



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

## eNewsletter # 224 - 25 January 2016

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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**23 January, Ku-ring-gai Council - Building bushfire resilient homes**

Come to Council Chambers at Gordon and find out from the experts about what's involved in planning, designing and building a bushfire resilient home or retrofitting an existing one.

Event Details:

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| For :  | Everyone  | When:                                  | Wed<br>10 Feb 2016 at 6:30 PM -8:30 PM  |
| Where: | Level 3 Council<br>Chambers<br>818 Pacific<br>Highway, Gordon | Contact details:<br>Contact<br>Person: | Sustainability Team   |
| Cost:  | Free - bookings<br>essential                                  | Telephone:                             | 9424 0893   |
|        |   | Email:                                 | <a href="mailto:sustainability@kmc.nsw.gov.au">sustainability@kmc.nsw.gov.au</a>                            |
|        |   | Website:                               | <a href="http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityevents">http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityevents</a> |

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## 21 January, KEEP YOUR VEHICLE SAFE:

With the warmer weather there is a tendency to leave car windows slightly open. Please bear the following crime prevention tips in mind when parking on hot days whether in your streets, at the park or the beach:

⌘ Make sure all windows are closed and doors are locked: don't provide easy access to your car.

⌘ If you park in a garage make sure you lock it.

⌘ Make sure all valuables are out of sight.

⌘ consider using a high quality steering wheel lock, install a high quality electric alarm or install an engine immobiliser.

⌘ Keep your keys safe: keep them secure. Don't have your name or home address on them – a mobile phone number is best.

For further crime prevention tips, head to the State Government's Crime Prevention website: <http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au>

Head here for the Federal Government's Crime Prevention initiatives: <http://www.crimeprevention.gov.au/Pages/defa>

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## **21 January, Neighbourhood Watch Information Day**

We wish to invite you to the Neighbourhood Watch Information Day being held on

Thursday, 17th March, 2016.

Details for the event are:

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre  
37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills

Registration: 8am

Day will start at 9:00am and conclude at 3:30pm

Morning tea and lunch tea will be provided

Please register by Friday, 26th February 2015

Please reply to: [nhwinfoday@police.nsw.com.au](mailto:nhwinfoday@police.nsw.com.au) or phone: Crime Prevention Team (02) 9768 - 0723 or (02) 9768 - 0724

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## **21 January, These are the 25 worst passwords of 2015 – did yours make the list?**

Passwords are supposed to keep our accounts secure, but many of us have lots of them and it's difficult to remember them all.

So, naturally, people look for shortcuts, choosing simple-to-remember but also easy-to-crack passwords, making them essentially worthless.

To demonstrate how bad people are at creating secure passwords, a password management company called SplashData has just released a list of the 25 worst passwords used in 2015, and it's not pretty.

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

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## **20 January, Loadfail (in Tassie)**



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### **20 January, NSW Police Force**

You could soon have a better chance of getting stolen electronic devices back, thanks to a change to the Pawnbrokers and Second-hand Dealers Regulation.

NSW Police today joined with the NSW Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, Victor Dominello, to announce the change.

[Click here](#) for full story

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### **2 January, Beware!!! - Australian Federal Police (AFP) Traffic Infringement Scam Alert.**

AFP have received numerous reports about a scam traffic infringement notice email doing the rounds again (the same one from last year). Please help to warn others. Do not pay any money. Do not click on any links. Just DELETE THE EMAIL immediately. Visit StaySmartOnline website for more information on scams and staying safe online.

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### **20 January, Hyatt says 250 hotels were drained of credit card details**

Two days before Christmas, Hyatt acknowledged that its payment systems had been infiltrated by cyberthieves.

Details are beginning to fill in the initially sketchy report: on Thursday, Hyatt put out

a statement saying that the intrusion likely affected guests at 250 hotels in about 50 countries.

The upshot: if you ate, golfed, had a spa day, parked or stayed at a Hyatt-managed hotel between August 13, 2015 and December 8, 2015, you should probably check your credit card statement for fraudulent charges, since there's a good chance your card details got slurped.

[Full story here.](#)

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### **19 January, Live Traffic NSW**

**CATCH PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS IN THE SYDNEY CBD AND PARRAMATTA:** There'll be road closures and parking restrictions in the Sydney CBD, and Parramatta Park will be vehicle-free, so leave the car at home. Extra trains will run on a number of lines, and extra buses will run into and out of the CBD on major corridors. The free Parramatta Shuttle bus will be running between Parramatta Station and Parramatta Park.

