



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](#).**

7 February, From Hawkesbury Command

Another example of why it is dangerous to drive across roads impacted by flood water. In February this year, a fire vehicle from Tewantin in Queensland was travelling slowly on a road experiencing what appeared only minor flooding. Given the size and capability of the vehicle, the crew made a decision to cross, unfortunately not knowing that the surface beneath the road had collapsed, causing the fire truck to become engulfed in a large subsidence. Please do not cross roads impacted by floods!

Please share this image to pass on how dangerous driving in floods can be.



6 February, NSW Police Force

Recently noted at Hornsby SES meeting (Our understanding - please do your own detailed research):

There has been a change in law. When a tree falls onto another property, it is now the responsibility of the owner where it falls (NOT, as previously, the responsibility of the owner of where the tree root ball was). So, if a tree growing in property A falls on properties B, C & D, the insurance companies of B, C & D will all be used. Also, any debris fallen on B, C & D shouldn't be thrown back over onto A's property.

4 February, NSW Police Force, Cop Humour



Budget cuts have hit Response Teams hard in WA! Check out the latest in the new fleet of response vehicles.

(Please remember that this is only a concept, and the final rollout will include less vehicle features.)

3 February, NSW Police Force

Parking around school zones. We've had a complaint of parents double parking in Cawthorne Street, Hornsby Heights which causes traffic problems. It also creates a really unsafe situation for children and parents who do the right thing and walk to and from the school. Please note, Highway Patrol Officers and general duties car crews have been notified.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES	
Current as at 1 July 2014	
	Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.
	Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.
	Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.
	DOUBLE PARKING You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.
Maximum Penalty	\$415 + 2 Demerit Points
Penalty	\$173 + 2 Demerit Points
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$311 + 2 Demerit Points • STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): \$415 + 2 Demerit Points • STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$173 + 2 Demerit Points 	
<small>Note: Area subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.</small>	

3 February, NSW Police Force, From our neighbouring command



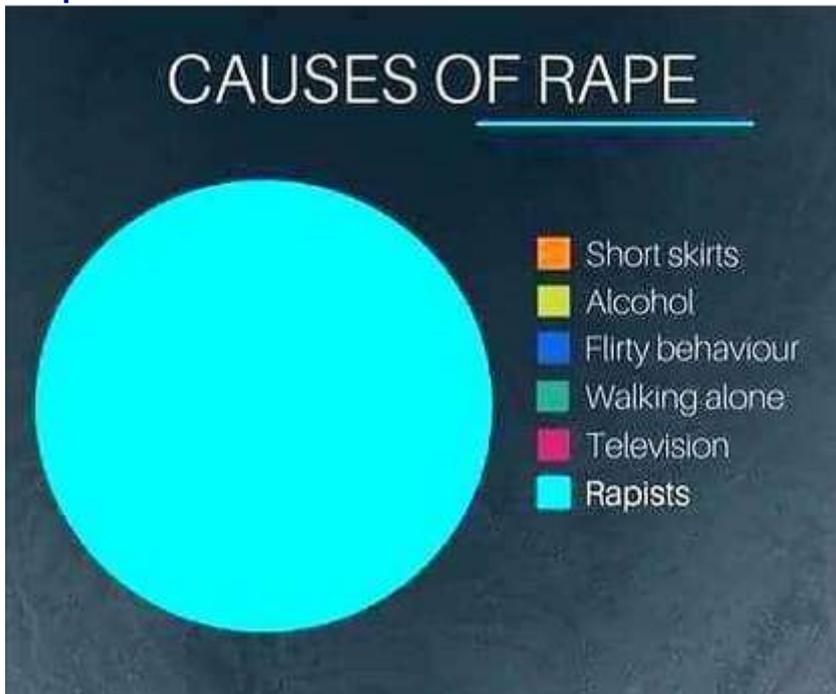
Join us in Chatswood to celebrate the Year of the Monkey with a variety of performances, market stalls, entertainment and food, Saturday 13 February.

2 February, From Sydney Morning Herald, Synthetic drugs are killing our kids, so let's take control

Prohibiting recreational drugs hasn't worked, so it's time to try regulating them.

