



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

## eNewsletter # 231 - 14 March 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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**14 March, Here is some weekend crime stats from 11 to 14 March**

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs	Other
Suburb							
AGGUTH							
BEROWRA		1					
BROOKLYN		1					
COWAN				1			
GALSTON		1	1				
GORDON	2		1				
HORNSBY	1	2	2				
HORNSBY HEIGHTS		1					
KILLARA	1						
MT COLAH							
MT KURUNG GAI							
NORMANHURST	1						
PYMBLE							
ST IVES	1	1	1				
THORNTON							
TURRAMURRA							
WAHROONGA		1	1				
WAITARA							
WARRAWEE					1		
WEST PYMBLE					1		
WESTLEIGH							
Date range	11/3 to 14/3						

**Berowra:** 1 Malicious Damage

**Gordon:** 2 Break & Enter, 1 Stealing

**Hornsby:** 1 Break & Enter (B&E), 2 Mal Dam, 2 Stealing

**Killara:** 1 B&E

**St Ives:** 1 B&E, 1 Mal Dam, 1 Stealing

**Wahroonga:** 1 Mal Dam, 1 Stealing

**Warrawee:** 1 Steal from Motor Vehicle

**Westleigh:** 1 B&E

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**11 March, This is a FREE SEMINAR – PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS** – for parents and their young drivers, organised by the Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee, see flyer for booking details.

THE KURUNG-GAI POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL  
*Communicating and Caring*

**"PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR  
TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS"**

FREE In-Depth Seminar for PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS  
together with YOUNG DRIVERS

**MONDAY - 21 MARCH 2016**  
**6.00 PM for 6.30 PM - 8.30 PM**

AT  
\*\* NOTE VENUE \*\* KU-RING-GAI GORDON LIBRARY MEETING ROOM 2 \*\*  
799 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GORDON - OPPOSITE KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



**STAY ALERT - HAVE AN ESCAPE!!!!**

Presenter: Jeff McDougall - Trust Driving School  
Immediate Past President, Australian Driver Trainers Assoc NSW Ltd  
Member National Executive Committee of the Australian College of Road Safety  
Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, Former NS Trust Driving School

will discuss the Vital Aspects of

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN TEACHING A YOUNG DRIVER:**

- o A Comprehensive and Organized Approach to the Driving Task
- o The Five Critical Risks for Young Drivers - Preparation for the Driving Test
- o Keeping the Log Book Honest - Teaching Practical Skills Safely
- o The Components of Driving - Strategies for Safe Driving
- o Effective Partnerships - Making it a Positive Experience

Vital information about the current driving test!

Presenter: Svr Coxa Lynda Hart - School Liaison Officer, NSW Police, K'gai LAC  
Will Share her "Passion for Keeping People Safe"

BOOK EARLY - SEATS LIMITED! Phone Carol on mobile 0428 858 840  
or email carol\_hart@optusnet.com.au

## 10 March, Android malware targets Australia banking apps, from 9news.

Millions of Australian bank customers who use Android devices could be at risk from a malware virus that steal account details.

Commonwealth Bank, Westpac, National Australia Bank and ANZ Bank customers are all targeted by the malware which hides on infected devices waiting until the user accesses their banking apps.

For details, [click here](#).

## 9 March, Carjacking attempt in St Leonard's foiled by good Samaritan as police investigations continue.

A 55-year-old woman has been rescued by a passing stranger after a man armed with a knife attempted a carjacking.

The incident occurred about 10.15am this morning on the Pacific Highway in St Leonards when the woman was stopped at a red light.

Police alleged the man approached the car, got in the front seat and held a knife to the woman's chest, telling her to drive.

For details, [click here](#)

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### **9 March, Fines set to increase for pedestrians distracted by their mobiles**

There are strict laws for drivers when it comes to smartphone usage but the laws are about to shift to include pedestrians to clamp down on mobile distraction when crossing the road.

The Australian Pedestrian Council is looking to double the penalty for people who cross the road without "due care and attention..." to \$200.

For more, [click here](#)

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### **8 March, Marine Area Command - NSW Police Force**



Please keep a look out for this stolen custom made vessel registration MAX77KN, stolen on trailer TA03GX from a Salamander Bay residence. The theft took place between the evening of Sunday 10 January and afternoon of Monday 11 January 2016. If you have any information, call your local police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Please like and share.

