



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.](#)

07 December: Here's some quick stats from the weekend Midnight 03 Dec to

4pm Monday 07 Dec.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Drugs	Other
ARCADIA	1					
ASQUITH	2					
BEROWRA						
BROOKLYN		1				
COWAN						
GALSTON						
GLENORIE						
GORDON						Stolen Hilux & Fraud
HORNSBY		1	2			Assault
HORNSBY HEIGHTS						
KILLARA						
MT COLAH						
MT KURRING-GAI						
NORMANHURST			1			
PYMBLE	1		1			
ST IVES						
THORNLEIGH						
TURRAMURRA	2				1	Fraud
WAHROONGA	2		1			Fraud
WAITARA						
WARRAWEE	1					
WEST PYMBLE	1					
WESTLEIGH						
Date range	Midnight 3 Dec to 4pm Mon 7 Dec					
	Waitara, attempted theft from mail boxes at unit complex					
	Berowra; 2 x drivers with positive drug tests					
	Thornleigh, high range drink driving					

Arcadia: Break & Enter (B&E)

Asquith: B&E x 2

Berowra: Malicious Damage (Mal Dam), 2 x drivers with positive drug tests

Gordon: Stolen Hilux, Fraud

Hornsby: Mal Dam, Stealing x 2, Assault

Normanhurst: Stealing

Pymble: B&E, Stealing

Thornleigh: High range drink driving

Turramurra: B&E x 2, Steal from motor vehicle, Fraud

Wahroonga: B&E x 2, Stealing, Fraud

Waitara: Attempted theft from mailboxes at unit complex

Warrawee: B&E

West Pymble: B&E

07 December, from Hawkesbury command: With the recent tragic deaths of young people at dance/music festivals, we seek the assistance of members of the community to send a very clear message via social media on their stance on illegal drugs. Here are a few things we can all do:

1. Stop using the term "recreational" or "party" drugs. They are illegal deadly substances that kill and destroy people. There is nothing "recreational" or

- "party" about death and destruction.
2. Like and share this post and convey to as many people as we can that as a community, we say no to illegal drugs!

Say it like you mean it **"I don't do drugs."**

07 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: Congratulations to these Hornsby police officers who have gone beyond the call of duty to help people in crisis.

TWO Hornsby police officers have been recognised for going beyond the call of duty to help people in crisis. Sergeant Duncan Gray received the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal and Senior Constable Sarah Ireland the Region Commander's Commendation at the 2015 Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command Awards Ceremony. They were among 34 medals and certificates presented at the ceremony at Asquith Golf Club.

[Full article here.](#)



Hornsby police officers Sergeant Duncan Gray and Senior Constable Sarah Ireland. Picture: Troy Snook

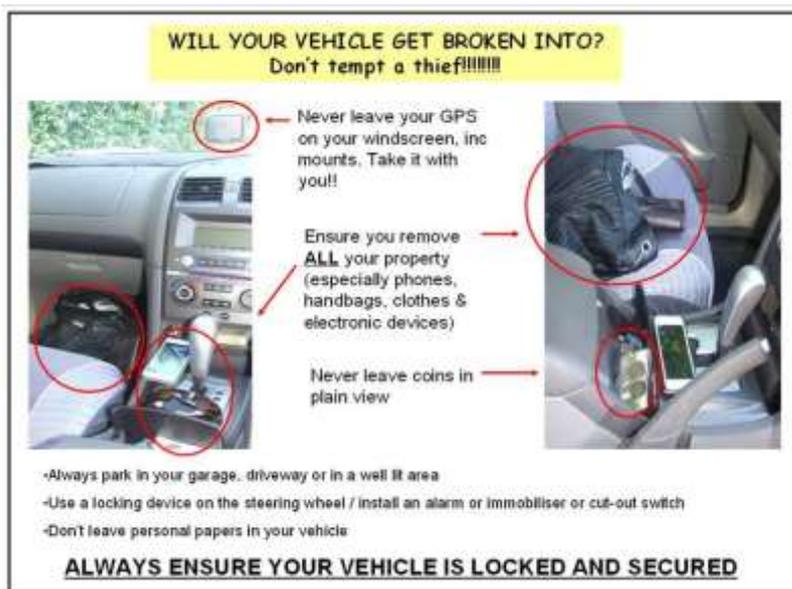
07 December, from Crime Stoppers: TIPS FOR ASSISTING EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Too often it seems that motorists are unsure of what is expected of them when an

emergency vehicle is behind them with lights and sirens.

