



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](#).**

04 April: Here's some crime stats from the weekend 31 March to 04 April.

1	OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Drugs
2	ARCADIA					
3	ASQUITH					
4	BEROWRA	1	1			
5	BROOKLYN					
6	COWAN			1		
7	DURAL					
8	GALSTON		1			
9	GLENORIE					
10	GORDON	1	1			
11	HORNSBY		4	4		1
12	HORNSBY HEIGHTS					1
13	KILLARA	5				
14	MT COLAH					
15	MT KURING GAI					
16	NORMANHURST					
17	PYMBLE		2			
18	ST IVES		2			
19	THORNLEIGH			1		
20	TURRAMURRA					
21	WAHROONGA	1			1	
22	WAITARA	1				
23	WARRAWEE					
24	WEST PYMBLE					
25	WESTLEIGH					
26	Date range	31/3/16 to 4/4/16				
27	Other	Fire Hornsby				
28						

Berowra: Break & Enter (B&E), Malicious Damage

Cowan: Stealing

Galston: Mal Dam

Gordon: B&E, Mal Dam

Hornsby: 4 x Mal Dam, 4 x Stealing, Drugs, Fire

Hornsby Heights: Drugs

Killara: 5 x B&E

Pymble: 2 x Mal Dam

St Ives: 2 x Mal Dam

Thornleigh: Stealing

Wahroonga: B&E, Steal from Motor Vehicle

Waitara: B&E

03 April, from ABC Catalyst: **MOTORCYCLE CLOTHING**

The protective gear worn by motorcyclists can be extremely hot and uncomfortable in sweltering Australian conditions. Does heat stress contribute to accidents, and how protective is safety gear anyway? Mark Horstman lays his mind and body on the line as scientists put motorcycle clothing to the test.

[Full transcript here.](#)

03 April, from The Daily Telegraph: Evacuations as huge fire rages in Hornsby factory

FOUR people have been injured and dozens evacuated as a massive factory fire in Sydney's north continues to burn. Emergency services were called to a business in Jersey Street Hornsby just before 6am this morning where they found the building well alight. Paramedics treated four people for smoke inhalation and police evacuated up to 60 residents of neighbouring properties as a precaution.



Fire & Rescue NSW are battling a huge factory fire in Hornsby. Picture: Twitter/@FRNSW

[Full article here.](#)

31 March: To coincide with NSW Seniors Week, NSWPF has released "Protect yourself - seniors" as part of the Crime Prevention Series.

For more, please visit the [Crime Prevention section of the NSWPF website here.](#)

Crime Prevention Tips

Latest Issue: Protect yourself - seniors

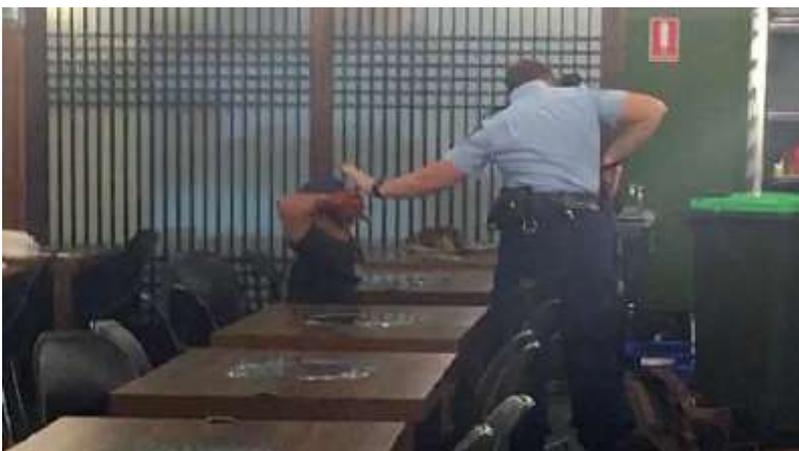


Fact Sheet

- English
- Arabic
- Chinese (simplified)
- Chinese (traditional)
- Croatian
- Greek
- Hindi
- Italian

31 March, from The Daily Telegraph: Hornsby Westfield stabbing: The shocking date with death

A man was killed last night after he and a female companion were viciously stabbed inside Westfield Hornsby.



The man calmly puts his bloodied hands on his head while awaiting the arresting officer. Picture: AAP

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the [Crime Stoppers online reporting page](#). Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence

[Read full article here.](#)

31 March, from 7News: Murder charge after Sydney stabbing

Secret affairs or a jilted ex-lover could be the motives behind a frenzied stabbing attack at a Sydney restaurant which left a man dead and a woman seriously injured. Horrified patrons fled in terror from the Kang Nam BBQ restaurant in the Hornsby Westfield Shopping Centre as a couple were stabbed repeatedly while eating dinner about 9.30pm on Wednesday. A 44-year-old man has been charged with murder and attempted murder over the killing of a 53-year-old man and the injuries suffered by a 38-year-old woman. Some media are reporting the attacker is the woman's ex-partner.

