



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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11 January, NSW Police Force

Hornsby Police news,

11/1/16

The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Break, enter & steal offences linked to fraud.

Over the past few months Kuring-gai LAC has seen an increase in the number of fraud cases linked to scammers. It appears retirement villages have been targeted with North Turramurra being the most reported area although several areas north of the harbour have been hit.

It seems a person possibly a Caucasian male 30 to 40 years old has broken into units sometimes while the victim is home taking credit and debit cards from purses and wallets. The male then rings the victim claiming to be from the bank reporting that suspicious transactions have occurred. The male then asks the victim to confirm their details including their PIN to verify ID. If the PIN is given out the debit account is then fleeced or the credit card is hit hard.

Please put the warning out to anyone you know in some sort of care facility or village.

Banks will never ring and ask you to confirm your details and will never ask for your PIN.

If you do receive a call like this, hang up and ring the bank yourself on the number you know, then cancel those cards and have new one cards reissued.

If anyone is seen on your property or in your home, ring 000 immediately.

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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Incident: Motor cycle crash

Time/Date: About 2.50pm Friday 8th

Place: Pacific Highway Cowan

Cycle: Triumph

Rider: 37 year old male

Details: The cyclist has started a ride southbound along the Pacific Highway at Cowan, at this stage it appears a bush turkey has run across the path of the rider possibly hitting the cyclist causing him to fall and crash. A friend driving a car found the rider on the ground with feathers everywhere and a dead bush turkey next to the rider. The rider at this stage started to vomit blood due to injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment. There are no actual witnesses to the crash and police will speak to the rider when he is able to give a version.

Incident: Break, enter and Steal

Time/Date: During Sunday evening

Place: Clydesdale Place, Pymble

Details: 2 storage cages in a unit complex were broken into; the cages in an underground car park had pad locks cut open. 2 push bikes were taken from one, with wine, fishing gear and tools taken from the other. During the same time frame a car was broken into but nothing appears to have been taken.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle.

Time/Date: Between 9am and 12pm Tuesday 5th

Place: Michigan Avenue, Asquith

Details: A Lexus SUV parked in the driveway of a home had property taken; the Lexus was not locked at the time and had an Ipad, shoes and sun glasses stolen.

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 3.30pm Saturday 9th

Place: Store within Westfield, Hornsby

Details: 2 females described as Indian in appearance have entered a store within Westfield. One of the females has asked for assistance from the staff member at the rear of the shop. The second female has taken a flying pan from a display shelf

and left the store. The first female has then left the store. Security and police were called, CCTV footage is being reviewed.

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9 January, Western Australia Police



Caption this -

Maybe - "When I grow up, I'm going to be a Police Horse"

8 January, Australian Border Force

A shipment of stone products, en route to Adelaide, has been found with a

concealment of 60 kilograms of methylamphetamine on board. A 43-year-old man and associate of the Hells Angels Outlaw Motorcycle Gang has been arrested for his alleged involvement. More on this story [here](#):

7 January, Putting Her Feet On The Dashboard Seemed Innocent - How It Changed Her Life Forever Is Shocking

One Seemingly Insignificant Road Trip Decision Turns Into Tragedy



On a sunny day in August, 22-year-old Bethany Benson and her boyfriend were on the way home from visiting a relative. Enjoying the sunshine, and relaxing with her feet on the dash, Bethany had no idea that one small, seemingly insignificant decision would change her life forever.

For full story, click [here](#).

6 January, NSW Police Force



Dogs barking in your neighbourhood, particularly at night? Pay attention because they are usually the first signs that someone or somebody could be illegally in your or your neighbours property.

Police are asking the community to pay close attention to your own or neighbours dogs when barking and if you suspect something is not right, call your local police.

5 January, Tips for driving in the rain

Science tells us that there's been about the same amount of water on the earth forever – that it doesn't stay in the same place or form but is constantly redistributed by volcanic emissions, cosmic radiation and the wind and sun as part of the water cycle. However, science obviously doesn't reside in Sydney – where the universe's water supply has gathered recently, in the form of rain.

In a perfect world, rainy days would find us with our feet up at home in front of the TV, nursing a cuppa. However, reality being what it is – you probably have to leave the house. So in this water-logged blog we'll discuss how you can stay safe and sane in the rain.

The fundamental thing to realise is that fair and foul-weather driving should be approached differently – wet weather demands you drive much slower. Taking a few other precautions and using wet-weather driving techniques will keep you from

ending up soaked on the side of the road, waiting for one of our helpful roadside patrolmen to save the day.

Click [here](#) for full article from NRMA.



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9 January, A Rough Plan



9 January, National Cyber Security Alliance



There sure were a lot of drones at [#CES2016](#) and not all were the flying type. In fact, cameras attached to all kinds of devices including watches. Raises some security and privacy concerns.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 26 January: Australia Day! Ku-ring-gai council event 1030-1pm at Bicentennial Park, Pymble. [Info](#). Hornsby Shire Council event 11-3pm at Hornsby Park. [Info](#).

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.

Sunday 20 March: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. [Info](#). **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sunday 27 March: Neighbour Day

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: NSW Government releases merger proposal for Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Shire Council

Ku-ring-gai Council and the community have been given until Sunday February 28 to lodge written submissions in response to the NSW Government merger proposal for Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Shire Council (part). This follows the Baird Government announcement just before Christmas that Ku-ring-gai Council is to be forcibly merged with Hornsby Shire to create a new council of around 270,000 residents.

Full [Media Release here](#).

From Hornsby Shire Council: Waste and Recycling



Did you know? The safe way to dispose of potentially hazardous household chemicals is at a [Household Chemical CleanOut](#) event. [CleanOut](#) is a free service for the safe disposal of a range of household chemicals that could cause harm to human health and the environment if they are not disposed of correctly.

Full Story [here](#)

From Hornsby Shire Council: Replacing the Hornsby Footbridge

The outdated footbridge over George Street will soon be replaced, with work currently underway.

The new bridge will be 4.5 metres wide – more than double the current bridge – and its traffic clearance will be increased to 5.5 metres.

Two new elevators will also be included.

The current bridge will remain in use throughout the construction, much of which is happening off-site.

For full article, click [here](#).

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 North Shore Times: Crashes deemed inevitable

DOZENS OF ACCIDENTS RECORDED AT BLACK-SPOT SINCE 2010 [Edited]

PRIOR to Monday's nearfatal accident, at least 45 crashes were recorded on the notorious 300m stretch of the Eastern Arterial in five years, the North Shore Times has learned.

The alarming number of incidents occurred between 2010 and 2014 along the short passage north of the southern intersection with Burraneer Ave, bearing out locals' fears that this stretch of road was a serious accident "waiting to happen".

Kuring-gai Council's traffic committee resolved last November to undertake a road and safety audit in response to concerns.

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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