- * Do not panic
- * Slow down (but do not brake rapidly)
- * Use your indicators
- * Be aware of other motorists; drivers should not play music at such a volume they cannot hear outside noises
- * Do not move suddenly or move into the path of the emergency vehicle
- * Move as far to the left of the road as you can and come to a stop
- * If you cannot move out of the path safely, keep moving forward until it's safe to move over
- * Remember, you are required to abide by road rules at all times

An obstructed journey can be the difference between life and death.



06 December, from ACCC Product Recall: Recall roundup – 5 recalls to end the week

See www.recalls.gov.au for more info

⌘ Garmin GHP Reactor Marine Autopilot. Unit memory may become corrupted and inoperative - accident risk.

⌘ MaxiPARTS brake shoe. Potential risk of bonded asbestos in brake shoe

lining “ risk of asbestos related illness.

“ Jaguar Range Rover & Range Rover Sport 2015-2016 MY. Second row seat backrest may not latch into position correctly “ injury risk.

“ Jaguar Range Rover Evoque 2016MY. Electrical short may cause a range of vehicle failure modes “ accident risk.

“ Food recall - Carlton Dry beer recalled due to the possible presence of glass in product “ injury risk.

06 December, from North Sydney Council: New Years Eve 2015

[Full information here](#), regarding clearways and prohibited items, etc.

05 December, from News.com.au: A quarter of learner drivers wear thongs behind the wheel, but parents set a bad example: study

[Full article here](#).

05 December, from Australian Border Force: Don’t set yourself up for a shock by importing tasers, laser pointers and BB guns. Be aware of the types of goods that cannot be imported into Australia when shopping online. Gifts that are prohibited in Australia may end up costing you a lot more than you paid, with some items attracting fines or even charges. If you’re unsure about the items you’re purchasing, we have a [handy guide to help you here](#).



05 December, from the Sydney Morning Herald: Matt Moran roasts lamb in hot car to highlight risks to shut-in kids

[Read more here.](#)



Matt Moran roasts lamb in hot car to highlight risks to shut-in kids

Forget frying eggs on steaming pavements, TV chef's cooking demonstration reveals that a locked car on a summer's day can get as hot as any oven.

SMH.COM.AU

03 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hills police consider \$106 fine for victims who don't lock their cars

Victims of crime could be fined by police if the theft is from their unlocked car. Not locking your car because you don't want the window smashed could cost you a \$106 fine. Hills police are leafleting streets in several suburbs warning residents they could be fined for not securing their car.

[Full article here.](#)

03 December, from Penrith command: CONFUSED ABOUT PARKING?

Here are some General parking rules from the Roads & Maritime Services website.

You must **NOT** stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

- *Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- *On or across a driveway (unless dropping off or picking up passengers for no longer than 2 minutes)
- *On or across a footpath

- *On a median strip or traffic island
- *On motorways
- *In a clearway
- *On footpaths and nature strips
- *At a BUS STOP or within 20m before and 10m after a BUS STOP or between a BUS ZONE, TAXI STAND or TAXI ZONE signs
- *In a safety zone or within 10 metres before or after a safety zone
- Within an intersection
- *In a slip lane
- *On or within 20m (before) or 10m (after) a pedestrian crossing, marked foot crossing or childrenâ€™s crossing (unless a sign allows you to park there)
- *Within 20m of an intersecting road at an intersection with traffic lights unless a sign allows you to park there
- *Within one metre of another vehicle parked in front or behind (does not apply when angle parking)
- *Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless a sign allows you to park there.