[Full article here.](#)

30 March: This driver should have wheelie taken notice of the sign.



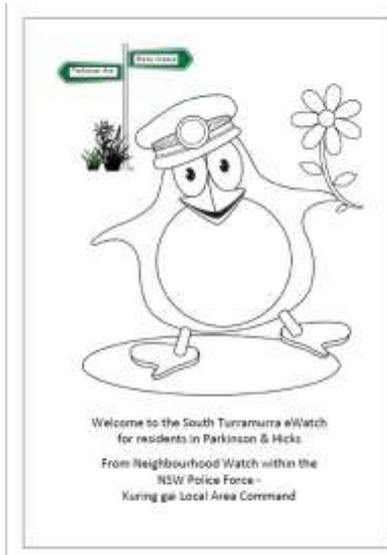


Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

A new eWatch (a Neighbourhood Watch group linked via email) is being launched in South Turrumurra.

Are you a resident of Parkinson or Hicks Avenue?

Look out for Ben in a NHW Tshirt, or for the NHW goodie bag in your mailbox.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

You may have seen several events coming up in the Dates for the Diary section of this newsletter. We would love an hour of your time. Each event involves aiding the local police with a crime prevention stall. What does that involve? Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are asked to chat with the public about crime prevention initiatives - get to know the latest products and tips to make yourself, your family, your home, and your car (have we missed something?) safe. We have colouring-in and puzzles for the kids, and give-aways for the big kids. Is this something you could lend an hour to? No experience necessary. Want to be more active with Neighbourhood Watch? Come along and give something back to the community. Meet like-minded people - we would love to meet you. Worthwhile and fun!



**Neighbourhood
watch.**

Sunday 01 May: Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. **10am-4pm** With Police/NHW crime prevention stall - volunteers needed please [and ice-skating!]

Saturday 07 May: Street Party @ Orara Street Park, Waitara. 2-4pm. With Police/NHW crime prevention stall - volunteers needed please

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Sunday 29 May: Fishing Safety Workshop for Korean community @ Bobbin Head 10am-3:30pm With Police/NHW crime prevention stall - volunteers needed please

HOT OFF THE PRESS - Tonight's Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting

Thanks to **Rose Torossian**, Volunteer Paralegal with Dr Cedric Spencer Lawyers who spoke about the "Care, Responsibility & Protection of Children & Young Persons".

Rose was very clear that protecting children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone in the community has a role to play, and this includes Neighbourhood Watch. Any person can report if they believe a child is at risk of harm, and it will remain confidential. If you suspect a child is at risk, phone **Child Protective Services on 132 111**.

Thanks also to Senior Constable Paul Cleary, Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station. Paul gave an update on the crime position within the command. Currently we have had a spike in Steal from Motor Vehicles, including vehicles that

weren't locked! In one instance thousands of dollars of a tradie's tools were stolen. If you can only garage one vehicle, consider protecting the work vehicle, where your livelihood may depend on it. Please lock your car and remove valuables from view.

Paul led a great discussion on the various scams that are around and to be aware of. Have you had the phone call asking if you've been in a car accident and need help with a claim? Hang up. Paul also reminded us to:

- never click on unknown links in emails
- back-up our computer
- never give personal details out over the phone
- change the locks when moving into a new home
- secure our mobile phone with a good password
- run a security system on our mobile phone (just like on a computer)
- not let our mobile remember any passwords (just like on a computer)
- report scams to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN)

As a community member we are encouraged to **report illegal dumping** of waste and hazardous materials. Please help keep your neighbourhood safe and clean.

DOB IN A DUMPER to Ku-ring-gai Council on **9424 0000**, or to Hornsby Shire Council on their **Waste Hotline 9847 4856**.

From Drug and Alcohol Research & Training Australia (DARTA): How do you deal with information told to you in confidence by your teen? Would you be breaking their trust if you shared it?

There are usually two questions that go through your head - firstly, would I want to be told if it was my child and secondly, would I be breaking the trust of my own child by sharing information that was told to me in confidence?

[Full blog by Paul Dillon here.](#)

From ACCC Product Safety Recalls Australia: Specialized Australia Pty Limitedâ€™Specialized Flux and Stix Bicycle Lights

The headlights and taillights can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards

[View full warning here.](#)

From Ku-ring-gai Council: The next time you step off the kerb, think about all the facts your brain is computing - can I see a car, how far away is it, how fast is it going, will I get across in time?

Processing the real world is more important than the virtual world.



Photo credit: Jay Shells, New York

As many of you may have seen, over the weekend there was a large fire in Hornsby which tore through the pool shop and neighbouring businesses. One of those is Studio ARTES, a non for profit which supports adults with a disability through creative programs to live to their potential. They have lost everything in the fire; Artworks, filming equipment, computers, costumes to name a few... and a home for 140 members and 35 staff. We are all devastated. The mid-year performance is coming up in June and we need your help in sourcing fabric for new costumes. If you have any to spare please let me know - either drop off in Pennant Hills or I will come to you! Any assistance you are able to provide will be

graciously accepted as we begin to rebuild.