For full story, [click here](#)

2 February, NSW Police Force
Keep Her Safe



2 February, Traffic and Highway Patrol Command

Loadfail - triffecta !

AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES - REG 292

Insecure or overhanging load

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A driver must not drive or tow a vehicle if the vehicle is carrying a load that:

- (a) is not properly secured to the vehicle, or
- (b) is placed on the vehicle in a way that causes the vehicle to be unstable, or
- (c) projects from the vehicle in a way that is likely to injure a person, obstruct the path of other drivers or pedestrians, or damage a vehicle or anything else (for example, the road surface).

Penalty: Offence provision.

Note: Other laws of this jurisdiction may deal with the loading of vehicles and carrying loads on vehicles.

Drive/tow vehicle with unsecured load \$425 / 3 demerits

Drive/tow vehicle with load causing instability \$425 / 3 demerits

Drive/tow vehicle with overhanging load \$425 / 3 demerits

Not remove/have removed any thing fallen/put on road \$425 / 3

2 February, NSW Police Force, [Edited]

New rules are being introduced on our roads to help drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians Go Together safely. We all need to respect each other's space to ensure that everyone stays safe. On average, 11 bicycle riders are killed and 1500 seriously injured in NSW each year.

These new rules will come into effect on 1st March 2016.

“Introducing a new rule requiring drivers to leave a minimum distance when passing bicycle riders” at least one metre when travelling up to 60km/h and at least 1.5 metres when travelling faster than 60km/h, which will attract a penalty of \$319 and two demerit points.



Bicycle riders over 18 must carry photo ID

From 1 March 2016, all bicycle riders aged 18 and over must carry the required photo identification. This will help riders be identified in an emergency. NSW Police will also be able to ask for identification if they believe a bicycle rider has broken the road rules.

Bicycle riders will have 12 months to adjust to the new law. From 1 March 2017, riders stopped by police for breaking the road rules could face a \$106 fine if they do not have the required photo ID.

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

Hornsby Police news,

2/2/16

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

Incident: Fail to supply breath analysis charge

Time/Date: About 12.45am Tuesday 2nd

Place: Thornleigh

Vehicle 1: Toyota Rav 4

Driver 1: 38 year old male

Vehicle 2: Mercedes.

Details: About 12.45am the owner of a Mercedes was standing beside his car in the McDonalds car park. At that time a Toyota Rav 4 has reversed out of a parking spot and crashed into the Mercedes. The Rav 4 driver, a 38 year old male has got out and looked at the cars, then got back in and drove off. Police were called and attended. While police were there the Mercedes owner has sighted the Rav 4 on the Cumberland highway and told police, who gave chase. The Rav 4 was eventually stopped near Beecroft road and the driver spoken to. Police allege the Rav 4 driver began swearing and refused a roadside breath test. He was then arrested and taken to Hornsby police station. The male has then refused a breath analysis, and he was charged. His licence was suspended by police.

Court: The driver is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 24 February charged with Failing or refusing a breath analysis and failing to exchange particulars as a result of the crash.

Incident: Drugs charge

Time/Date: About 5.45pm Friday 29th

Place: Hornsby mall

Person 1: 19 year old male.

Details: Police were patrolling the mall area and have seen a male drinking alcohol in the alcohol free zone. Police approached and spoke to the male who was holding something in his right hand and acting suspiciously. A search revealed a plastic bag containing a white substance police will allege is the drug known as ICE. A further search resulted in another bag of white powder (allegedly ICE) being located in a bum bag. The male allegedly made certain admissions to the possession of the drugs. He was then charged.

Incident: Stolen box trailer

Time/Date: between Sat 23 Jan and Sun 22 Jan

Place: Bunnings Thornleigh

Details: A silver coloured Bunnings box trailer, stored in the underground car park was stolen by persons unknown.

Incident: Stolen car

Time/Date: Between 3.30pm and 6.30pm Monday 1st

Place: Galston aquatic centre.

