



# Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

## eNewsletter # 216 - 30 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.

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

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**Nov 30, Some crime stats for you, from this week in Kuring-gai Local Area**

## Command.

| OFFENCES        | Break & Enter                     | Malicious Damage | Stealing | Steal from motor vehicle | Drugs | Other                  |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Suburb          |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| ASQUITH         |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| BEROWRA         |                                   | 3                |          |                          |       | Tree set on fire       |
| BROOKLYN        | 1                                 |                  |          |                          | 2     |                        |
| COWAN           |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| GALSTON         |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| GLENORIE        |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| GORDON          |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| HORNSBY         |                                   |                  |          |                          | 1     | 1                      |
| HORNSBY HEIGHTS |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| KILLARA         |                                   |                  |          | 1                        |       |                        |
| MT COLAH        |                                   |                  | 1        |                          |       | 1                      |
| MT KURING GAI   |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| NORMANHURST     |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| PYMBLE          |                                   |                  | 1        |                          |       |                        |
| ST IVES         | 4                                 |                  |          |                          | 1     |                        |
| THORNLEIGH      |                                   |                  | 2        |                          |       |                        |
| TURRAMURRA      |                                   | 1                |          |                          |       | Car crash drink drivin |
| WAHROONGA       |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| WAITARA         |                                   | 1                |          |                          |       |                        |
| WARRAWEE        |                                   |                  |          |                          |       | 1                      |
| WEST PYMBLE     |                                   |                  |          |                          |       |                        |
| WESTLEIGH       |                                   |                  |          | 1                        |       |                        |
| Date range      | Midnight 26 Nov to 5pm Mon 30 Nov |                  |          |                          |       |                        |

This Friday 4th is the annual Walk the Talk community walk, show your support and say no to violence against women, 7.30am start.



**Walk the Talk  
Community Walk**  
STOP Violence Against Women

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
ALL WELCOME  
7:30 am start at Hornsby Mall  
Free Sausage Sizzle after walk at 8:30 am

**Registration and further information:**  
[sihornsby@siswp.org](mailto:sihornsby@siswp.org)  
**Come prepared:**  
hat – sunscreen - water







**CatholicCare**  
Diocese of Broken Bay

**Walk The Talk Route**

Starting from Hornsby Mall follow the route to loop around Hornsby and ending back at Hornsby Mall for the Sausage Sizzle. All walking is on footpaths with police escort. Please obey all road rules and instructions.



**Nov 30, from the ABC news: Sovereign citizens: Terrorism assessment warns of rising threat from anti-government extremists**



Anti-government extremists known as "sovereign citizens" have been identified as a potential terrorism threat in Australia by a confidential NSW Police report. For more, click [here](#)

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**Nov 26, from the NRMA: With temperatures on the rise again, be extra mindful of these tips to prevent accidental lock ins**



In the past 12 months NRMA patrols across NSW and the ACT have rescued almost 2,500 young children accidentally locked in cars, a 16 per cent increase over the last four years. But what is causing this increase?

“Human error is not always to blame. Over-zealous pets knocking internal door locks and auto lock car [technology](#) result in calls to the NRMA,” says Dimitra Vlahomitros, NRMA Senior Policy Adviser, Road Safety.

For tips for preventing accidental locks ins, click [here](#)

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**Nov 26, from the smh.com.au: NSW increases demerit points for drivers using phones**



The NSW government is making no apologies for raising the demerit penalty for mobile phone use while driving from three points to six points for the Christmas period.

"You might think this is a bit tough. I don't give a damn," said Roads Minister Duncan Gay. "We're deliberately making it tough. But if I save your life, I've done you a favour."

For more click [here](#)

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**Nov 25, from the smh.com.au: Digital licences are coming to NSW next year, state government announces**



The NSW state government is following up its 2015 election promise to deliver digital licences, with the first downloadable batch coming out mid 2016.

The first licences to go digital will be recreational fishing licences, responsible service of alcohol (RSA) licences, and responsible conduct of gambling (RCG) licences.

