



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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18 January: Here's some crime stats from Friday to Monday.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs	Other
BURBURI							
ASCOUTH							
BEROWRA							
BROOKLYN							
COWAN							
GALSTON							
GORDON					1		
HORNSBY		5	4				
HORNSBY HEIGHTS							
KILLARA							
MT COLAH							
MT KURUNG GAI							
NORMANHURST							
PYMBLE	1						
ST IVES			1				Fraud
THORNLEIGH							1
TURRAMURRA							
WAHROONGA	2						
WAITARA					1		
WARRAWEE						1	
WEST PYMBLE							
WESTLEIGH		1					
Hornsby dink driving 17 Jan							
Date range 15/1 to 18/1							

Gordon: Steal from Motor vehicle

Hornsby: Malicious Damage (Mal Dam) 5, Stealing 4

Pymble: Break & Enter (B&E)

St Ives: Stealing, Fraud

Thornleigh: Drugs

Wahroonga: B&E 2, Steal Motor Vehicle

Waitara: Steal from Motor Vehicle

Westleigh: Mal Dam.

18 January, from The Telegraph: Bikie gangs: Police crackdown on outlaws costs gangs millions, drives many underground



[Full story here.](#)

17 January, from Gizmodo: Watch: An Australian Company's Revolutionary Motorbike Helmet Design

[The Vozz](#) helmet has been developed by Aussie duo John Vozzo Mark Bryant, inspired by a sky diving helmet.



[Full article here.](#)

15 January, from The Hornsby Advocate: Changes to parking at The Esplanade in Thornleigh will lead to accidents despite black spot funding

[Full article here.](#)

15 January, from The Hornsby Advocate: Thompson's corner carpark fall to cost Hornsby Council \$117k after court finds pothole poorly filled



The pothole at the Hornsby Council car park in Thompson's corner that caused Mr Viscardi to fall.

[Full article here.](#)

15 January, from the Hornsby Advocate: Burns Rd black spot: Four more accidents in less than a month



[Full article here.](#)

14 January, from The Daily Telegraph: Witnesses sought after car and cyclist collide

A 55-year-old cyclist was taken to hospital with multiple injuries after being hit by a car in Hornsby last night (Wednesday).

[Full article here.](#)

14 January, from the North Shore Times: Elderly pedestrian critical after hit by vehicle on Pacific Highway in Roseville

[Full article here.](#)



Thanks to the Traffic & Highway Patrol command.

13 January, from the Daily Telegraph: A car chase and manhunt ends with suspect being found in a cupboard at a Wahroonga home

A MAN disqualified from driving until 2035 was allegedly seen reversing down the northbound off-ramp of the M1 Motorway at Berowra on Saturday morning before

crashing into a garden.



A stolen car crashed into the fence of a house in Wahroonga after a police chase.

[Full article here.](#)



Thanks to Aj Adriana O'Bryan

12 January, from 9News.com.au: Car smashes into building at Turramurra on Sydney's upper north shore



Fire crews at the scene. (9NEWS)

[Read more here.](#)

12 January, from the North Shore Times: Man dies after Westfield Chatswood fall

AN ELDERLY man has died after plunging from a fifth level balcony at Westfield Chatswood yesterday afternoon.

[Full article here.](#)

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward and call **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**.

12 January, from the Hornsby Advocate: The body of 20-year-old Wahroonga man Timothy O'Brien, who disappeared in rough surf on Friday at Bennett's Beach in Hawks Nest, has been found.

[Full article here.](#)

12 January, from the Bureau of Meteorology: Marine weather safety: 5 vital checks

If you're a boater, find out what five vital weather checks you should do before you head out on the water. These checks will help you to make the right choice about where and when it's safe to go boating.

[Watch the BOM video here.](#)

[Click here for marine warnings](#), forecasts and information.



From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors':

1. INSTALL A SPY-HOLE.
2. INSTALL A SECURITY DOOR-CHAIN, or SECURITY DOOR BAR, or SECURITY DOOR, AND USE IT. [A door bar may be easier for elderly hands to manipulate.]
3. INSTALL SECURITY SENSOR LIGHTING. Consider connecting the sensor lighting to a socket unit that can "chirrup"™ or "bark"™ as a warning/ deterrent.
4. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO STRANGERS. NEVER ALLOW STRANGERS INTO YOUR HOME. IF SOMEONE REQUIRES YOUR ASSISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY, PHONE FOR HELP YOURSELF. BE WARY OF STRANGERS.
5. NEVER ACCEPT DOOR-TO-DOOR OFFERS OF WORK FROM TRADESMEN (eg tree-logging, gutter maintenance) WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH A TRUSTED FRIEND OR RELATIVE.
9. BUDDY-UP WITH A NEIGHBOUR" USE A SIGNAL TO SHOW YOU HAVE ARISEN SAFELY (eg a blind raised.)
12. LOCK YOUR DOORS WHEN IN THE HOME. REMEMBER TO REMOVE THE KEYS FROM THE LOCKS, IN CASE ACCESS IS NEEDED FROM OUTSIDE IN AN EMERGENCY.
13. KEEP A TORCH & PHONE HANDY BY THE BED.

