



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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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.

Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. **To subscribe, [click here](#).**

23 November: We've uploaded the newest information from the NSW Police

MyNite.com.au website because it's that time of year for a party - warmer weather and Schoolies. Please have a look at the website. There's heaps of useful information, including sections on: alcohol, breaking the law, cyber crime, sex, driving, violence, drugs, graffiti, parties, offensive behaviour and legal advice, as well as the tips and notification that we have just posted. Why tell us about your party? It tells you on page 6.

Most of all, please make sure you have a good time!

[View MyNite website here.](#)



[Email us](#) for a personal copy to be emailed to you.

23 November: Hornsby Police news, 23/11/15 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Excessive speed

Time/Date: About 9.05pm Saturday 21st

Place: Mona Vale Road, St Ives.

Vehicle 1: BMW

Driver 1: 20 year old male.

Details: Highway patrol officers noticed the BMW travelling at high speed on Mona Vale Road in the 60 km/h speed zone. A Radar reading showed the BMW travelling at an alleged speed of 124km/h in the 60 zone. The driver was stopped

and spoken to by police; the driver, a P2 licence holder received a ticket for speeding. The driver's licence was suspended for 6 months and the car's registration was suspended for 3 months.

Incident: Tree falls on road.

Time/Date: About 6.30pm Saturday 21st

Place: Eastern Road, Wahroonga

Details: During Friday a large liquid amber tree dropped a large branch onto the roadway. About 6.30pm Saturday the same tree snapped and fell completely, landing on power lines and onto a Corolla parked nearby. The tree blocked traffic in both directions with local power being cut for several hours. The Corolla had minor damage, no one was in the car at the time.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 11am Friday 20th

Place: Toolang Road, x Collins Road, St Ives.

Details: An 18 year old female driving a Hyundai was travelling along Collins road, stopped to turn right into Toolang Road. Due to limited vision the driver was waved on by a pedestrian. Part way through the right turn the female's Hyundai hit a Mazda travelling in the opposite direction. Both cars received extensive damage with the 18 year old being taken to RNSH with a fractured right arm. Police will wait for the results of blood test prior to proceeding with any action.

Incident: Small grass fire

Time/Date: About 1.30pm Friday 20th

Place: Berowra Water Road, Berowra Heights.

Details: A small grass fire started half way down Berowra Waters Road toward the ferry. The fire burnt about 5m of grass and was put out by the RFS. It appears a cigarette butt has started the fire but this cannot be confirmed, it was also during the hottest part of the day.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident 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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23 November, from Penrith command: On a typical 30°C Australian

summer's day, the temperature inside a parked car can be as high as 70°C.

With temperatures in the last few days reaching 37°C its a timely reminder to never leave a child or animal in a hot car.

WHAT IF I FIND A CHILD UNATTENDED IN A CAR?

Look for the parents or carers. If they can't be found, if the child is distressed or you are concerned about the child's health, don't delay – call 000! Give your location, the vehicle registration number, the approximate age of the child and the condition of the child. If the car is unlocked, open the doors and shield windows with a blanket etc. Wait for emergency services, or safely try to remove the child from the vehicle if you are concerned about the child's condition as every second counts!

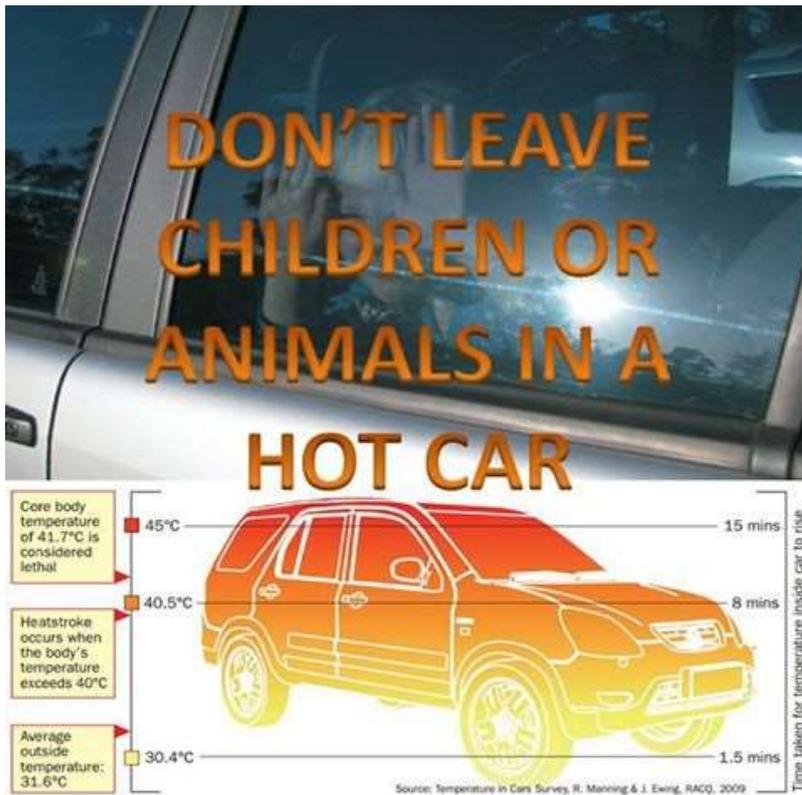
IT'S AN OFFENCE...

