



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

eNewsletter # 214 - 16 November 2015

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-gai 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.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page [click here](#) (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 NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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16 November: Hornsby Police news, 16/11/15 The following relate to local

issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Middle range drink driving charge

Time/Date: About 4.40am Sunday 15th

Place: Galston Road, Hornsby Heights

Vehicle 1: Ford

Driver 1: 18 year old male.

Details: The ford was being driven south on Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights. The driver an 18 year old male has as he approached the intersection of Galston Road allegedly lost control and slid through the intersection and crashed into a fence on the opposite side of Galston Road. Police have attended to investigate the crash and while speaking to the driver gave him a roadside breath test which he failed, he was then arrested. A further test gave a result of .087, the driver was charged and had his license suspended by police.

Court: The male is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 10th December charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Believed to be about 11.59pm Sunday 15th.

Place: Redgum Avenue, Killara

Details: It appears a garbage bin was used to reach an external alarm siren at a home in Redgum Avenue. The alarm "screamer"™ was ripped from the wall and the home broken into which activated a back to base alarm. Several rooms were ransacked with a watch being stolen.

Warning, thieves will use ladders, bins and pergolas to reach higher windows or alarm sirens. Please secure these by locking them well away from the home.

Incident: Stolen motor vehicle.

Time/Date: Between 6pm Sunday 15th and 7.15am Monday 16th

Place: Orinoca Street, Pymble.

Vehicle 1: BMW M3.

Details: A BMW M3 sedan was stolen from a home in Pymble. The M3 was valued at an estimated \$60,000.

Incident: 3 x fires Hornsby

Time/Date: About 12.30am Sunday 15th

Details: Hornsby Fire brigade units were called to 3 fires that were lit in quick succession in Hornsby. A fire was lit at James Park, May Street and Sherbrook Road, within minutes of each other. At James Park an Otto garbage bin was set on fire, while in May Street and Sherbrook Road rubbish was set on fire on the roadway.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Over night Sunday to Monday.

Place: Kallang Parade, Wahroonga

Details: During Sunday night 4 cars were broken into while parked on the street. The cars a Toyota Yaris, Toyota Corolla and Audi Q5 and a Volvo all had windows forced open and property stolen including GPS units, iPods and charger cables.

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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16 November, from The Hills command: PLEASE KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE BELOW BIKE THAT WAS STOLEN FROM BEAUMONT HILLS.

BRAND: TREK, RRP: \$17,000

COLOUR: FLUORO YELLOW. CARBON WHEELS. CUSTOM MADE.

[Check out the article](#) and pictures courtesy of Rouse Hill Times.



IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE TREK RACING BIKE, PLEASE CONTACT CASTLE HILL POLICE ON (02) 9680 5399.



"When Paris turned out it's lights, the rest of the world turned them on"

Imgur: The most awesome images on the Internet.

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14 November: Police have arrested and charged a man in relation to the murder of Curtis Cheng at Parramatta on Friday 2 October 2015.



[Click here](#) for more information.

13 November, from the NRMA: Dashboard Warning Lights Explained

Picture this: you're driving down the M1 Motorway towards your holiday destination, then all of a sudden an orange warning light illuminates on your car's dash. What does it mean?



[Click here](#) for full blog.

13 November: A man will appear in court after allegedly producing and possessing counterfeit currency at a unit in North Parramatta.

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

13 November, from Marine Area command: View our outstanding stolen vessels. Click on each photo to view the details.



Marine Area Command - NSW Police Force added 74 new photos to the album:
Stolen Vessels.
November 7, 2011 · 🌐

👍 Like Page

[Click here](#) to view album.

11 November, from Liverpool command: Have you heard about the free mobile phone app "Daisy"™?

'Daisy' connects women suffering from sexual assault, domestic or family violence to support services. The app has now been updated and relaunched! The updated app contains new features including translated information across 28 language groups, a text-to-voice function for women with a vision impairment or low literacy

and an SMS function for women living in rural or remote areas. â€˜Daisyâ€™™ provides women with an easy-to-use list of specialist sexual assault, domestic and family violence services in their State or Territory and local area. Special features of Daisy include a Get Help function that allows users to quickly call 000 and a Quick Exit button to leave screens containing service information.



11 November from the Hornsby Advocate: Man charged over fatal crash

A MAN has been charged in relation to a fatal crash at West Pennant Hills in September.

[Click here for full story.](#)

11 November, from smartraveller.gov.au: Travelers of all ages and experience can be the target of scams overseas.

We see travelers losing thousands of dollars or being the subject of assault as a result of scams, and they can ruin holidays. Find out more about the most common scams and how you can protect yourself on our scams page, [click here](#).