For more information go to the [RMS Website here](#).

02 December, from CyberActive Services: Fake WhatsApp update contains malware targeting mobile banking users

Full article from [Coconuts Singapore here](#).

02 December, from North Shore command: Your Choice is a NSW Police Force alcohol diversion program aimed at persons under the age of 18 years.

Rather than pursuing formal legal processes for incidents involving intoxication and/or the illegal possession or consumption of alcohol, police can issue the young person with a referral to the Your Choice program. The Your Choice program seeks to challenge perceptions about underage drinking and excessive consumption of alcohol and to educate young people about the health, legal and social consequences of drinking. It also aims to enhance the capacity of parents/guardians to influence their childâ€™s behaviour and attitudes towards drinking.

Your Choice is a prevention strategy with the long-term objective of assisting young people to take responsibility for their inappropriate and harmful consumption of alcohol leading, ultimately, to a reduction in the incidence and extent of heavy episodic drinking and associated harmful behaviours.

The program operates as a two hour face to face education seminar, which the young person attends with their parent or guardian. The Your Choice education sessions are designed and run by police, with the assistance of expert drug and alcohol workers. The program provides young people and their parents/guardians with strategies to avoid risks and keep safe by developing better attitudes and behaviours around alcohol. It is also available as a 30 minute online education program. Parents are encouraged to visit the website to increase their awareness of underage drinking risks and the role they play in minimising those risks.

For [more information visit here](#).

01 December: Drug driving is a serious problem in NSW, contributing to around the same number of fatalities as drink driving.

NSW Police are supporting a new drug driving campaign launched today by Transport for NSW which has a simple message for drivers “if you take drugs and drive, you will get caught. Check out the [new campaign here](#). Mobile Drug Testing. There’s no escaping it.

01 December, from Northern Beaches command: Two more dirt bikes were stolen last week from a home at Terrey Hills.

The off-road motorcycles with a combined worth of about \$12,000 were stolen from a locked storage shed within a garage at a property in Nambucca Rd at Terrey Hills. The theft took place between 9.30pm on Wednesday and 6.30am on Thursday. The bikes stolen were an orange KTM dirt bike worth \$8000 and a lime green Kawasaki dirt bike worth \$4000. Police believe the thieves obtained the address of the owners after seeing the bikes at a dirt bike meeting or racetrack, of which there are many around Sydney. Northern Beaches crime manager Inspector Craig Wonders said thieves often identified dirt bikes they want to steal and either

followed the owner home from a race or club meeting or traced their address through other means. He said this could include social media sites, where dirt bike owners post photos of their machines and sometimes include information that thieves can use to trace the identity of the owner and the location where the bike is stored.



Northern Beaches LAC - NSW Police Force added 2 new photos.
December 1 at 2:49pm · Sydney · 🌐

01 December, from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade: Arson can be reported to Crime Stoppers.

Hot windy days like today present ideal bush fire weather.

Bush fire arson is a crime - help us to prevent it.

Report suspicious activity in bush land areas to **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

Report all emergencies to **Triple Zero (000)** immediately.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

From Snr Cst Rob MacFarlane, Crime Prevention Team, NSW Police:

Following the success of the **Neighbourhood Watch Information Day** held in February this year, the Crime Prevention Unit is pleased to announce another NHW Information Day for 2016. The event is to be held on **Thursday the 17th of March 2016**, at the NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills. Please save the date, as all CPO's, Coordinators and interested members of the public are invited and welcome to attend. An invitation with details and agenda will be forwarded to all of you soon.

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](#).

The Law Handbook - Contact Points contd:

[An Employee's Guide to Unfair Dismissal](#) -

This topic has information about making an unfair dismissal application to the Fair Work Commission (the Commission). It can help you if:

- you are covered by national unfair dismissal laws
- you were dismissed and the dismissal was unfair
- you want to make an unfair dismissal application against your employer
- you want your job back (reinstatement) or compensation.

If you want to make an unfair dismissal application to the Commission, you must do so within 21 days of the date you were dismissed.