Section 231 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 reads: A person who leaves any child or young person in the person's care in a motor vehicle without proper supervision for such a period or in such circumstances that: (a) the child or young person becomes or is likely to become emotionally distressed, or (b) the child's or young person's health becomes or is likely to become permanently or temporarily impaired, is guilty of an offence.

For more information from KidSafe, [click here](#).

To report suspected abuse or neglect to NSW Community Services, [click here](#).

For info from the NRMA on Kids in Hot Cars, [click here](#).



22 November, from NBN News.com.au: SCARY SCENES ON THE M1

A man is due to face court after he allegedly threatened motorists with a replica pistol, while travelling on the M1, between Newcastle and Sydney.

[Click here](#) for full article.

22 November, shared from our neighbouring Harbourside command:

21/11/2015 Wollstonecraft 2.00am. Police received numerous calls in relation to a violent domestic, with reports of a woman screaming hysterically, a man yelling "I'm going to kill you, you're dead! Die Die!!", with the sounds of furniture being tossed around the unit. Numerous police cars responded to the address and began banging on the door. A man answered the door, out of breath and rather flushed with the following conversation:

Police: "Where's your wife?"

Male: "I don't have one"

Police: "Where's your girlfriend?"

Male: "umm I don't have one"

Police: "We had a report of a domestic and a women screaming, where is she?"

Male: "I don't know what you're talking about, I live alone"

Police: "Come on mate, people clearly heard you yelling you were going to kill her and furniture getting thrown around the unit"

At this point the male became very sheepish.

Police: "Come on mate, what have you done to her."

Male: "It was a spider"

Police "Sorry?"

Male: "It was a spider, a really big one!!"

Police: "What about the women screaming?"

Male: "Yeah sorry that was me, I really really hate spiders"

As it turns out the male was chasing a rather large spider around the unit with a can of Mortein. After a very long pause, some laughter and a quick look in the unit to make sure there was no injured party (apart from the spider), we left.

20 November, from Berowra Fire Station: Today Berowra fire station has been very busy.

This fire on Berowra waters road was most likely caused by a discarded cigarette.

Please be careful on these very hot days. A big thanks to the passers by who helped with an extinguisher. This fire had the potential to spread extremely rapidly to all surrounding bushlands and houses on Turner and Nayla Rd. But thanks to the callers with the exact location we were there in minutes to knock the fire down quickly.

There was another fire on the M1 at Berowra and a series of other calls, including leaking gas bottles, over heating machinery and bush walkers and with heat exhaustion.

Please be safe in the heat!!

20 November, from NSW Incident Alerts: National Parks & Wildlife Service close a number of parks & reserves due to fire risks.

[Click here](#) for full list of Park Alerts.

For example, Berowra Valley National Park - Restricted Access.

Garigal National Park - Closed Areas.

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park - Closed Areas.

Lane Cove National Park - Safety Alerts.

19 November: A message from NSW Health regarding electronic cigarettes: From 1 December 2015 it will be illegal to use an e-cigarette when a child under 16 is in the car.

From 1 December 2015:

- it will be an offence to use e-cigarettes in cars with children under the age of 16 present; and
- new provision will apply to the display and advertising of e-cigarettes and accessories.

The sale of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories to a minor is subject to the same maximum penalty as the sale of a tobacco product to a minor:

- a penalty of \$11,000 for an individual or \$55,000 for a corporation; and
- for repeat offenders, a penalty of \$55,000 for an individual and \$110,000 for a corporation.

For further information please visit the NSW Health website, [click here](#), or call **1800 357 412**.

19 November: It is really hot. Many people will attend licensed premises. Police will NOT tolerate argumentative behaviour when patrons have been asked to leave!!!

ASKED TO LEAVE A LICENSED PREMISES??....

Did you know that under the Liquor Act 2007 Section 77 it states that where a

troublesome patron refuses to leave a licensed venue when asked by an "authorised person", the patron commits an offence. Grounds for ejection include the patron being intoxicated, being violent, quarrelsome or disorderly, smoking or using or possessing prohibited drugs. Offenders face an on-the-spot fine of \$550 for each offence and maximum court fines of \$5,500. The definition of authorised person and intoxication comes from Section 77 of the Liquor Act 2007.

[Click here](#) for further information on the website of NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming And Racing.