10 November, from the North Shore command's crime report: High Range Drink Driving – Lane Cove

Shortly before 10:30am on Saturday 7th November North Shore Police stopped the driver of a silver Commodore on Epping Road Lane Cove near the intersection of Mowbray Road. The 25-year-old male driver from **Turrumurra** was subjected to a road side breath test which returned a positive result. He was arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station for a breath analysis which returned a result of 0.159. Enquiries revealed he was the holder of a P2 drivers licence. The 25-year-old was charged with High Range drink driving and his drivers licence was suspended. He will appear in Hornsby Court next month.

10 November, from the SES: Wear Orange Wednesday [#WOWDay](https://www.facebook.com/WOWDay) is on Wednesday 18th November 2015.

The focus of WOW Day is to encourage the community to show their support in a very simple but highly visible gesture by wearing the colour orange. This is the colour worn by SES [#volunteers](https://www.facebook.com/SESvolunteers).



[You can find out more here.](#)

10 November, from the NRMA: Is driving with headphones legal?

Although wearing headphones while driving is not explicitly illegal, the practice is dangerous and could result in prosecution if deemed to be the cause of an accident.

[Click here for full blog.](#)

10 November, from the Drug & Alcohol Research & Training Australia (DARTA): Is it OK to give other people's kids alcohol?



Is it OK to give other people's kids alcohol?

A study has found people tend to think supplying alcohol to teenagers is much less morally concerning than other illegal alcohol related behaviours such as drink driving.

SMH.COM.AU

[Click here](#) for full article from the Sydney Morning Herald.

10 November, from Marine Area command: How to get out of a Rip



How to get out of a rip

October 23, 2015: Hundreds of swimmers each summer have to be rescued on Australian beaches after being caught in deadly rip currents.

9JUMPIN.COM.AU

[Click here for video](#) from Channel 9 jumpin.

10 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: Oval damaged by car doing 'doughnuts'

A HORNSBY Heights oval was damaged by a car doing doughnuts on Friday night.



[Click here](#) for full article.



Neighbourhood Watch *Creating Safer Communities*

Anyone can view the local [Kuring-gai police Facebook page](#) (no Facebook ID or knowledge required). The NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) covers most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai suburbs.

REPORT FROM GORDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM held 700pm on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at the Gordon Bowling Club.

You missed a great one!

Our **Youth Liaison Officer (YLO), Senior Constable Stef Murray, NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC)**, spoke about her role as YLO. She illustrated with anecdotes from her personal experiences and what she shared was very interesting, thank you Stef. For instance, did you know?

- There is now a 'shoot to kill' policy in place.
- The Young Offenders Act has been so successful that less than 5% re-offend.
- If you are dealt with under the Young Offenders Act, there is a Police Record, but not a Criminal Record.
- Graffiti is no longer dealt with under the Young Offenders Act.
- Thus graffiti offences mean a Criminal Record!
- In Kuring-gai LAC young offenders are from all socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds.

Dr Cedric Spencer (Lawyer and Lecturer), spoke about children, the laws and legal issues - What can you do? What can't you do? Very informative, thank you, Cedric. Cedric was asked about the age for leaving a child at home alone, and has provided us with a soft copy response. [Click here](#) if you are interested. Other items of interest:

- Attendance at school is required.
- Suspension can be from all schools in NSW.
- Under 18yrs you cannot have a contract unless it is beneficiary or

necessary, eg a train ticket.

- Higher Purchase contracts with an under-18yrs are void.
- Children as young as 8yrs can testify as a witness in some instances.
- Medical treatment without consent is assault unless it is an emergency. Parents can give consent.
- A strip search cannot be performed on an under-10yrs.
- You must answer questions from the Police in a lock-down or road-block situation.

Cedric has shared with us the chapters of the **Law Handbook (Your Practical Guide to the Law in NSW)** relating to children/youths. Please [email us](#) if you'd like your own personal copy. Chapters such as: Children in the Criminal Justice System, The Young Offenders Act, Parental Responsibility, Leaving Home, Sexual Relationships, Tattoos & Piercing, etc.

The final page in the Law Handbook is a page of contact details for advice, information and help. We'll try and include some in our eNewsletters... Here's an example from Legal Aid: [Click here](#) for link to '**Fined Out - A practical guide for people having problems with fines**'.