Planning to catch the ferry? Have a backup option. Australia Day is one of the busiest for Sydney Ferries - plus Eastern Suburbs ferries won't be running, and Garden Island Wharf will be closed.

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### **19 January, NSW Police Force**



Just a friendly reminder that extra police will be out in force for the final phase of Operation Arrive Alive this weekend, followed by a double-demerit period for speeding, mobile phone, seat belt and motorcycle helmet offences from 22

January to 26 January 2016 inclusive.

## 19 January, Mobility Parking Permit Info



\*\*\*\*\* Displaying your Mobility Parking permit \*\*\*\*\*

You must display both your NSW Mobility Parking Scheme permit (licence-style card) and your Australian Disability Parking Permit (large purple card) in order to obtain parking concessions.

Insert your NSW permit into the clear sleeve of the Australian Disability Parking Permit. The side marked THIS SIDE UP should be facing out, so that your personal details and photo cannot be seen.

\*\*\*\*\* Attaching the permits to your vehicle \*\*\*\*\*

Your permits should be displayed clearly on the left hand (passenger) side of your vehicle.

If this isn't practical, place the permits in an area where they can be clearly seen from outside the vehicle.

The permits must not block the driver's vision while the vehicle is in motion. Make sure the side marked "Display this side" is showing at all times when in use to obtain parking concessions.

You can use a suction cup to attach the permits to the windscreen or any other

surface, or you can use any other method you prefer to display the permits.

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### **18 January, Road Rules: Yellow Lights**

Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations.

The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community have said they need more clarification on, like mobile phone laws, roundabout rules and how and why we enforce in school zones.

Road safety largely depends on road users being able to understand and follow the road rules, so share the animation links with your friends and colleagues and refresh your memory!

For more information on road rules download the Top 10 misunderstood road rules in NSW guide (<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.a...>) or visit <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au> or <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/>.

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### **19 January, from The Daily Telegraph: Council Carpark: Testing time for confused residents.**



It's the car park fiasco that is testing time itself.

Wahroonga resident Bob Partington recently made a particularly side-splitting

discovery at a Ku-ring-gai Council car park in Redleaf Lane, Wahroonga.

After parking his car he was bemused to see a sign which suggested one spot had both a three- and two-hour limit.

For full story, click [here](#)



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#### **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](#).

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**From Ku-ring-gai Council, 22 January: Recycle Right Quiz**



How well do you know your recycling service? Test your knowledge with our new recycling quiz. You may even win a prize.

**[More info here.](#)**

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**From Ku-ring-gai Council, 22 January: OzHarvest Council Partners With OzHarvest To Save Food**

Ku-ring-gai Council and OzHarvest are partnering together to collect quality surplus food from local businesses and donate to charities in need.

You could be one of over 2000 food donors giving back to the community, saving money on waste bills and reducing your businesses environmental footprint.

**[More info here](#)**

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**From Hornsby Council: Celebrate Australia Day at Hornsby Park**

Celebrate living in this great country in true Aussie style with exciting entertainment, kids activities and food at Council's free Australia Day event at Hornsby Park 11am-3pm.

Our main act, The Crackup Sisters, will have the audience in stitches as they deliver a hilarious mix of comedy, whipcracking and acrobatics while telling stories of the Australian country and its larrikin characters.

**[More info here](#)**

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 21 January:**

## HOW MANY TEASERS CAN YOU ANSWER?

PUT down that meat pie, set aside the lamingtons and hold off on the chardonnay. Before you get stuck into Australia Day celebrations, test how well you know the country in our Australia Day Quiz. Answers at the end, no cheating.

1. Australia is home to the largest sand island in the world. What is its name?
2. What do you call a baby echidna?
3. Which American actor starred as Australian bushranger Dan Morgan in the 1976 film Mad Dog Morgan?
4. "You know you're soaking in it" was the line from an ad for which product?
5. The Floriade Festival that features thousands of flowers in bloom during September and October runs in which Australian city?

[More teasers here](#)

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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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**From the North Shore Times, 22 January:**

## SYDNEY FEES

The lifetime cost of schooling  
a Sydney child born in 2016:

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

**\$73,063**

SYSTEMIC SCHOOLS

**\$240,768**

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

**\$552,351**

Source: ASG

**1 ROSEVILLE** A man, 40, of Crows Nest was arrested on Wednesday, January 13, for breaking into and stealing from a property in August. North Shore Detectives arrested the man for breaking into a property at Boundary St, Roseville, on August 15, 2015. In the course of the investigation a witness was identified, stolen property was located and forensic identification evidence was found. He was refused bail and remanded in custody to appear at Hornsby Local Court last Wednesday.

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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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