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**8 March, NSW Police Force: Shout out to all the amazing women of the NSW Police Force. Happy International Women's Day!**



## 8 March, Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit's post.

### Identifying Elder Abuse

#### What to look for (signs of abuse)

- Carer hovers around older person
- Unkempt appearance
- Ill-fitting clothes or underweight
- Not dressed appropriately for weather
- Poor hygiene or unsanitary conditions
- No food in the house, unpaid bills
- Overly paranoid or excessive fear
- Limited access to money/bank account

#### Elder abuse can take many forms

**Financial:** Misuse of money, bank accounts or powers of attorney.

**Psychological:** Verbal abuse; belittling or name-calling; isolating older person from others.

**Neglect:** Failure to provide for basic needs, e.g. food, heating or healthcare.

**Physical:** Assault; shoving or rough handling; physical or chemical restraint.

**Sexual:** Any unwelcome sexual behaviour or act; can include inappropriate washing or handling.

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elderabuse  
helpline & resource unit  
1800 628 221

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### Responding to Elder Abuse

#### Talk/listen to the older person

Ask the person if they feel safe to talk and arrange for privacy if necessary.

#### Do not just rely on information from family or carers

Exclude if needed.

#### Respect the right of the older person to decide for themselves

e.g. finances; who lives with them, etc.

#### If you suspect abuse, take action

- Call an ambulance; a social admission to hospital can prevent further abuse
- Consult the DO, DVLO or CPO
- Record all details on COPS
- Contact myagedcare for a service assessment
- Call EAHRU for advice

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**March 10, from the Hornsby Advocate:**

**KILLARA**

**3** Police have charged a man after he was allegedly disturbed during a break-in about 12.30am on Tuesday. Police were called to a unit on the Pacific Hwy in Killara, following reports of a break-in. When North Shore police arrived they spoke with a 24-year-old resident of the apartment, who was uninjured. Shortly after, police found two men sitting on the awning of the unit. One man, aged 41, came down on police request, however the other man, aged 33, stayed on the awning for a short time before he was able to climb onto the balcony. Following a search of the 33-year-old man, officers located medication boxes and an electric shaver. Police will allege the items were stolen from the unit. The 33-year-old was taken to Chatswood Police Station, where he was charged with aggravated break and enter. He was refused bail and will appear in Hornsby Local Court.

**TURRAMURRA**

**10** \$2400 was taken from a home on Lamond Drive between midnight and 11am on Monday. The ground floor screen door was found open, a purse, it's contents and a wallet were stolen.

**WAHROONGA**

**7** Seven rooms were ransacked and a laptop was stolen from a home in Water St between 10am and 2pm on Monday. Burglars smashed a ground floor glass window to get into the home.

**TURRAMURRA**

**8** A thief broke into two cars on Laurence St between 5pm on Sunday and 6am on Monday. Lollies were taken from a Toyota Yaris and a Subaru was also broken into but nothing appears to have been taken from it.

ACTUAL BODILY HARM	HILLCREST RD	BEROWRA	RESIDENTIAL	6/01/2016	1920
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ASSAULT COMMON	HILLCREST RD	BEROWRA	RESIDENTIAL	6/01/2016	1920
BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL	PACIFIC HWY	BEROWRA	RESIDENTIAL	11/01/2016	1050
GRAFFITI	PACIFIC HWY	BEROWRA	PUBLIC TRANSPORT	24/01/2016	1600
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	HILLCREST RD	BEROWRA	RESIDENTIAL	6/01/2016	1920
OTHER STEAL	PACIFIC HWY && YALLAMBEE RD	BEROWRA	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	22/01/2016	230
OTHER STEAL	BEROWRA WATERS RD	BEROWRA	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	26/01/2016	1310
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	RICKARD RD	BEROWRA	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	11/01/2016	1100
STEAL FROM PERSON VEHICLE	WILLUNGA RD && THE GULLY RD	BEROWRA	PUBLIC TRANSPORT	21/01/2016	2110
OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR	BEROWRA WATERS RD && PACIFIC HWY	BEROWRA	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	6/01/2016	2130
OTHER STREET OFFENCE	PACIFIC HWY && YALLAMBEE RD	BEROWRA	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	26/01/2016	1400
				30/01/2016	1250

### Dates for the Diary:

**Thursday 17 March:** Neighbourhood Watch Information Day at NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills. **Book 9768 0723.**

