



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](#).**

18 April: Here's some crime stats for the weekend Friday 15 to Monday 18

April

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle
ARCADIA				
ASQUITH				
BEROWRA		1		
BERRILEE				
BROOKLYN				
COWAN				
DURAL				
FIDDELTOWN	1			
GALSTON				
GLENORIE				
GORDON		1		
HORNSBY		1	3	2
HORNSBY HEIGHTS				
KILLARA	2			
MT COLAH				
MT KURING GAI				
NORMANHURST			1	
PYMBLE				1
ST IVES			1	
THORNLEIGH			2	
TURRAMURRA	2			
WAHROONGA	1			4
WAITARA				
WARRAWEE				
WEST PYMBLE				3
WESTLEIGH				
Date range	15 April to 18 April			
Other	Stolen parrot from rear yard in Westleigh			
	Stolen vehicles St Ives, Berrilee & Berowra			
	Gardening accident (injury) Westleigh			
	Bin fire Hornsby			
	Drugs arrest Hornsby			

Berowra: Malicious Damage, Stolen Vehicle

Berrilee: Stolen Vehicle

Fiddletown: Break & Enter

Gordon: B&E

Hornsby: Mal Dam, Stealing x 3, Steal from Motor Vehicle x 2, Bin Fire, Drugs Arrest

Killara: B&E x 2

Normanhurst: Stealing

Pymble: Steal from Motor Vehicle

St Ives: Stealing, Stolen Vehicle

Thornleigh: Stealing x 2

Turramurra: B&E x 2

Wahroonga: B&E, Steal from Motor Vehicle x 4

West Pymble: Steal form Motor Vehicle x 3

Westleigh: Stolen Parrot from rear yard, Gardening accident (injury)

17 April: DOUBLE DEMERIT POINTS 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



17 April, a reminder from Macquarie Fields command: LANE FILTERING IS LEGAL IN NSW.....BUT THERE ARE RULES

What motorcyclists need to know about safe lane filtering

Motorcycle lane filtering laws apply in NSW, with strict conditions. Motorcyclists must only lane filter when travelling less than 30 km/h. Motorcyclists can lane filter through stationary and slow moving traffic. Motorcyclists caught moving between traffic at over 30km/h face heavy fines and three demerit points under the offence called "lane splitting"

It is illegal for motorcyclists to lane filter:

- * next to the kerb
 - * next to parked vehicles
 - * in school zones
 - * Only FULLY LICENSED motorcyclists are allowed to lane filter
-
- Motorcyclists should always look out for pedestrians and cyclists
 - Motorcyclists should not lane filter around heavy vehicles and buses
 - Motorcyclists must only lane filter when it's safe
 - Motorcyclists must comply with all existing road rules when lane filtering. This

includes stopping before the stop line at a red traffic light or stop sign, never in front or over it.

For more info [click here](#).

15 April, from the NRMA: How a waterfall can prevent a traffic disaster [Click on Image for full article]

The Sydney Harbour Tunnel was closed last Sunday night for an emergency simulation exercise, but a key part of the reaction to a real disaster is an Australian invention capable of stopping tragedy in its tracks. The Softstop Barrier System sends down a curtain of water with a huge Stop sign laser-projected onto it so that motorists get a message they can't miss while also being spared mechanical damage if they don't manage to bring their cars to a halt in time.



15 April, a reminder from Roads & Maritime: LANES - Road Rules [Click on Image for RMS webpage]

You should keep in the middle of the lane in which you are driving. If there are no lanes marked on the road, drive near the left side of the road.



15 April, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: 1050hrs Thurs 14 April 2016 25 yo male driving Hino rigid lorry west into Galston Gorge.

Saw each of the signs from Pacific Hwy to the measuring bay and knowing he was in excess of 7.5 metres continued into the Gorge. He became stuck on the 3rd bend of the descent. Lorry was disabled as the drive wheels could not gain traction on the roadway. Police were in attendance within minutes. Another motorist in his 4WD was able to tow him backwards to a point where he could reverse the truck to a turn around point. Gorge closed for 40 minutes.