A 'Thank you!' to Lindfield Print & Copy Centre for printing and laminating two A2 posters for the 'Warning - May contain nuts!' project, which provides FREE car rego plate locking screws to the public (Thank you to Neighbourhood Watch Australia community funding).

**Warning -
may contain
nuts!**



FREE!

CAR REGO PLATE LOCKING SCREWS

WHY LOCKING SCREWS?

Theft of NSW car and trailer number plates is very common. Number plates are generally stolen to enable other crimes to occur; from toll evasion, petrol station theft, to armed robbery getaway vehicles. Tamper resistant, one-way screws can help stop number plate theft and stop more serious crime.

To install:

Use a regular screw-driver, as normal.

To remove:

Pop along to your local Police Station.
The Police have a special screw-driver.



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Caring about Community Safety



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- supported by the
NSW Police Force Kuringgai Local Area Command

Website: www.nsw.gov.au/kuringgai
Email: WWWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com Phone: (02) 9476 3755

*Thanks to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia for supporting the
"Warning—may contain nuts!" project.*

Why not come along to our next crime prevention stall and pick up your FREE locking screws? Or [email us](#) your car make and model and we can arrange for them to be waiting for you at the Police Station (Hornsby or Gordon, your choice).

Do you know that there are now wallets for sale that are lined to protect against RFID?

Radio-frequency Identification is referring to the technology that reads the chip on your credit card. Please do your research. [This link](#) is given just to show an example of what is out there. Police and Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse a product or service.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 12 November:

DRIVE SAFELY DURING STORM SEASON

It's the storm season and we have been battered by some serious weather lately, with more to come. Rain is a major factor in car crashes and these increase dramatically during bad weather. This is because drivers don't allow sufficient time to stop, causing slides on wet surfaces. This is particularly dangerous in pedestrian areas and around schools. Crashes on our busy roads have farreaching impacts on traffic and cause further crashes and serious delays for other drivers. Reduce your speed by 10 per cent and this will improve your stopping ability and reduce your chances of a crash. Detective Inspector Jon Gross Kuring-gai Local Area Command

ASQUITH An elderly pedestrian was hit by a car while crossing Sherbrook Rd on Saturday afternoon. About 4.15pm, the 84-year-old male was walking across a pedestrian crossing when he was hit by a Ford Territory, driven by a 21-year-old Mt Colah man. The pedestrian was taken to hospital with leg injuries. Inquiries are continuing.

TURRAMURRA More than \$8000 worth of cash, property and jewellery, including two watches, a sapphire ring, medallions, coins and five small statues, were stolen from a home in Brentwood Ave between 1.45pm and 3pm Friday. Police said a lock on the ground floor rear door had been forced.

TURRAMURRA An elderly motorist was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with minor injuries after an accident in the Turramurra Plaza shopping centre car park on Saturday afternoon. Police said the 91-year-old motorist was attempting to park about 3.30pm when he put his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake, causing his Toyota Camry to hit another car. There was extensive damage to both vehicles.

NORMANHURST A Honda CRF 450 off-road bike was stolen from a garage at a home in Eaton Ave between 11pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday. About 11am on Monday a resident in Hammond Ave discovered the bike in his front yard with tree branches covering it. It is believed the thief placed the bike there and planned to come back later for it.

THORNLEIGH An attempted break-in occurred at a business on Dartford Rd between 1.30pm and 6.45pm Sunday. Police said someone tried to enter the

business through a window but was unsuccessful.

HORNSBY The bonnet of a Hyundai parked in Edgeworth David Ave was sprayed with paint between October 30 and November 6. The vandal drew a phallic symbol in the paint with their finger. The car's mirror was broken and there were dents in the bonnet and near side door.

TURRAMURRA Blue paint was sprayed on three sides of a sports pavilion at Turramurra Memorial Park, in Karuah Rd, about 9.30pm on Saturday. When police arrived they observed five youths in the area. They searched the youths but found no evidence that they were involved. They also searched a number of youths at Turramurra railway station but located nothing. Inquiries are continuing.

BROOKLYN Ku-ring-gai area police were out in force in Brooklyn over the weekend as part of the Bridge to Bridge Water Ski Classic. The police launch assisted a boat that had broken down and made sure spectator craft were kept clear of the race area. Police also conducted licence and compliance checks.

GLENORIE Thieves have stolen 30 horse jumps worth \$7800 from the Glenorie Pony Club. The items were kept in a horsebox in the grounds at Dilkera Rd.

GLENORIE Jewellery, a jewellery stand and wallet were stolen from a property in Cairnes Rd between 2.25pm and 3pm Friday. Police said the thief removed a flyscreen and entered through a window. A number of rooms were ransacked.