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

**Monday 21 March:** KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660.**

**Sunday 27 March:** Neighbour Day

**Thursday 31 March:** FREE Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Public Meeting - Westleigh. 530-730pm @ Westleigh Rural Fire Service, 12 Warrigal Dr, Westleigh

**Monday 04 April:** Turramurra NHW meeting at 8pm at Turramurra Uniting Church

**Friday 01 - Sunday 10 April 2016:** Seniors Week

**Friday 08 - Sunday 17 April 2016:** Youth Week

**Friday 08 April:** FREE Cyber Safety for Seniors. Presentation by S/C Paul Cleary. 1030am @ Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George St Entry via Hunter Lane, Hornsby. **Phone: 9847 6614**

**Wednesday 20 April:** First aid course for Teens. Visit [kmc.nsw.gov.au/firstaid](http://kmc.nsw.gov.au/firstaid).

**Sunday 01 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. With Police/NHW crime prevention stall - [volunteers needed please](#) [and ice-skating!]

**Wednesday 04 May:** All Areas NHW meeting 6pm @ Hornsby Police Station. Everyone welcome.

**Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 2016:** Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut, 9-330pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info.](#)

**Monday 20 June:** KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660.**

**Monday 19 September:** KPCSC FREE Seminar 'Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers' 6-8pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Room 2. **Book: Carroll 0405 558 660.**

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 10 March:**



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**From Hornsby Shire Council: New rules for drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians**

From 1 March 2016, new rules come into effect to help drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians. We all need to respect each other's space to ensure that everyone stays safe.

Drivers must give bicycle riders at least a metre of space

From 1 March 2016, drivers who pass a bicycle rider must allow a distance of at least:

- 1 metre when the speed limit is 60km/h or less
- 1.5 metres when the speed limit is more than 60km/h

[Full Media Release here.](#)

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**8 March, 5 tips for safer online dating**

Action Fraud and the City of London Police have launched a new initiative that



aims to separate cybercrime and fraud facts from fiction.

Dubbed ‘[Urban Fraud Myths](#)’, the thirteen day campaign kicked off with a look at online dating, a crime which swindled 3543 Brits out of Â£33.65 million (\$51 million) in the last year.

For details, click [here](#).

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### **From 'Our 20 Crime Prevention Tips for Businesses'**

**Tip #1:** AT THE END OF THE DAY, REMOVE ALL MONEY FROM THE CASH REGISTER AND DISPLAY THE EMPTY DRAWER AS A MESSAGE TO POTENTIAL THIEVES.

**Tip #2:** DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HANDBAG, PHONE, KEYS, ETC BEHIND THE COUNTER. Thieves will distract you, reach over the counter and take your property.

**Tip #5 :** INSTALL GOOD QUALITY SECURITY LIGHTS AND/OR SENSOR LIGHTS AROUND THE PERIMETER TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE ILLUMINATION AT NIGHT.

**Tip #9:** FORM A ‘<sup>TM</sup>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH<sup>TM</sup>’ WITH ALL BUSINESSES, RETAILERS, COMMERCIAL PREMISES, HOUSEHOLDERS ETC IN YOUR LOCAL AREA. You are the eyes and ears of your community.

**Tip #13:** PHOTOGRAPH & RECORD DESCRIPTIONS, MODEL & SERIAL NUMBER OF ALL VALUABLES. CONSIDER ETCHING A DRIVERS LICENCE NUMBER.’

your Crime Prevention Officer has an etching tool that can be borrowed.

[Email us](#) for your own copy of this or any other document.

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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](#).

**Thanks to the North Shore Times, 11 March:**

#### Temporary Road Closures

Council has approved the temporary closures on **Sunday 20 March** of:

- **Karuah Road 5am to 3pm** - between Eastern Road and Turramurra Avenue
- **Turramurra Avenue 5am to 3pm** - between Brentwood Avenue and Karuah Road
- **Warrimoo Avenue 6.45am to 1.30pm** northbound lane only - between Killeaton Street and Mungarra Avenue
- **Woodbury Road 8.30am to 1pm** - between Mona Vale Road and Hume Avenue

The purpose of the closures is to allow the Rotary Clubs of Turramurra, Ku-ring-gai and St Ives to conduct a community bicycle ride through local roads in Ku-ring-gai. Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

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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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