Details: A silvered Hyundai I30 was parked at the aquatic centre, about 6.30pm the owner returned and found the car missing. It appears the driver's window had been smashed.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: between 7pm and 11pm Friday 29th

Place: Wentworth Avenue, East Killara

Details: A home was broken into and ransacked; a watch was taken during the

incident. The alarm to the house showed it was activated at 10.20pm.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 7.30pm and 3.50pm Monday 1st

Place: Pacific Highway, Killara

Details: A unit was broken into in Killara with several rooms ransacked. Gold jewellery was taken during the incident.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 11pm Sunday 31st and 10am Monday 1st

Place: Waipori Street, St Ives Chase.

Details: A home was broken into in Waipori Place, St Ives Chase. About \$700 cash was taken during the incident.

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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**From NSW Food Authority, Name and Shame List: Sourdough Bakery
Hornsby**

For all details, [click here](#)

We have been asked on several occasions about driving position - whether you should sit upright, or leaning back. How far should you be from the steering wheel? (Your wrist should rest on top of the wheel!) Here is a great link for adjusting to a safe driving position. (Get your protractor ready to measure those angles, huh?)



For details, [click here](#)

Dates for the Diary:

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.**

Tuesday 09 February: Police Transport command 'PTC Connect'. 6-9am @ Hornsby Railway Station.

Thursday 18 February: **FREE** Parents and Carers Of Learner Drivers Workshop. 630-830pm Hornsby Shire Council Chambers.

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 the Hornsby Advocate 4 February:

7 HORNSBY An ice cream was stolen from a kiosk at Hornsby Westfield between 7pm on Saturday and 9.30am on Sunday. It is the fourth incident in the last 10 days where the fridge was left open and other ice creams melted. CCTV footage will be reviewed, inquiries continue.

From North Shore Times, 5February [edited]

North Shore LAC crime co-ordinator Sergeant Scott Horwood said police continued to receive reports of fraud that are linked to mail theft, online scams, stolen or lost wallets and purses as well as internet banking being compromised.

“Some safety tips that will help include securing your mailbox, checking and clearing out your mail daily,” Sgt Horwood said.

“You should keep tabs on the arrival date of new credit cards, PIN numbers and identification items in your mail. If you think an item is overdue check with the issuing organisation.”

For full article, please see Page 8.

Please [email us](#) for your copy of Our 20 favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Mail Boxes.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Successful Road Safety Campaign returns to Hornsby Shire

Posted: Friday 22 January, 2016

After being successfully implemented last year and contributing to a change in traffic laws, the cycling campaign It’s a two way street will again be promoted by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with Ku-ring-gai Council.

The campaign, which is coordinated on a national basis by The Amy Gillett Foundation, was initially launched in Hornsby Shire and Ku-ring-gai in January

2015 and is based on the notion of cyclists and drivers showing mutual respect.
[Full story here](#)

From Ku-Ring-Gai Council: Building Bushfire Resilient Homes

Find out from the experts about whatâ€™s involved in planning, designing and building a bushfire resilient home or retrofitting an existing one.

When: Wed, 10 Feb 2016 at 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Where: L3, Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

Contact: Sustainability Team, 9424 0893

Cost: Free - bookings essential

Email: sustainability@kmc.nsw.gov.au

Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you?

Galston Gorge: Sun 7 Feb 2016 - Wed 10 Feb 2016

There will be two shifts of night work on Sunday 7 and Wednesday 10 February and this work will require a full closure of the bridge. Working hours will be from 8pm to 5am.

There will be three shifts of day work from Monday 8 February to Wednesday 10 February. The bridge will be open during this time. Our working hours will be from 7am to 6pm.

Diversions: Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary Road, Pennant Hills Road, Pacific Highway and George Street. The detour will add up to 30 minutes.

View the Live Traffic NSW website [here](#).

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, [click here](#). Apple, [click here](#).

From Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies:

2. LOCK ALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT IN YOUR VEHICLE, ESPECIALLY YOUR LAPTOP, ETC.

4. BEWARE OF NON-ANCHORAGE POINTS ON YOUR VEHICLE.

Secure to the main chassis frame, in order to take the full force of the load.

5. ALWAYS DISPLAY A WARNING FLAG ON ITEMS PROTRUDING 1.2M BEHIND THE VEHICLE

Email us for your copy of this or any other 20 tips.

5 February, So bad so good

You know it's a rough neighborhood when even the birds have ankle monitors and pack a knife.



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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