NO EXCUSE!
\$550 on the spot fine

You will be refused entry or asked to leave this venue immediately if you are:

- intoxicated
- violent
- quarrelsome
- disorderly
- smoking in a smoke-free area
- using or in possession of prohibited drugs

If you are refused entry or asked to leave for being intoxicated, violent, quarrelsome or disorderly, you must:

- be in the vicinity of the premises (more than 50 metres)
- not re-enter or attempt to re-enter the premises within 24 hours
- not re-enter the vicinity of the premises for six hours

If you don't comply you're committing a crime.

NSW GOVERNMENT
Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing

19 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: Firebug strikes in Hornsby
A FIREBUG lit three fires within minutes of each other in Hornsby early Sunday morning.

[Click here](#) for full article.

19 November, from the NRMA: Where do you stick your Ps?
A run down of the penalties for poorly placed plates.



[Click here](#) for full blog.

18 November, from the NRMA: TEST TIME: Which vehicle must give way?

- Vehicle A
- Vehicle B

Test question courtesy of QLD Department of Transport and Roads.



The answer is Vehicle B must give way to vehicle A. A driver entering a road from a slip lane must give way to all vehicles (except those performing a U turn) on the road they are entering.

[See this page](#) for more information on the Intersections road rules.

17 November, from 9News.com.au: NSW police to shoot first to prevent further terrorist attacks

NSW police are being trained to shoot first when dealing with armed attackers in a bid to prevent further deaths at the hands of terrorists.

[Click here](#) for full article.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips Concerning Fire Issues':

Tip #2. BE AWARE OF PEOPLE ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY IN YOUR AREA.

Record details such as their appearance, car descriptions & registrations. Contact Crime Stoppers: 1 300 333 000.

Tip #5. PLEASE BE ALERT AROUND SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS AND AT WEEKENDS. Report any suspicious activity or groups of youths. Phone School Security Unit: 1300 880 02.

Tip #6. FOR BUSINESSES, INCLUDE ARSON IN YOUR BUSINESS RISK ASSESSMENT PLAN AND INCLUDE ARSON RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Tip #11. "VANDALISM-MOTIVATED ARSON"™ IS A SPONTANEOUS CATEGORY INVOLVING PEER PRESSURE. Be aware of unusual behaviour, and look for matches, lighters, cigarettes, spray paint cans, hairspray, perfume, tissues, or flammable liquids. Most fires occur in the evening or at night, Friday or Saturday.

Tip #18. BEWARE PLUG-IN ROOM SPRAYS, WHEAT BAGS, ROOM HEATERS, CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS, AND OTHER NOTORIOUS FIRE RISK PRODUCTS. Subscribe to NSW Fair Trading alerts concerning dangerous products and product recalls: fairtrading.nsw.gov.au

[Click here](#) for link to NSW Fair Trading Alert Service.

Tip #20. DOWNLOAD THE "Fires Near Me"™ App FOR UPDATED INFORMATION FROM THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE. CONSIDER THE "Emergency+"™ App FOR YOUR GPS AT ALL TIMES.

AND€| WHEN TRAVELING, PLEASE DO NOT USE THE HOTEL"™S SPRINKLER SYSTEM VALVE IN THE CEILING AS A COAT-HANGER HOOK!

[Email us](#) for your copy of any of the 20 Tips series.

[Click here](#) to view our Neighbourhood Watch website's Crime Prevention resources web page, with all the '20 Tips' series available as downloads.

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.

All the Neighbourhood Watch groups within the command have a common website, '[Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby](#)'. You can easily download any of the Neighbourhood Watch resources, such as the '**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips...**' series, from the [Crime Prevention page](#).

Apologies for the error in last week's eNewsletter. The blog from the NRMA had no link. [Here is a good link](#) to **Dashboard Warning Lights Explained**.

Thanks also for the feedback about the **video from policeman-turned-comedian Alfie Moore**. If you didn't read to the bottom of the email, several people think you missed a treat!



Please keep your comments and suggestions coming, thank you.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 19 November: Drivers failing to give way

A DISABLED man who uses a mobility scooter is fed up with motorists who fail to give way to him at crossings in Pennant Hills. Kris Tucker, 46, said it was difficult to cross, particularly in Bellamy and Ramsay streets. "They (the motorists) just keep going, it's crazy," Mr Tucker said. "They see me and ignore me. They are in such a hurry to get wherever they are going, they can't wait two seconds." Mr Tucker, of West Pennant Hills, suffered a stroke three years ago during surgery and is no longer able to drive. "It's my daily trip to come here and have a coffee, to get back into the community and try and regain what I can of my life," he said. "I phoned the police and they said, 'We can't

help you, get your carer to go with you™,• the father of two said.

Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime prevention officer Paul Cleary said **motorists were required to give way to mobility scooters at pedestrian crossings**. •A mobility scooter is **recognised as a pedestrian** under the Australian road rules,• he said. However, reporting an incident was not enough. The victim needed to write a statement and be prepared to attend court and must have an independent witness. Senior Constable Cleary said it was important that people using mobility scooters **wore high-visibility clothing** so they could be clearly seen by motorists.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE INCREASE



Lock your doors if you don't want to lose property. It is a message we have shared many times in the past, but if you leave valuable items in your car and if you don't lock the doors you will lose them. There has been a recent increase in thefts from motor cars, usually with iPads and mobile telephones stolen

and the thief just opens the door and takes what they want. We have been able to track on a map as the crook has walked along the street opening doors. So, install proprietary device tracking apps, park legally, take your valuables, lock the door and avoid being victimised.

Detective Inspector Jon Gross
Kuring-gai Local Area Command

1 GALSTON GORGE A truck driver has been fined \$2196, and lost six demerit points after driving his oversized vehicle into Galston Gorge about 3.15pm on Monday. The truck got stuck on one of the hairpin bends, closing the gorge in both directions for about an hour. An RMS spokeswoman said the driver also faced having his registration and licence suspended. The truck measured 11.7m, which is more than 4m above the permitted maximum length of 7.5m for vehicles travelling through the gorge. Another oversized truck got stuck in the gorge earlier in the day, but the driver was able to reverse it out after the morning peak.

From the North Shore Times, 20 November: Thanks also to Ku-ring-gai

Council.

4 LINDFIELD Police are looking for a man who stole five bottles of alcohol from a liquor store on three separate occasions. In the afternoon and evening on November 5, 6 and 11, the man stole bottles of alcohol from the display counter of a liquor store on the Pacific Highway. He is described as being in his mid to late 20s, caucasian, slim to medium build and 175cm tall and was wearing dark clothing, a hooded jacket, long pants and sunglasses. If you have any information please call Chatswood police station.

A reminder to dog owners

Most dog attacks in Ku-ring-gai occur outside a dog-owner's property. Please keep your dog on a leash when outside and ensure it is safely fenced in when at home. For advice about managing your dog contact the Council on 9424 0000 or visit kmc.nsw.gov.au/dogs

[Click here](#) for link to Ku-ring-gai Council 'Tips for Dog Owners'.



Are you a responsible dog owner?

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is your dog identified with a collar, tag and microchip?
- Is your dog desexed?
- Has your dog been registered if it's over six months of age?
- Is your yard secure to prevent your dog from roaming?
- Do you always clean up after your dog?
- Is your dog well exercised, socialised with other dogs and had some form of training?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you are right on track with responsible dog ownership.



Dog attacks

A dog that rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal, whether or not any injury is caused, has committed a **dog attack**.

FINE FOR A DOG ATTACK IS \$550

Fines under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998:

Dog not microchipped	\$165
Dog not registered	\$165
Dog without identification tag	\$165
Dog not on a lead	\$220
Failure to remove dog poo	\$275

Information correct as at April 2013

9424 0000
www.kmc.nsw.gov.au



Thanks also to Ku-ring-gai Council.

Dates for the Diary:

November is Asbestos awareness month. [Info.](#)

Saturday 21 - Sunday 29 November: Social Inclusion Week. [Video.](#)

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.**

Friday 27 November: Hornsby Shire Council Sale of abandoned motor vehicles. [Info.](#)

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 Hornsby Shire Council: Registering Your Pet

[Click here](#) for link to 'Registering Your Pet' web page.

[Click here](#) for link to 'Frequently asked questions about pets' web page. For example:

Are cats required by law to be kept indoors at night?

No. However, to protect your cat and the local wildlife it is highly recommended.

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](#).

Hornsby Shire Council: Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles

Inspect the vehicles

When? **Friday 27 November 2015, 1pm - 2pm**

Where? **Council's Depot, corner Mid-Dural Rd and Johnson Rd, Galston**

- Ford Futura Sedan (Red)
- 1995 Toyota Rav 4 (Blue)
- 1994 Mazda 323K Sedan (White)
- 2003 Peugeot 607 Sedan (Blue)
- 1997 Subaru Sedan (Black)
- 1998 Mazda 323M Sedan (Green)
- 1997 Hyundai Excel Sedan (Red)
- 1994 Holden VR Sedan (White)
- 1998 Daewoo Lanos Sedan (Silver)
- Toyota Camry Sedan (Silver)
- Toyota Lexus "Shell Only" (White)
- Suzuki Cino (Green)

[Click here](#) for full information and how to make an offer.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Pick up our new road safety calendar

The 2016 Road Safety Calendar is now available for collection - while stocks last - from Council Customer Service, Community Service and Council Libraries "Berowra, Epping, Hornsby and Pennant Hills.



#AWKWARD!



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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