



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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23 March, NSW Police Force


DOUBLE DEMERIT POINTS
apply to the following periods:

EASTER - 2016
From Thursday 24 March
to Monday 28 March 2016
(inclusive) **5 DAYS**

ANZAC DAY - 2016
From Friday 22 April
to Monday 25 April 2016
(inclusive) **4 DAYS**

Double Demerit Points apply to:

- Mobile Phone offences
- Speeding offences
- Seat Belt & Child Restraint offences
- Motorcycle Helmet offences



Please drive safely.
A road safety message from Transport for NSW
and Campbelltown City Council.

23 March, 'Locky' ransomware scam hits tens of thousands of Australian computers

Cyber criminals are scraping personal information from thousands of Australians' social media profiles and using it to trap victims with ransomware – a type of malware that freezes computer files and demands money to unlock them.

The ransomware – appropriately titled 'Locky' – is spreading quickly round the web in various guises, but security experts have found it in yet another AustraliaPost email scam.

Click [here](#) for details

23 March, Let them wait, don't risk 8

Did you know that you'll now lose 8 points if you're caught illegally using your mobile phone this Easter long weekend? That's over half your licence!

Let them wait, don't risk the eight.

23 March, THE TOP FIVE DRIVER DISTRACTIONS



Distracted drivers can cause traffic problems and road crashes. Here are the the Top 5, as listed by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services 'Geared' magazine:

1. Mobile phones (talking and texting)

Using a mobile while driving can increase the risk of a collision by four times, according to several studies. Sending a text message is even worse.

2. Adjusting vehicle settings

This is the most common bad driving habit because many people don't realise it's dangerous to fiddle with the radio, air-conditioning or windows while driving.

3. Passengers

Young drivers have a greater risk of crashing when they have friends in the car.

4. Eating, drinking and smoking

An American study has found that eating a cheeseburger can be more distracting than talking on a mobile. And the risk of causing a crash is just one more reason not to smoke!

5. External distractions

As if there wasn't enough happening inside the car, there are lots of distractions outside too. Make sure you look out for other drivers and pedestrians, while trying to block out the roadside billboards, shops and all sorts of unexpected or interesting things going on in the streets.

22 March, Pledge to DRIVE So Others Survive

National Road Safety Week Pledge.



For details, [click here](#)

22 March, Domestic violence prevention lessons to begin in NSW classrooms.

This week in classrooms across New South Wales students will start talking about domestic violence; what it means and what they should do if they witness it.

For full story, [click here](#)

22 March, NSW Police Force



Two men have been charged and 40 railway infringement notices issued to soccer fans travelling from Sydney to the Central Coast and return yesterday.

About 3pm (Saturday 19 March 2016), officers from the Police Transport Command boarded a train at Hornsby Railway Station carrying about 200 soccer fans travelling from Sydney to a match in Gosford.

For details, [click here](#)



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

26 March, Did you know about the Victim Access Line?

Our contact lines provide confidential support and referrals.

Victims Access Line (VAL) The VAL is the entry point to Victims Services.

Phone: 1800 633 063 (freecall number)
or 02 8688 5511 (Sydney metropolitan)

We provide support services, including free counselling and financial assistance to victims of crime. Victims have rights which are set out in the Charter of Victims Rights, which includes the right to be treated with courtesy, compassion and respect. In this section, find out about support services for children, victims of sexual assault and other crimes, and families and friends of missing persons. You can also find out more about victims rights and how to get support throughout the

justice system.

Click [here](#) for details.

Here are some crime stats for January 2016, Turramurra area:

ASSAULT COMMON	WORCESTER PL	RESIDENTIAL	1/20/2016	18.18
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BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	DUFF ST	CARPARK	1/11/2016	6.45
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	DUFF ST && CORNWALL AVE	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	1/8/2016	21.45
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	KU-RING-GAI AVE && PACIFIC HWY	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	1/21/2016	18.00
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	MAXWELL ST	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	1/3/2016	15.00
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	BANNOCKBURN RD	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	1/15/2016	7.30
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	EASTERN RD && ROHINI ST	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	1/21/2016	7.50
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	EASTERN RD && KING ST	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	1/22/2016	17.00
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	TIMARU ST	OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE	1/27/2016	20.00
STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	PACIFIC HWY	BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	1/3/2016	15.90

26 March, Ku-Ring-Gai SES

Our Membership Information Night is on Monday 4 April at 7:30PM

Click [here](#) for details.

26 Marc, Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department

Be careful around downed electric lines. Always assume they are live. When the Georgetown Fire Department responded to call, they found this damage done to the asphalt long after the utility company cut the power to the lines.

Click [here](#) for video.

24 March, ACCC Product Safety: ACCC releases poisons report



For full report, click [here](#)

23 March, NSW Food Authority, St Ives gets a mention.

NAME & SHAME LIST

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 22 premises added
- 24 premises publication period expired

For full details, click [here](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 31 March: FREE Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Public Meeting - Westleigh. 530-730pm @ Westleigh Rural Fire Service, 12 Warrigal Dr, Westleigh [Info](#).

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** [Info](#).

Wednesday 20 April: First aid course for Teens. Visit 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.**

Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016: NHW Week

From the Hornsby Advocate, 24 March:

HORNSBY

1 An 80-year-old female pedestrian was hit by a car on Burdett St in Hornsby about 11.35am on Tuesday. The driver, a man in his 70s, was taken to Hornsby Hospital for blood and urine testing. The elderly woman was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition.