When asked why he disobeyed the sign knowing he was over length he replied, "I thought it would be alright."

Vehicle later measured at 11.6 metres long by RMS heavy vehicle inspectors. Penalty notice for disobeying the truck length sign was issued \$2196 and 6 demerit points. RMS will now consider a suspension of the trucks registration for 3 months.



14 April, from Little Blue Dinosaur: "Your children need your hand" [Click on Image for LBD website]

Special thanks to the Police Association of NSW and their president, Scott Weber, for supporting our campaign with this important message. We should always be holding hands with our children near roads until they are at least 10 years old, with close supervision until 12.



April 14, from 7 News Sydney: Partners to access NSW DV history [Click on Image for full article]

"From Wednesday, people at four NSW pilot districts who are concerned for their safety will be able to walk into a police station and request information about their partner's convictions and breaches of domestic violence orders. Concerned third parties, such as family and friends, can also make an application but the information will only be given to the person who may be at risk."



National domestic violence helpline: 1800 737 732 or 1800RESPECT. In an emergency call 0-0-0.

14 April, from Stay Smart Online: Adobe and Microsoft have released security updates to protect users against vulnerabilities in the software they provide to users of computers, smartphones, tablets and wearable smart devices. ALERT PRIORITY HIGH

[Full warning here.](#)

12 April, from NSW Fair Trading: Two men were prosecuted for odometer tampering last week in Parramatta Local Court.

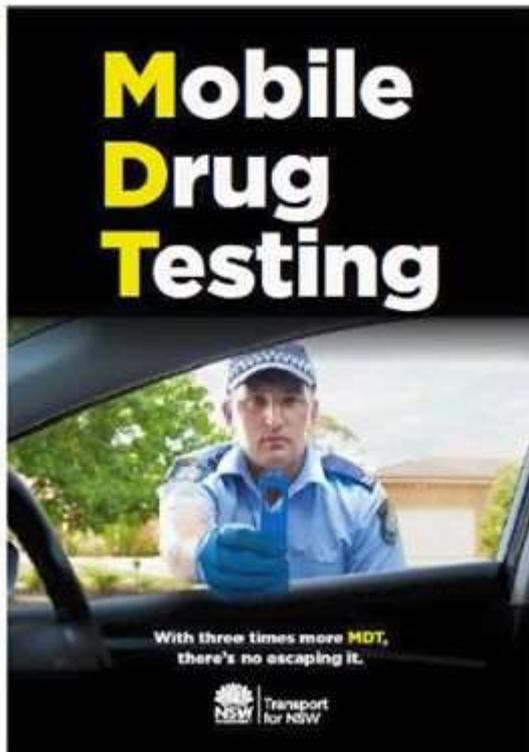
Mustapha Abdul Karim Ajouz of Guildford received a two year good behaviour bond and was ordered to pay \$14,000 in compensation and \$6,710 in fines and court costs for a total of six charges under the Motor Dealers and Crimes Act. Alexander James Chiswell of **Wahroonga** must pay \$6,902 in fines and court costs for unlicensed motor dealing and odometer tampering.



10,615 Views

NSW Fair Trading
April 11 at 2:54pm · 🌐

Fair Trading will continue to crack down on odometer tampering to remove unscrupulous traders from continuing to cheat and mislead consumers in the market for a used car. Watch our [“Buying a used car video”](#)™ before your next purchase. Read our [media release here](#).



12 April, from Naked Security via the National Cyber Security Alliance: Millions of people are still running Windows XP

It's been two years since Microsoft ended support for Windows XP, the popular operating system that's been around since 2001 and which many people just don't seem willing to let go. "XP computers are sitting ducks for cybercriminals to attack."

[Full article here.](#)

12 April, from Brisbane Water command: Police frequently get called to neighbourhood disputes. [Click on the image for CJC website]

Please see the link, which provides an alternative to sort out disputes.

Dealing WITH A dispute?