Sexual Assault Services

Help for victims of sexual assault. Sexual assault is a crime. Its impact can be devastating. However, recovery is possible and there is help available to assist you. If you are a victim of sexual assault there are many services you can contact, depending on your needs, to report the crime or to seek counselling and support. This includes the **Victims Access Line (1800 633 063)** which provides information, referral and support to victims of crime.

In an emergency phone **000** or your local police station.

Otherwise you can phone your local sexual assault service. These services are free and confidential to any male or female victim of sexual assault, their friends and family. Not only are services available, there are also changes in laws which have improved the way victims of sexual assault are supported and treated in the court system in New South Wales, Australia. Victims of crime in New South Wales have a Charter of Victims Rights to protect and promote their rights.

Hornsby Council Christmas Spectacular on 5-9pm Saturday, 5 December @ Hornsby Park

Thank you to our volunteers: **Chris, Gay, Wal, Victor, Ian, Julia, Mick, David, Tony.**

People ask what does Neighbourhood Watch actually do? Well, we offer crime prevention advice through stalls at events such as this one. Why not join in next time? It's a fun way to educate the community, whilst picking up some crime prevention tips for yourself.

Our next 'All Areas' NHW meeting to discuss our 2016 events is at **6pm on Tuesday 02 February 2016** at either Hornsby or Gordon Police Station - tbc. Please come along and offer your input, thanks. [RSVP here](#).

From the Hornsby Advocate, 03 December:

Fare dodgers in \$10m worth of train journeys BUT NORTHERN LINE RANKS

AMONG MOST HONEST IN YEAR OF TRANSPORT COST RISES [edited]

FEWER train passengers evaded fares on the North Shore Line last year but it still bled more than \$7 million, as public transport became more expensive for NSW. The Northern Line lost about \$3 million to fare dodgers but was the second-most honest line behind the Eastern suburbs where more than 96 per cent of passengers paid the correct fare. Both the value and number of fines decreased by \$6.7 million and 33,226 respectively last year. More people were found travelling with no ticket on the Newcastle and Central Coast lines than in 2012 at an estimated cost of almost \$2.5 million.

Get your hand off it: The use of mobile telephones and tablets is strictly prohibited while you are driving. A study by Monash University found drivers were 2.8 times more likely to crash when dialling or handling a phone. If you are driving at the speed limit of 60kmph, you can travel 33 metres in two seconds, blind to what is in front of you. At 100kmph, if you have your eyes off the road for two seconds, you travel the length of an Olympic swimming pool. This is a substantial danger to other road users. Also, the demerit points are about to increase substantially when you are caught. Detective Inspector Jon Gross Ku-ring-gai Local Area command

NORMANHURST A female motorist has been charged with offences after a police pursuit on Pennant Hills Rd on Saturday afternoon. About 3.15pm, a black Hyundai Excel was seen to be driving erratically southbound on the M1, causing other vehicles to take evasive action to avoid it. Police attempted to stop the vehicle but it continued onto Pennant Hills Rd and then allegedly did a U-turn at traffic lights at Hinemoa Ave. A police officer was able to stop the Hyundai by approaching it and removing the keys when it was stationary at traffic lights. A 53-year-old Booral woman was charged with driving while her licence was suspended, resisting police, failure to stop, negligent driving and making a U-turn at traffic lights.

WAHROONGA Police conducting random registration checks in Redgrave Rd about 6am Monday noticed a strong smell of cannabis coming from a vehicle. A search of the vehicle allegedly uncovered a small amount of cannabis, a bong and other drug utensils. A 44-year-old Long Jetty motorist was issued with a court attendance notice to attend Hornsby Local Court on December 15. A roadworthiness check of the vehicle revealed major defects and it was not permitted to be driven from the scene.

NORMANHURST A 35-year-old motorist was taken to Hornsby Hospital with minor

injuries after a two-car accident at the intersection of Milson Parade and Hammond Ave about 7.45pm last Wednesday. As a result of the crash, the injured man's car hit a gutter and tipped onto its roof before landing on a fence. The other car, a red Fiat, stopped a short distance down the road but then drove off.