HORNSBY

2 Police were called to Hornsby Westfield on Sunday morning where a body was found outside. The coroner is investigating but it is understood there were no suspicious circumstances.

WAHROONGA

5 Burglars ransacked a home on Cleveland St while a family slept upstairs sometime between 10pm on Tuesday and 12.20am on Wednesday.

THORNLEIGH

3 A man, 52, who had not held a drivers licence for 35 years was allegedly speeding on The Comenarra Parkway in a Hyundai Getz about 7.15am on Sunday. The Normanhurst driver was clocked at 80km/h in a 60km/h zone and will face Hornsby court on April 21.

WAHROONGA

4 Credit cards, car keys and a handbag were stolen from a unit on Munderah St between 11pm on Monday and 9.15am Tuesday. The burglar entered via an open sliding door and stole a handbag which the victim found in the morning in the unit block's yard. The bag was missing her keys and cards.

BROOKLYN

7 \$3300 worth of tools including a drop saw, a concrete drill and an impact driver were taken from a Mitsubishi express panel van after the lock was forced on the driver's side at McKell Park between 10pm on Monday and 7am on Tuesday.

TURRAMURRA

8 Opportunistic thieves rummaged through five unlocked cars parked in Fairlorn Ave, Bobbin Head Rd and Banks Ave sometime between 10pm on Monday and 7am on Tuesday. A VW Golf had coins stolen from it on Fairlorn Ave. A Subaru was left with all its doors and the boot open after the console and glove box were rummaged through and items put on the seat also in Fairlorn Ave. A \$20 note was taken from an unlocked Lexus sedan parked in the same street. A Mazda cx9 was rummaged through on Bobbin Head Rd but nothing was taken and on Banks Ave a Toyota Prius was searched but nothing stolen.

WAHROONGA

9 A 2003 Mazda B2600 table top ute was stolen on Burns Rd between 7.45am and 7.50am on Monday. The owner had left the doors unlocked and the keys in the ignition. The victim's mobile phone was also left unattended in the car. The ute had power tools in it worth thousands of dollars. About 10am on the same day staff at the SAN hospital told the victim his phone had been dropped off by a delivery driver. The ute is still missing.

BROOKLYN

10 The dashboard of a Commodore was ripped apart to get a stereo and an amplifier taken from the boot of the car parked at McKell Park between 10pm on Monday and 7am on Tuesday.

WARRAWEE

11 An e-tag and coins were stolen from an unlocked Holden Captiva in Hastings Rd between 10pm on Monday and 7am on Tuesday.

From the North Shore Times, 25 March

CCTV IMAGE HELP

POLICE SEEK MAN OVER ASSAULT



Police believe the man (pictured) can assist with their investigation into an indecent assault last Thursday in Chatswood. About midnight a woman, 22, left her boyfriend to head home and was grabbed as she walked up the steps to her front door on Edgar St. The woman screamed as she was pushed to the ground. The assailant let her go and was last seen heading east on Western Way toward Jenkins St.

The man is described as being of Asian appearance, in his early 20s, about 170cm tall with brown hair. He is shown to be wearing a white long sleeve shirt and black knee length shorts. Information to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

GORDON

1 A 53-year-old woman was hit by a car while crossing the road at Park Ave on Monday morning. About 6am the driver of a VW Golf entered the crossing and struck the woman. Ambulance officers treated the woman at the scene before she was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. The driver allegedly made some admissions to being at fault but police will wait for the final results of the woman's injuries before taking any action.

EAST KILLARA

2 A man has been charged with high-range drink driving and had his licence suspended after crashing his car last Friday. The driver from East Killara was travelling along Talavera Rd, Macquarie Park, about 3.10am when he crashed. Police arrested the 23-year-old after he returned a positive breath test and took him to Ryde Police station for a further breath analysis, which returned a reading of 0.198. He is due to appear before Burwood Local Court on April 19.

PYMBLE

5 More than \$2000 worth of gardening equipment and motor bike helmets have been stolen from a storage garage in a unit complex on the Pacific Highway. Sometime between last Sunday 5pm and Monday 7am a lawnmower and several motor bike helmets were stolen from the garage totalling more than \$2300. If anyone saw anything they are urged to call Crime Stoppers.

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 draft "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners":

Tips for Car Owners #1:

WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED (even short periods), CLOSE ALL WINDOWS, REMOVE KEY FROM IGNITION & LOCK ALL DOORS. Remember, it's an offence under the Aussie Road Rules to leave your car unlocked

Tips for Car Owners #7:

STAY ALERT WHILE APPROACHING YOUR CAR. GET YOUR KEYS OUT OF YOUR BAG READY. DON'T CLICK THE REMOTE CONTROL UNTIL YOU ARE CLOSE TO THE VEHICLE. LOOK AROUND & INSIDE THE CAR BEFORE GETTING IN.

Tips for Car Owners #10:

DON'T LEAVE PERSONAL PAPERS SUCH AS LICENCE OR REGISTRATION IN YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE. They may be used to dispose of the vehicle. However, do keep with you a note of your vehicle registration & information number (VIN).

Tips for Car Owners #14:

REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PARKING TICKET WITH YOU. This makes it

difficult for the thief to steal your car.

Tips for Car Owners #18:

KEEP YOUR CAR KEYS BY YOUR BED AT NIGHT. The remote control can be used as a panic button in an emergency, setting off the car alarm. **DON'T BE TEMPTED TO LEAVE KEYS ON THE TABLE BY THE FRONT DOOR**

Want a copy of the '20 Tips' series in your own inbox? [Email us 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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