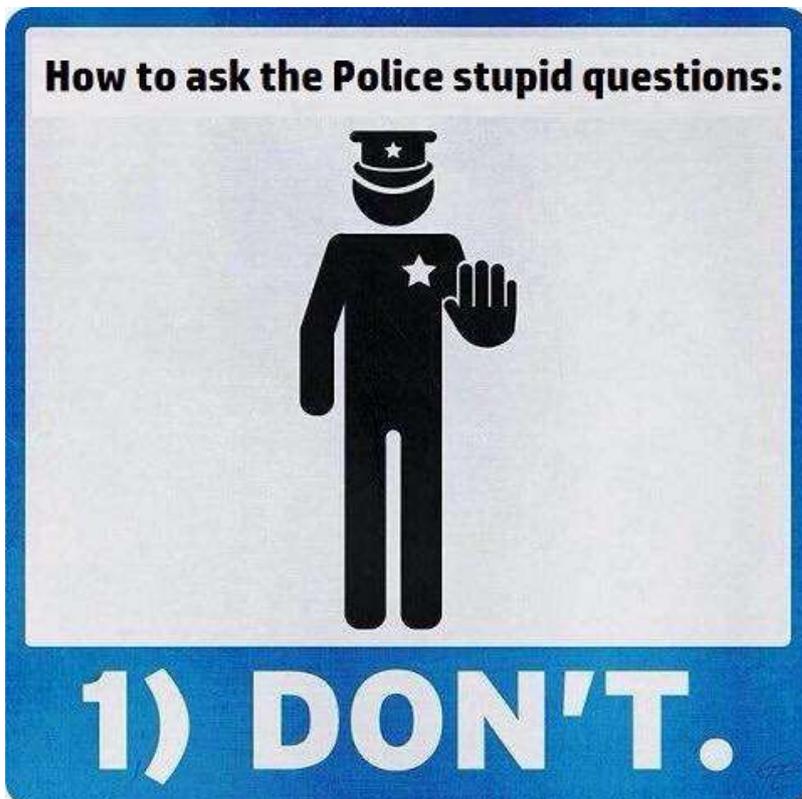


Picture: PETER CLARK

[Click here](#) for more info on the Two Hands Project.

[Click here](#) for the Two Hands Project Facebook page.

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## Important Contacts

**Emergency** (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

**Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799**  
**Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ridge Road (ex- Pac Hwy), 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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