



# Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

## eNewsletter # 178 - 09 March 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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### 09 March: When's the last time you updated your road rules knowledge?

Take the road rules quiz, [click here](#).



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### 08 March, from Traffic and Highway Patrol command: Load fails!



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### 08 March, from the Hornsby Advocate: Man, 19, dies after getting trapped under a car at Berowra Heights

A YOUNG man has died after becoming trapped under a car at Berowra Heights on Friday. Itâ€™s believed the 19-year-old was doing mechanical repairs on the car in Woodcourt Rd about 6.30pm when he became trapped.

Police from Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command attended with other emergency services and attempted to revive the man without success. A crime scene was established and police commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the manâ€™s death. Police will prepare a report for the Coroner and are urging anyone with information to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

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

**05 March, from Crime Stoppers: Police release images after Sydney ATM's targeted - [NSW Police Force Fraud and Cybercrime Squad](#)**

Police from State Crime Command's Fraud and Cybercrime Squad have released images of people who may be able to assist with inquiries into card skimming offences across Sydney. Investigators believe a group are currently working together to target ATM's of various banks, attaching skimmers and video cameras to the machines.

Officers **would like to interview three people in the CCTV images** released today in relation to these matters, as police continue to investigate the offences. The images were taken at about the time, of and in the vicinity of, skimming offences committed at Hurstville, Chatswood and Burwood in January this year (2015).



Anyone with information that may assist investigators, including the identity of

those depicted, is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

The Fraud and Cybercrime Squad works closely with financial institutions to ensure intelligence and images of people suspected of ATM skimming are promptly made available to the police for prosecution purposes; **however, would urge ATM users to take the following precautions:**

- When using an ATM, always use your hand to cover the key pad when entering your PIN.
- Always maintain security of your card.
- Be alert at all times when using your cards to purchase goods or withdraw money from an ATM.
- Report any people acting suspiciously around ATM's to the police.
- Regularly check your credit card statements and promptly report any irregularities to your financial institution.
- Always maintain sight of your card and ensure the transaction is processed in your presence every time you make a purchase.
- Retain your receipts from purchases for comparison purposes.

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### **05 March: Road Rules - Pedestrians. [Click here to watch video.](#)**

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 have said they need more clarification on, like mobile phone laws, roundabout rules and how and why we enforce in school zones. Road safety largely depends on road users being able to understand and follow the road rules, so share the animation links with your friends and colleagues and refresh your memory!



For more information on road rules download the Top 10 misunderstood road rules in NSW guide, [click here](#).

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#### **04 March, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police seize 1kg cocaine parcel destined for Mt Colah**

MORE than 1kg of cocaine destined for a Mt Colah address was seized by police on Monday. Police said the cocaine was sent in a parcel from South America. The bust follows investigations by the Organised Crime Squad and the Australian Crime Commission (ACC). Yesterday afternoon police arrested a man and a woman at Wahroonga and they were taken to Hornsby Police Station.

Organised Crime Squad detectives then executed a search warrant on a home at Kogarah Bay, seizing 1.2kg of white powder believed to be cocaine, \$170,000 cash and other items. A second search warrant was executed at Mt Colah where electronic items were seized. The estimated potential street value of the cocaine is more than \$2 million. A 42-year-old Kogarah man has been charged with two counts of supplying a prohibited drug greater than a large commercial quantity and dealing with the proceeds of crime. A 38-year-old Mt Colah woman was released pending further inquiries. Officers attached to Strike Force Aldred and the ACC's Operation Eligo began investigations into the commercial supply of cocaine in Sydney last month.

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

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#### **04 March, from the Hornsby Advocate: Man charged after police recover \$120,000 camper-trailer stolen from Berowra Heights**

A MAN is due to face Fairfield Local Court today after police recovered a \$120,000 camper-trailer stolen from a home in Berowra Heights. Ku-ring-gai Police, with the assistance of officers from the South West Metropolitan Region, executed a search warrant at an auto-centre business in Wetherill Park about 1pm yesterday. During the search, they seized the stolen camper-trailer, as well as a Toyota LandCruiser and a boat, both of which are believed to have been illegally obtained. A stun-gun, numerous rounds of 9mm ammunition, an expandable baton, a flick knife and other items were also seized from the business.