14. KEEP YOUR CAR REMOTE CONTROL ON YOUR PERSON, OR BY THE BED. IT CAN BE USED AS A PANIC ALARM IN AN EMERGENCY.
17. INSTALL A MONITORED INTRUDER ALARM SYSTEM. MOST HAVE "HOME"™ AND "AWAY"™ SETTINGS, ALLOWING YOU TO SET IT WHEN AT HOME (especially when sleeping), AS WELL AS WHEN OUT.
18. LOCK OPEN WINDOWS 10cm MAX. [New security products include sensors for open windows, as well as for balcony areas.]

Get your copy of these 20 Tips, or any others in the series, by [emailing us here](#). Other 20 Tips include: Car Owners, Retirement Communities, Mailboxes, Businesses, Apartments, Fire Issues, New Neighbours, Tradies.

Neighbourhood Watch - 'All Areas' NHW meeting 6pm Tuesday 02 February at Hornsby Police Station meeting room. Please consider coming along and providing your input about how we can help in your street. How can we educate the community to help with crime prevention? Everyone is welcome! This is a great way of giving something back to the community- 2 hours of your evening, 4 times a year. [Email us for more information](#). Sandwiches provided.

From Hornsby Shire Council, 15 January: These photos show the aftermath of recent illegal dumping at the Old Dog Pound in Westleigh, which not only had the potential to damage our environment but also left Council with a hefty bill to pay.

The clean-up effort required a skip bin, four people and machinery, costing a total of \$2690 of ratepayers'™ money. While Council is always on the lookout for illegal dumping, we need your help " if you see or suspect any illegal dumping, please report it so that we can clean it up and catch the perpetrators.

To report, please call **Council's™ Waste Hotline on 9847 4856** with the following details: the date and time you found the rubbish or saw the suspected dumping, the exact location and types of items. Information on the dumper will also help. Getting a vehicle registration number, colour, make/model, any company name or logo details and photos can help us successfully pursue legal action. Taking these simple steps will help keep the environment healthy and your

suburb clean, while also giving us a chance to stop illegal dumping in Hornsby Shire.



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: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting #19, 6pm, at Hornsby Police Station.

Monday, 8 February: NSW Justices Association Hornsby Branch meets 7pm Asquith Rugby League Club. JP&™s welcome. **Enq John 9875 1383 or 0408 289 203.**

Thursday 17 March: 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, 15 January: Our new eye-catching off-leash dog signs are up at Friars Field in Pymble!



We introduced the signs as part of our campaign to encourage responsible dog ownership, as well as installing dog waste bag dispenser and brochure holders which will contain important educational information. Keep an eye out for the new signage as we roll them out throughout our 22 off-leash dog parks in Ku-ring-gai. [More info here.](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION #2: WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HEAR AN INTRUDER IN MY HOME?

Best advice is to scream, run and hide. Try and keep a line of retreat open at all times. If possible, lock yourself in a room. Barricade yourself in a room if you have to. Do NOT confront the intruder. Phone 000. You might only have a few seconds to get the call in. State "I am at (give address) and there is person(s) on premises; I fear for the welfare of myself and family". Police will respond 'code red'. Only fight an intruder if you have no other choice. Just think, if you get killed or incapacitated then who is going to protect your partner/kids, let alone support them if you die? Possessions are not worth dying for. Keep a pre-programmed mobile phone by the

bed. And a large million candle power torch is recommended, as it has the added bonus of being able to blind an attacker. A flash (just a flash) of light in their eyes will rob them of their night vision, so they are going to be severely hindered if they try to run off in the dark, where as you have the advantage of knowing the layout of your place. If someone is prepared to enter a home knowing someone is in residence, it can be taken as a fact they would be prepared to confront anyone who challenges them.

Related Facts: Is the front gate to your property locked? If so, then you must provide a bell, buzzer or method for a person to alert you they are there. Otherwise they have a common law right to go to your front door. Even if that includes jumping the fence or gate.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 14 January:

Hornsby and Ku-ringgai drivers might be getting the message about not using their mobile phones while driving but there were still 59 motorists fined for this offence in the area last month. The same time last year police issued 89 fines for using a phone while driving, down from 139 in November 2010.