Please go to [the Studio ARTES website](#).

Please email Liane Clarke llianec@optusnet.com.au with your contact details if you can help.

Dates for the Diary:

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. **10am-4pm** 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.

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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 26 September: Turrumurra NHW meeting @ Turrumurra Uniting Church, 8pm.

Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016: NHW Week

An App for you to consider.

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is proud to announce an all new release of its beach safety app **Beachsafe** for iOS (iPhone, iPad) and Android (phone and tablet)

The Beachsafe app brings together numerous data sources and databases managed by SLSA and select external organisations such as the B.o.M. Our aim is to present high quality up-to-the-minute beach safety information to the public at all times.



[Download BeachSafe for iOS here.](#)

[Download BeachSafe for Android here.](#)

Another App for you to consider: Triple zero kids challenge App

Kids will learn about getting help by playing games and solving mysteries. They'll learn about safety messages and hear what happens when you call Triple Zero.

Along the way they will meet the "Zeros" as they are guided step by step through the game.



[More information on the App here.](#)

[Download 000 Kids Challenge for iOS here.](#)

[Download 000 Kids Challenge for Android here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate 31 March:

MOUNT COLAH

1 A Mount Colah man was charged with high-range drink-driving after his Holden Commodore hit seven cars on Crown Rd in Queenscliff on Sunday about 11pm. At least four cars have been written off. The 27-year-old driver allegedly blew 0.169 and will face Manly Court on Tuesday, May 3.

HORNSBY

4 A drivers licence, house keys, membership cards and credit cards were stolen from a blue Commodore sedan that may have been left unlocked on Peats Ferry Rd between 6.30pm and 11.30pm on Sunday. On Monday at 2.30am, police spoke with a group of youths at Hornsby train station and found one of the man's credit cards. A youth from Schofields is assisting police with their inquiries.

WAHROONGA

2 Police laid charges against two Wahroonga men over the alleged assault of another man in Parramatta. The two men are alleged to have been involved in a brawl where a 39-year-old man was kicked, punched and left with suspected facial fractures at Parramatta railway station. A third man, 20, from Blacktown was also charged over the incident, which occurred on March 16 about 11.40pm. The three men, in their 20s, ran from the scene but were arrested by Police Transport Command at the Argyle St bus interchange a short time later.

The 20-year-old man from Wahroonga and the Blacktown man were each charged with affray and were granted conditional bail to face Parramatta Local Court on Wednesday, April 13. The other man, 22, from Wahroonga was charged with affray and will face Parramatta Local Court at a future date.

WAHROONGA

5 A 20-year-old from Wahroonga was charged with mid-range drink-driving after a mobile RBT pulled him over about 3.50am on Monday in Ada Ave for a breath test. He will face Hornsby court on April 14.

WAHROONGA

7 Valuable property, including a rare collectable item worth \$500,000, was stolen from a house on Cleveland St between 9pm on Tuesday, March 22 and 12.15am on Wednesday, March 23. Police said a neighbour noticed a sensor light went on at 9pm on Tuesday and items including an unregistered motorcycle, a violin, art and a laptop were stolen.

HORNSBY

10 Hornsby train station was evacuated on Wednesday morning after a threat. Train services through the station were suspended about 11am.

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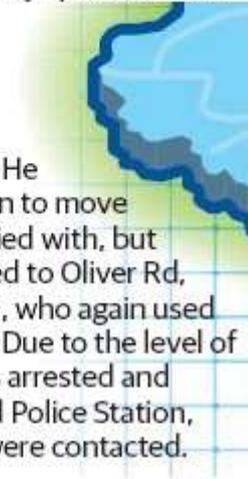
8 An alleged burglar, who fled on a bicycle, ended up in hospital with wrist injuries after he was chased and arrested by police on Tuesday. Between 2.30-3.30pm, a burglar forced a lock on a ground floor unit at Eastern Arterial Rd and stole credit cards and jewellery. The alleged thief was later stopped by police after a short pursuit of a bike, which turned into a foot pursuit. A 29-year-old Belmont North man is assisting police with their investigations.

From the North Shore Times 01 April:

ROSEVILLE

3 Police have charged a teenager with trespassing and malicious damage after he gatecrashed a party. Last Thursday, about 8.30pm, police were called to a premises on Oliver Rd, after a couple of teenagers had tried to jump the rear fence to get into the party. Police later found a 17-year-old male from Turramurra nearby, and when they spoke to him,

he became argumentative and started using offensive language. He was given a direction to move on, which he complied with, but when police returned to Oliver Rd, they found the teen, who again used offensive language. Due to the level of intoxication, he was arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station, where his parents were contacted.



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](#).

I'm worried about crime, so I asked a friend from Texas what I needed to defend my home. He said a 9mm, a couple clips, and a box of shells. I put it together pretty quickly. Still not sure how it's suppose to work, though...



Thanks to Single Dad Laughing

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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