A 31-year-old man was arrested at the property. He was allegedly found to be in possession of approximately 28 grams of cocaine and a number of prescription medications. He was taken to Green Valley Police Station where he was charged with supplying a prohibited drug; dealing in the proceeds of crime; and possessing a prohibited weapon/ammunition. Police said the camper-trailer was stolen during

a **break and enter at a home on Turner Rd, Berowra Heights** between January 31 and February 7. Investigators from the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command's Proactive Team were notified of the robbery and immediately commenced an investigation into the matter.

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

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#### **04 March: Do you recognise these men? Armed robbery - Eastwood**

Police have released CCTV images and are appealing for witnesses following an armed robbery at a convenience store in Eastwood. About 1.40pm (Tuesday 17 February 2015), a 31-year-old woman was working at the counter of a shop on Terry Road, when three men entered with their faces covered. One of the men allegedly threatened the attendant with a knife. Another man grabbed a large number of confectionary products and cigarettes while the third kept watch. The three men ran from the store and were seen fleeing in a grey sedan toward Darvall Road.

Police were called and officers from Ryde Local Area Command attended commencing an investigation. The attendant was not injured during the incident. A search was conducted of the area but the three men were not located.



Investigators would like to speak to a man depicted in CCTV footage who may be able to assist with their inquiries. He is described as about 180cm tall, thin build and is shown wearing a black t-shirt and black pants and talking to the attendant. His right arm is heavily tattooed between his elbow and wrist. Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

[Click here](#) to view video.

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**04 March, from Blacktown command: Stolen motor bike.**

This bike with very distinctive stickers was stolen during a break and enter in Blacktown in February. If you have seen it or know where it may be, please contact **Blacktown Police on 9671-9199 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**



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**04 March, from Victoria Police: A man has returned home on Valentine's Day to find his Mercedes Roadster gone, believed driven away on the back of a tow-truck.**

Police have been told that the white 2007 Mercedes Benz SL65 AMG Roadster went missing, sometime between 12-2pm, from George Street St Albans while parked on the street. It is believed a witness saw two men and a tow truck in the street around the time the car went missing.



There are only five models of the SL65 AMG Roadster in Australia. Police have released images of the car in the hope it will assist the investigation. Anyone with any information is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

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**03 March, from News Local: Man from Carlingford charged with 'peep skirting', voyeurism after Go Pro seized**

POLICE are looking for at least 37 victims of a 38-year-old Carlingford man, who allegedly filmed up women's skirts, and into bathrooms.

The appeal comes after a Go Pro and a number of electronic storage devices were seized from the man's home in December last year. The storage devices depict the man, who is known to police, and a number of alleged acts of peep and pry, voyeurism, 'peep skirting' offences, along with acts of indecency, an indecent assault and aggravated break and enter offences. The offences are alleged to have occurred from October to December last year, in Carlingford, Epping, Beecroft, **Normanhurst and Thornleigh**.

[Click here](#) for full article.



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**From East Killara Neighbourhood Watch:** Our former Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, **Mary Walker**, has just received a 'Gems of Ku-ring-gai' award. Congratulations to Mary! Well deserved. Thank you Ku-ring-gai Council for recognising all her volunteer work at community events since Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) started in the 80's. "Mary has been involved with Neighbourhood Watch since it began in 1986, and has held a committee position since 2000. Mary also coordinated all the NHW groups within Kuring Gai NSW Police command for 2012/13. She has assisted with crime prevention stalls at community events, being the first there and the last to leave! All despite health problems. She is a Gem."



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### **HOMELESS SUPPORT SERVICES: Mission Australia**

For emergency accommodation and support services, call **Link2home**, a 24 hour information service that you can call toll free on **1800 152 152**.

If you are experiencing domestic or family violence and are seeking safety, information or advice, you can ring the **Domestic Violence Line** for help on **1800 656 463**. The Domestic Violence Line is a toll-free number and is available 24 hours, seven days a week.

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### **Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Community Funding Program for 2015 has opened.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

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**A big THANK YOU** to those Neighbourhood Watch volunteers that gave their time on the crime prevention stall at the recent **St Ives Food & Wine Festival** (Sunday 01 March). We heard it was a hot tho' productive day, with many many people approaching the stall and requesting information and advice. Welcome to the new readers that signed up for our eNewsletter that day!