Assault on police ends in charges before bail A SCAFFOLDER from Pennant Hills who allegedly rammed a marked police vehicle twice and then assaulted two officers was granted bail last week. Ian Thomas Lambert, 31, left Burwood Local Court on January 6 accompanied by his mother, who paid \$5000 cash surety for his release. The incident happened on Pennant Hills Rd at 12.45am on Wednesday last week in torrential rain. Police were patrolling Pennant Hills Rd when they allegedly saw a Holden Barina make an illegal U-turn. They followed it to the intersection of Copeland Rd and Cardinal Ave when Lambert allegedly reversed twice into the police car. Lambert did not enter pleas to the seven charges, which include Skye's Law (trying to avoid arrest during a police chase) resisting arrest, two counts of assaulting police and refusing to submit to a breath analysis. The court heard when the two officers attempted to arrest him he allegedly grabbed one of them around the neck. The matter was adjourned to January 14.

From the NSW Food Authority, 13 January: RECALL:

Inghams Enterprises has recalled Inghams Quick Cook Chicken Meatballs 500g sold from Woolworths stores in NSW. The product is being recalled due to incorrect best before dates on the label. The product has already passed its true Best Before Date and is therefore no longer suitable for consumption. Product details are:

â€¢ Inghams Quick Cook Chicken Meatballs 500g, plastic tray

â€¢ Best Before 19 Jan 2016, 20 Jan 2016, 22 Jan 2016 and 23 Jan 2016

Consumers should not eat this product and should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. If you are concerned about your health, you should seek medical advice. For more information contact **Inghams Enterprises on 1800 262 088**.



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 the North Shore Times, 15 February:

Illegal unit parkers face fines [edited] DRIVERS who illegally park in visitor bays

of apartment blocks across the north shore could soon face fines up to \$550. The new fines will apply in areas where councils strike agreements with the owners corporations of unit blocks. The fines are a package of reforms introduced by the State Government late last year that included the controversial 75 per cent ownership rule. Under the new laws, drivers caught parking in visitor bays may be hit with hefty fines in accordance with schemes drawn up by councils and building owners corporations. The schemes will mean council parking rangers can enter private property to issue fines and erect signs if the council has a prior agreement with the ownersâ€™ corporation.

Ku-ring-gai Council is yet to set up any agreements but will assess requests to regulate parking on a case-by-case basis. Visitor bay parking fines are part of more than 90 reforms to strata laws that come into effect in July 2016.

1 ROSEVILLE Jewellery and cash were stolen from a William St house last Wednesday afternoon. Neighbours heard a house alarm go off and saw a man exit the home via the rear door about 12.15pm. Police were called and a search of the home revealed the man had entered the property via a window and ransacked the bedrooms. The man is described as being of African appearance, about 25-30 years old, 175cm tall and with very skinny legs. He was last seen wearing an orange Hi-Vis vest, striped board shorts, blue Ontisuka Tiger shoes and a grey beanie carrying a dark bag over his shoulder. Contact Chatswood police with any information.

From The Bush Telegraph, 21 January: STOP THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS

Parents are the most common source of alcohol for 12-17 year old students according to the 2011 Australian Secondary Students'™ Alcohol and Drug survey. This is closely followed by friends. You'™re a parent, not a mate, is one of the bold new messages to be used in a health campaign ' STOP THE SUPPLY ' to encourage the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai community to take a stand against supplying alcohol to minors. The Stop the Supply campaign aims to make parents, coaches and young people stop and think about the consequences of supplying or buying alcohol for someone under 18 years. Stop The Supply delivers a clear message that secondary supply of alcohol to a person under 18 years is against the law (unless you are the parent or guardian) and results in a minimum on the spot fine of \$1,100 or fine up to \$11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment (NSW Liquor Act 2007). Visit www.stophthesupply.org.au

From NABO: Tell us what you think... take part in NABO's National Neighbour Survey



We are excited to kick off the year with our 2016 National Neighbour Survey. We want to find out how you rate yourself as a neighbour, what you think of your neighbours and what you're willing to do for a neighbour. **This is a quick 2 minute survey.** Plus, by taking the survey you'll have a chance to win 1 of 3 supermarket vouchers. We look forward to hearing from you and sharing the national results next month. The Nabo Team, Surry Hills, NSW.

[Take the survey here.](#)

What is NABO? Nabo is the social network for your suburb

From finding locally recommended tradies, events and nearby bargains, to creating a safer and friendlier neighbourhood. Nabo is the free social network helping you get the best out of your local area. [NABO website 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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