DURAL Vandals caused \$400 damage to two light poles outside a restaurant in Old Northern Rd about 11pm Friday.

Technology leaves privacy laws behind [edited]

PROTECTING your privacy has become increasingly hard due to the rapid growth of social media, technological improvements and increasingly affordable surveillance equipment. From revenge porn "where jilted lovers post sexually explicit images on social media or internet forums" to hacking scandals, an increasing number of people are suffering emotional and financial distress as a result of breaches of their privacy. Technologies such as surveillance drones, which can fly overhead and film people in their backyards and on private property, have become more affordable. In NSW, the failure of the legal system to keep up with these rapid advances has sparked a parliamentary inquiry into the protections available to help people keep their private information safe, as well as remedies for

serious invasions of privacy. Fiona Seaton. Partner, Turner Freeman.

[Click here](#) for online viewer of Hornsby Advocate - you need to access 12 November edition, page 20.

Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 15 to Saturday 21 November: [WayAhead - Mental Health Association NSW](#) are hosting Perinatal Depression & Anxiety (PNDA) Awareness Week.

Tuesday 17 November: Hornsby Council Parents of Learner Drivers workshop. 630-830pm Council Chambers. **Bookings: 9847 6856.** [Info.](#)

Tuesday 17 November: Troubled by teenage behaviour? ToughLove parent support group 7.30-9.30pm, Red House behind Thornleigh Baptist Church. **Details: 0434 504 369.**

Wednesday 18 November: WOW! Day - Wear Orange Wednesday to support SES volunteers.

Monday 23 November: Well-being Expo - orgs & services for young people's health. 3-6pm Turramurra High School.

Tuesday 24 November: Hornsby Council Safer Senior Drivers presentation. 10-12 @ Council Chambers. **Ph: 9847 6856.**

Wednesday 25 November: White Ribbon Day.

Thursday 26 November: Child Seat Safety Checking Day. Brickpit Sports Centre car park, 1B Dartford Rd, Thornleigh. **Ph: 9847 6856.**

Thursday 03 December: Hornsby Council's **FREE** Safer Senior Drivers Workshop 10-12noon at Council Chambers. Bookings essential. **Phone 9847 6856.**

Friday & Saturday 04 & 05 December: Xmas Event. Philip Mall, Kendall St, West Pymble. [Info.](#)

Saturday 05 December: Xmas Spectacular, Hornsby Park in front of the pool. 5-9pm. Kuring-gai Police command & NHW will have a joint crime prevention stall there. [Info.](#)

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 2016: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut, 9-330pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info.](#)

From North Shore Times, 13 November:

Watch for scams North Shore Local Area Command are warning bank customers to ignore text messages from a bank claiming that ANZ Australia has deactivated their account. Such text messages are most likely a scam and people should go to their bank's official web page or contact them directly to verify any messages.

Ku-ring-gai Council has approved the **temporary closure of Henry St, Gordon between Cecil St & Ravenswood Av from 4pm on Saturday 21 to 8pm on Sunday 22 November**. The purpose of the closure is to allow Ravenswood School to hold the Ravenswood Fair. Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you?

View the Live Traffic NSW website [here](#).

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, [click here](#). Apple, [click here](#).

From Hornsby Shire Council:

Paint & Chemical CleanOut date? Wait until December, when Council will begin accepting chemicals all year round at its Thornleigh depot.

Needles and medical sharps Needles and sharps waste must never be placed in street litter bins, domestic garbage or recycling bins. They must never be in any other public place. If you discover a needle or syringe in a public place, contact the **NSW Health Needle Clean-Up Hotline immediately on 1800 633 353**.

A warning to cyclists from one of our readers:

I have been in a car accident where a cyclist following me didn't manage to stop and went into the back of my vehicle. At the time I braked the cyclist was having a drink from a drinks bottle. Is this a warning for cyclists that could be shared? (By-the-way the cyclist was OK, but the boot needs replacing.)

Have you heard of this guy? Alfie Moore - British Bobby, comedian and after dinner speaker. This video had us in fits of laughter.



UK Cop Humour

November 14 at 7:45am · 🌐

Have you heard of this guy? Alfie Moore - British Bobby, comedian and after dinner speaker. This video had us in fits of laughter:



Alfie Moore - Humorous After Dinner Speaker & Presenter

<http://youtu.be/vZffffmNR5g>

YOUTUBE

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 Ferry Road (ex-Pacific 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

Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450

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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