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### Dates for the Diary:

**Monday 16 March: FREE** Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#)

**Thursday 19 March:** Workshop for supervisors of learner drivers, 6:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers Bookings essential ph: **9424 0798.**

**Tuesday 24 March:** Our CPO is giving a Crime Prevention seminar with Ku-ring-gai Council as part of Seniors Week: "Beat the Crims! One in, All in - Cops & Community!" 10:30-12, Council Chambers, Gordon. Bookings thru council.

**Wednesday 25 March: FREE** Safer Senior Drivers presentation. 10-12noon, Hornsby Shire Council Chambers. **Bookings essential:** 9847 6856.

**Saturday 28 March:** Ku-ring-gai Big Swing Festival, 5-10pm, St Ives Showground. [Click here.](#)

**Sunday 29 March:** Mt Colah Mingle Day, 2:30-5:30pm, Mt Colah Community Centre. NHW will have a stall.

**Monday 30 March 2015:** 8pm Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Turramurra Uniting Church.

**Monday 13 April:** 'All Areas' NHW meeting. 6pm, Gordon Police Station. All welcome!

**Tuesday 14 April:** SES Membership Info night. 7:30pm, HQ, Golden Jubilee Fields Complex.

**Sunday 04 May:** 10-3pm St Ives Festival on the Green. NHW will have a Crime Prevention stall there!

**Wednesday 03 June:** 5:30 for 6pm, Hornsby Police station. Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee meeting.

**Monday 22 June: FREE** Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#)

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

**Monday 21 September: FREE** Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#)

**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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At Toolang Oval we were asked about **information appropriate to teens**. So the next few items have been included especially for this age group. Have you a need for particular information? Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

### **From Sue Scheff Blog: Quick Tips to Report Cyberbullying on Twitter and Instagram**

One of my favorite advocacy groups, [iCanHelp](#) has recently launched their latest videos to give you step by step instructions for blocking people that are harassing you on Twitter and Instagram. Take the time to share these instructional videos with your friends and family.

[Click here](#) for blog and videos.

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### **From Browbeat: The best teen movie ever made about cyberbullying? The duff.**

[Click here](#) to watch the trailers and read reviews.

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### **Drink Spiking: What can you do to protect yourself against Drink Spiking?**

- Never leave drinks unattended.
- Buy your own drinks and know what you are drinking.
- Watch your drink service closely.
- Don't accept drinks from anyone you don't know and trust.
- Recognise any out-of-character behaviour and report suspicious behaviour.
- Refuse strong tasting drinks.
- Don't drink taste other people's drinks.
- Tell someone where you are going and with whom.
- If you feel strange tell a friend and go to a safe place.
- If you feel strange don't leave the premises with people you don't trust.

Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) for full Drink Spiking leaflet.

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### **For Parents: Warning Signs of Gang Involvement**

- Â· Obsession with particular colours and clothing.
  - Â· Increased interest in gangster music and culture
  - Â· Coming home with items they normally can't afford.
  - Â· Hand gestures to communicate with new friends.
  - Â· Withdrawal from family and friends.
  - Â· Rebelling at school.
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### **From FossBytes: How To Report Suicidal Posts on Facebook**



[Click here](#) for full article.

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### **Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW.**

**BROOKLYN M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) between Pacific Hwy overpass and Peats Ferry Rd**

**SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Thu 26 Feb 2015 - Fri 13 Mar 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week  
Mon to Thu (11pm to 5am) Northbound affected  
Fri (11pm to 6am) Northbound affected

Advice: Check signage  
Reduce speed

Other Info: Two of three northbound lanes will be closed.

### **HORNSBY** George St between Pacific Hwy and Burdett St

#### **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 9 Mar 2015 - Thu 9 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week  
Sun to Thu (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected  
Thu to Fri (9.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected  
Fri to Sat (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage  
Exercise caution

Other Info: Stop/slow conditions will be implemented to allow motorists to travel in both directions past this road work.

### **HORNSBY** Pacific Hwy at Leonard St

#### **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Wed 11 Mar 2015 - Wed 18 Mar 2015

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

Advice: Reduce speed  
Exercise caution

Other Info: Asphaltting and line marking requiring one night shift to complete.

### **PENNANT HILLS** Pennant Hills Rd between Trebor Rd and Railway St

#### **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 2 Mar 2015 - Wed 1 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week  
Mon to Wed (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected  
Thu (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Fri (9:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected  
Sat (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage  
Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Other Info: Two of three lanes will close in both directions for survey work.

