



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.

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27 December



26 December, 15 road rules you probably don't know

Click [here](#) for full story

26 December

**JUST A WORD OF ADVICE.
BE WISE, DON'T ADVERTISE!!!
Break down the boxes from recent
purchases so thieves don't have a
shopping list of what they're looking for!!!**



Some good advice from Brookton Coppers this Christmas period.

24 December: Traffic and Highway Patrol Command

6:25am Thursday 24th December officer attached to Harbourside Highway Patrol detected a Holden Senator on LIDAR at 108KPH in a marked 50KPH zone in Cammeray.

The driver, a 60 year old male from Cremorne, was issued a penalty notice for the offence of 'Exceed speed limit by more than 45KPH' - \$2306 and 12 demerit points.

His driver's licence was suspended for a period of 6 months. In addition, as he was the registered owner of the vehicle his number plates were seized for a period of 3 months.

23 December: Traffic and Highway Patrol Command



Great safety initiative !

23 December: NSW Police Force

There's been a 27% increase in road-related fatalities of people aged 40 - 59 this year (compared to 2014); with motorcycle riders accounting for over one-third of these deaths.

While most road users in this age group have many years' experience behind the wheel, it's a timely reminder for all drivers to brush up on the road rules and driving skills.

We want everyone to get home safely these holidays, so please slow down, don't drive tired and don't drink and drive.

23 December, from NRMA: TEST TIME: You are driving vehicle A along a multi-lane road and the speed limit is 80 km/h or less, which lane or lanes can you travel in?

Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai remain among the safest, low crime communities in NSW with the lowest theft, domestic violence, assault and malicious damage to property rates last year.

The latest quarterly update from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research showed assaults are down 25 per cent since 2014 in Ku-ring-gai with 59 reported to police from a population of more than 100,000.

For full article, click [here](#)

22 December, NSW Police Force



22 December, Mounted Unit - NSW Police Force



Toby & Sovereign ready for patrol



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**Merry Christmas to all our readers. Thank you for all the support during 2015. We look forward to a great 2016!
Have a fun break!**

Dates for the Diary:

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 the Hornsby Advocate 24 December:

MAYOR ACCEPTS FINAL DECISION FOR "SAKE OF COMMUNITIES"™ [Page 3, edited]

KU-RING-GAI Council will be forcibly merged with Hornsby Council in 2017 as part

of a plan to reduce Sydney councils from 43 to 25.

Both councils will continue to operate as normal while an independent panel, the Boundaries Commission, maps out the new boundaries.

Inform police and few others if you are planning a party [Page 4, edited]

PARTIES are about having a good time but if things get out of control it can ruin the night and celebrations can quickly become painful memories.

Ku-ring-gai Police crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary said there were some simple ways to make sure things went smoothly.

“Don’t advertise your party on social media. If the wrong people share it, you can get some unwelcome guests,” he said.

From Hornsby Advocate, 24 December

2 WAHROONGA A 21-year-old woman was assaulted by a man on Woonona Ave last Tuesday about 11.20pm. The man jumped out of a bush next to the footpath near Bareena Ave and lunged at her, before pushing her to the ground. The woman ran to her home and contacted police. She suffered scratches and scrapes to her back, but did not require treatment. The man was described as caucasian, about 25, of slim build, with light eyes, a pale complexion and 175cm tall. He was wearing a black T-shirt, knee-length black shorts, dark sneakers and a black balaclava. Police would like to talk to anyone with information. Contact Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000).

4 ASQUITH An 81-year-old man was hospitalised after he was hit by a motorcycle on the Pacific Highway about noon on Sunday. Witnesses said the man ran across three lanes of traffic and directly into the path of a Honda motorbike travelling south near the intersection with Amore St. The man was thrown about 5m, hitting his head heavily on the road, and the rider was also thrown off the bike. The elderly man was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. Inquiries are continuing.



5 THORNLEIGH A 31-year-old woman was charged with stealing and common assault after being caught taking power tools from Bunnings in Thornleigh about 8am on Sunday. The woman allegedly packed Ryobi power tools and battery packs into a barbecue box and closed it with tape from her bag. The woman then paid for the barbecue, but was approached by staff who said they saw her put tools into the box. A 32-year-old man who worked at Bunnings was then allegedly punched in a scuffle. When a 51-year-old man, who was also a Bunnings staff member, came to the younger man's aid, it is alleged the woman threw items at him. The woman was later stopped by police, who found stolen items and a drug implement in her car. She is set to face court next year.

6 TURRAMURRA Chemicals and asbestos were illegally dumped at Howson Oval last week. Police were called to the site at 1pm on Saturday and the rubbish was removed. Witnesses should call Crime Stoppers or Ku-ring-gai Council.

**From the North Shore Times 23 December:
Man in balaclava attacks woman [Page 7, Edited]**

A 21-YEAR-OLD woman was assaulted by a man in a balaclava who leaped out of the bushes and attacked her in Wahroonga.

Police are appealing for information after the assault, which happened about 11.20pm last Tuesday as the woman walked on the western footpath along Woonona Ave North, when she approached Bareena Ave.

The man jumped out of a bush next to the footpath and lunged at the woman,

before pushing her to the ground.

The woman escaped and then ran to her home and contacted the police.

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 Ku-ring-gai Council, Temporary Road Closures:

Council has approved the temporary closure of Greengate Rd (near Pacific Highway) on Christmas Eve 2015. Traffic controls will be in place from **3pm on Thursday 24 December to 1am on Friday 25 December**. The purpose of the temporary closure is to provide safe access for Greengate Hotel patrons and staff. Access will also be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Bushfire

Learn how Council is preventing and managing local bushfires, how you can prepare your home and emergency contact information.

Further Information from [Ku-ring-gai Council here](#).

Government proposal for shire merger

The NSW Government has proposed that Hornsby Shire Council merge with Ku-ring-gai Council, while part of the Shire south of the M2 Motorway, including Epping, become part of Parramatta City Council.

The proposal will be reviewed by the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government and the Boundaries Commission, with a final decision to be made by the Government about the middle of next year.

For full story, click [here](#)

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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