WESTLEIGH A 2013 white/blue Stacer runabout and red trailer, worth \$10,000, were stolen from a property in Eucalyptus Drive between 4pm Thursday and 1.30pm Saturday.

HORNSBY A teenage girl is to receive a youth caution after she allegedly attempted to steal two bottles of perfume, worth about \$200, from the David Jones store on Monday. The girl, 15, allegedly put the perfume under her jumper and in the front of her jeans and walked out of the store about 5.10pm. In a separate incident at the store, a youth, 18, was issued with a field court attendance notice after he allegedly attempted to steal a \$23 phone charger by putting it down his pants about 5.40pm Monday. He is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on January 6.

WAHROONGA Police are investigating a road rage incident in Billyard Ave about 3.15pm Monday, involving a 36-year-old truck driver and a 54-year-old female motorist.

NORMANHURST A young male was seen to be acting suspiciously in Malsbury Rd on Tuesday night. A resident reported sighting the male, believed to be aged about 16, about 8.30pm in his yard. When the resident walked towards the teenager he ran off. About 9.10pm, another resident observed a male in his front yard. When the resident approached the youth he jumped over the front fence and ran away. The dog squad was called in to do a search of the area but didn't locate the youth. Investigations are continuing.

HORNSBY A bottle of vodka was stolen from a display shelf at Dan Murphy's about 2.20pm last Thursday. The thief is described as a male, caucasian, aged about 35, of average build, with brown hair in a ponytail, a beard and wearing a dark suit. In a separate incident, another bottle of vodka was stolen from the store about 9.10am Tuesday.

TURRAMURRA The Police Transport Command is continuing to investigate an incident where a train guard's compartment was broken into on June 23 between Turramurra and Warrawee railway stations. About 4.15pm, four young males, aged 14-17, of caucasian appearance, broke into the compartment and

graffiti vandalised the inside window. Anyone with information is asked to phone **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

From the North Shore Times, 04 December: Smoke alarm for hearing impaired

THE Deaf Society of NSW is offering subsidised smoke alarms to residents with hearing issues. The special smoke alarms are designed to "shake" a pillow and emit strobing lights that will alert people with hearing problems in the event of a fire. [All the info here](#).

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 09 December: Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank @ Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, 1186 Pacific Hwy, Pymble, 9am-1.30 pm. **Bookings: 131 495.**

Tuesday 02 February 2016: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting #19, 6pm, venue tbc.

Thursday 17 March 2016: Neighbourhood Watch Information Day at NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills.

Friday 01 - Sunday 10 April 2016: Seniors Week

Friday 08 - Sunday 17 April 2016: Youth Week

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

From Ku-ring-gai Council:

Abandoned vehicle or illegal parking

Report an abandoned vehicle or illegally parked car by filling in the form, [click here](#). A Customer Service Officer will respond to you within two working days. If your matter is more urgent, please call us on **9424 0000**. If the car is in a clearway, please phone the **Roads and Maritime Authority on 131 700**.

Illegal dumping

Is there dumped rubbish on your street? Fill in the form, [click here](#) and a Customer Service Officer will be in contact with you within two working days. If it's urgent, call us on **9424 0000**.

From Hornsby Shire Council:

Illegal landfill

Illegal landfilling is using waste as "fill" without the necessary planning or licensing approvals. This commonly happens when construction and demolition waste is used as illegal fill for landscaping, land modification, reclamation works, roads and noise mounds.

More Info, and to report illegal fill to council, [click here](#).

Signs and Banners

Council is responsible for signs and banners throughout the Shire and can investigate unauthorised signage. More Info, and to lodge an Investigation Request, [click here](#).

The Policeman couldn't believe his eyes as he saw the woman drive past him, busily knitting. Quickly he pulled along the vehicle, wound down his window and shouted, "Pull over!"

"No," she replied, "they're socks!"

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](#).



Thanks to Northern Beaches command.

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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