**PENNANT HILLS** Beecroft Rd between Albert Rd and Pennant Hills Rd  
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 9 Mar 2015 - Mon 16 Mar 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week  
Mon to Thu (11am to 2pm) Northbound affected

Advice: Check signage  
Exercise caution

**PENNANT HILLS** Pennant Hills Rd between Boundary Rd and Loftus Rd  
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 9 Mar 2015 - Mon 16 Mar 2015

1 of 3 northbound lane(s) closed.

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week  
Mon to Thu (11am to 2pm) Northbound affected

Advice: Check signage  
Allow extra travel time

**PYMBLE** Pacific Hwy between Livingstone Ave and Bloomsbury Ave  
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Thu 19 Mar 2015 - Wed 25 Mar 2015

2 of 3 southbound lane(s) closed.

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week  
Thu to Fri (10pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected  
Fri to Sat (10pm to 5am) Southbound affected  
Mon to Tue (10pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected  
Tue to Wed (10pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Advice: Check signage  
Exercise caution

## **WEST PYMBLE** Ryde Rd at Lady Game Dr

### **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Sun 1 Mar 2015 - Fri 20 Mar 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week  
Sun to Fri (9pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Advice: Check signage  
Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Other Info: 1 of 3 lanes will be closed southbound.

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

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

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### **TIP OF THE MONTH: Record your IMEI (International Mobile Station Equipment Identity) in case your mobile phone is lost or stolen.**

It's a good idea to record your IMEI number. The IMEI (15 decimal digits: 14 digits plus a check digit) or IMEISV (16 digits) includes information on the origin, model, and serial number of the device. This is like the serial number for your phone, and can be used to help trace your phone or prove that the phone is yours, if it is lost or stolen. Find your IMEI number by looking underneath the battery, or by dialing \*#06# (asterisk, hash, zero, six, hash).

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### **From Hornsby Shire Council: Council is responsible for signs and banners throughout the Shire and can investigate unauthorised signage.**

Some signage is exempt from Council control, such as real estate signs and community banners. There are also a number of places in Hornsby Shire where short-term community banners can be displayed without consent.

Approval may be required for some advertising signage. For more information refer to the Advertising and Signage information sheet at the Department of Planning, [click here](#).

If you have concerns about unauthorised signage in Hornsby Shire you can ask Council to investigate.

[Click here for Signs and Banners Info, Community Banner Locations & Rules, Request for Investigation.](#)

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 05 March:**

**4 TURRAMURRA** Police say a '90s model white Holden Astra has been seen at a number of break-ins at Turramurra recently. A home in Coolabah Ave, Turramurra, was broken into between noon Saturday and 8.30am Sunday with cash and a ladies' handbag stolen. There was also an attempted break-in at a home in Burns Rd on Friday. Anyone with information is asked to call Hornsby Police on [9476 9799](tel:94769799).

**7 WAITARA** An 18-year-old Dee Why man has been charged with middle range drink-driving after his vehicle was stopped in Myra St, Waitara on Friday night. The man is due to appear in North Sydney Local Court on April 2.

**6 WAHROONGA** Wallets and handbags were stolen from a property in Grosvenor St, Wahroonga, between 11pm Saturday and 7.50am Sunday while the owners were home. Police said the thieves removed a flyscreen and entered through an open window.

**8 TURRAMURRA** Cash and jewellery were stolen from a home in Berrilee St, Turramurra on Sunday afternoon. The front door was jemmied open.

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## SAFER SENIOR DRIVERS

Seniors can get up-to-date information about driving skills and laws at our free presentation.

This educational event is for older drivers who would like to refresh their road rule knowledge. Light refreshments provided.

Wednesday 25 March, 10am-12pm. Hornsby Shire Council Chambers. Free. Bookings essential, call [9847 6856](tel:98476856) or [9847 6616](tel:98476616).



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**From the North Shore Times 06 March: Temporary Road Closures.**

8-10:30am Sunday 15 March: Westbrook Av, Hampden Av, Cherrywood Av, and Clissold Rd, North Wahroonga.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Temporary road closures**

Council has approved the temporary road closures of **Westbrook Avenue, Hampden Avenue, Cherrywood Avenue and Clissold Road, North Wahroonga, on Sunday 15 March between 8am and 10.30am.**

The purpose of the closures is to allow Special Olympics Sydney Upper North Shore to conduct its annual community Kuringgai Chase Fun Run.

*Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.*



Budget cuts! Thanks to UK Cop Humour.

## **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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