For more, click [here](#)

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**Nov 25, The Police Transport Command have released images of four male juveniles who may be able to assist with inquiries in relation to a malicious damage offence between Turramurra and Warrawee Railway Stations in June this year.**

For more, click [here](#)

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**Nov 24, from 7 News: People who use hoverboards on roads face a \$637 fine, and on footpaths a \$319 fine" - Duncan Gay - NSW Minister for Roads.**



For more, click [here](#)

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**Nov 24, Spaniel picks up scent of Sydney train vandals!**



Graffiti vandalism costs Sydney Trains about \$30 million a year, but one small dog is helping to make big busts by following his nose.

Tommy the Springer spaniel is believed to be the first dog in Australia trained to sniff out spray cans, which are often stashed ahead of train and building vandalism, his trainer Steve Austin said.

After every bust, the dedicated dog is rewarded with his tennis ball toy.

Read more [here](#)

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**Nov 24, Install a burglar alarm**



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

**Thank you for all your kind feedback. This week we had a question about NOISE POLLUTION - whistle blowing in the middle of the night.**

Here's the information that we shared:

Hornsby Shire Council has advice on this matter, [click here](#). Here's their advice as steps:

### **What can you do about loud noise?**

**Step 1:** Keep a [noise diary](#) to record when and how the noise is affecting you.

**Step 2:** Discuss your concerns with the person causing the noise. Often people do not realise they are being noisy and will work with you to solve the problem. You could also send them a letter outlining your concerns. You might find this [letter](#)

[template](#) useful.

**Step 3:** If the noise continues, seek mediation with your neighbour through the [Community Justice Centre](#).

**Step 4:** If the noise continues you can report the matter to Council, along with your completed noise diary. Council officers will need to see documentation from the Community Justice Centre to prove mediation has been attempted.

The **Community Justice Centre can be contacted on: 1800 990 777**. They also have advice, [click here](#).

Ku-ring-gai Council has a page on noise, [click here](#).

Good luck!

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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](#).

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**From Ku-ring-gai Council: Order a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign for your home, [click here](#).**

A Static Water Supply sign will help the firies know if you have a rainwater tank or pool to draw on to protect your home. Read more about the **Static Water Supply** system at the NSW Fire & Rescue NSW website, [click here](#).



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**Help required with the Police stall at the upcoming Hornsby Council Christmas Spectacular on Saturday, 5 December**

Would you be able to give an hour of your time helping with crime prevention literature or mingling in the crowds with goodie bags?

The Spectacular is a great event and this year it is being held at Hornsby Park by the Aquatics Centre, which is only a hop and a skip from the train station. Why not bring the kids/grand kids and enjoy the evening together?

For Hornsby Council website please click [here](#).  
The attached site map shows the stall position.

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 26 November: Penalties for not wearing a seat belt**

“ It has been compulsory to wear seatbelts in NSW since 1971. Each year on average, more than 50 people are killed and 300 injured, who were not wearing seatbelts. There are seatbelt penalties and demerit points for drivers who do not wear a seatbelt or fail to ensure their passengers wear seatbelts. The penalty for a driver not wearing a seatbelt is \$319 and three demerit points. More severe penalties apply when driving with unrestrained passengers. Double demerit points apply during all holiday periods, such as long weekends, Christmas and New Year. For more information go to: [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au).

**Detective Inspector Jon Gross**  
**Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command**

**7 STIVES** A 20-year-old man received a speeding ticket after his BMW was detected allegedly travelling at 124km/h in a 60km/h zone on Mona Vale Rd on Saturday night. The P2 driver's licence was suspended for six months, and the car's registration was suspended for three months.

**8 HORNSBY** Two television sound bars, worth about \$150, were stolen from Kmart about 10.15pm on Sunday. Police want to speak to a man, aged in his 20s to mid-30s, of caucasian appearance and wearing a black cap, high-visibility shirt, black shorts and runners.

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### From the North Shore Times, 27 November,

#### 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](http://kmc.nsw.gov.au/dogs)

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### Dates for the Diary:

**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 may have a joint crime prevention stall there - tbc. [Info.](#)

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

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### **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.](#)

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### **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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**Our mailing address is:**

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