Community Justice Centres

'can help you resolve your dispute'

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For more information call Community Justice Centres on 1800 990 777 or visit www.cjc.nsw.gov.au

NSW Attorney General & Justice



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting: Wednesday 20 April, 10am, venue to be confirmed.

This meeting is hosted by the NSW Police - Kuring gai Local Area Command, and invitees are from organisations within the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas, including Neighbourhood Watch. Have you any issue that you would like us to raise on your behalf? It could relate to any aspect of safety within your local community; streets, lighting, cars, youths... Please [email us with your concerns](#).

[Click on image for WOW Day website]

Wednesday 04 May: All Areas NHW meeting 6pm @ **GORDON Police Station. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

Would you like to come along and join in with Neighbourhood Watch? Play a more active role in the community? You would be very welcome! We are always looking for new ideas, and for volunteers in new areas who would like to set up an eWatch for their local community. Does that sound like you? Please [email us here](#) and we can answer all your questions and send you an Agenda. Main Agenda item - NSW Police's **Neighbourhood Watch Week: Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016**. Supper provided, so [please RSVP](#).

If you are purchasing a new vehicle, or items such as cars, boats, machinery and other personal items, please check **The Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR)**. [Click on image for PPSR website]. A PPSR search provides you with a basic check for financial interests, written off records and stolen vehicles.



Personal Property
Securities Register

From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartment Security":

Tip #1. Only "buzz in" those people you know., even if they seem trustworthy. Ensure the door shuts behind you.

Tip #2. Be aware of wi-fi security, and items such as baby monitors. Password protect your wi-fi, router, computer, laptops, mobiles, everything!

Tip #3. Secure your storage cage with a good padlock. Triple hinge the cage, with triple locking points. Have a qualified trades person inspect it and advise how best to improve the security.

Tip #4. Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office.

Tip #5. Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive. Arrange for your next credit card to be collected at the branch.

Please [email us for a copy](#) of "**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartment Security**" in your inbox, or for any other of the 20 Tips series:

... for Businesses, ... for Car Owners, ... concerning Fire Issues, ... for Mailboxes, ... for New Neighbours, ... for Retirement Communities, ...for Seniors, ... for Trades.

COMING SOON: Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated".

We all know someone who reads speed signs like this



Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 20 April: Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) meeting. 10am. Venue tbc.

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 @ GORDON Police Station. Everyone welcome. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

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

Wednesday 11 May: Wear Orange Wednesday (**WOW! Day**) to support the SES volunteers. [Info](#).

Sunday 22 May: Fishing Safety Workshop for Chinese community @ Bobbin Head 10am-3:30pm With Police/NHW crime prevention stall - [volunteers needed please](#)

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

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

A blog from NABO (The social network for your suburb): How To Not Be a Nosey Neighbour [Click on image for full blog]

Humans are curious creatures with as many as one in three people admitting to spying on their neighbours. This may be with good intentions, but make sure your own habits are not confused with snooping!



[Full blog article here.](#)

Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate, 14 April:

WAHROONGA

Burger bash accused is in court

A WAHROONGA man accused of assaulting women on a hen's night during a brawl at a Hungry Jack's did not enter a plea in court as his case was adjourned last week.

Mark Ambrose Shepherd, 44, is charged with five counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and affray after a bride-to-be ended up in hospital on her hen's night with a broken collarbone.

The Daily Telegraph successfully opposed a bid by Mr Shepherd to have a non-publication order placed on his name.

Mine worker John McFadyen, 43, was also charged with assault related to the same incident and did not enter a plea at the Downing Centre Local Court.

Outside of court Mr McFadyen said he never assaulted anyone but was attacked himself and gave the woman a "push or a shove" when the brawl broke out.

"I got punched in the face about five times by that lady," he said.

Bride-to-be Lauren Establiio, 29, and her friends Charissa Valenton, Katherine Smith and Gemma Jenkins were taken to hospital after the incident, while a 69-year-old man who came to the group's aid was treated for swelling to the face.

McFadyen's lawyer Winston Terracini SC told the court his client was sitting at a table at Hungry Jack's on George St in Sydney's CBD about midnight on March 12 when a brawl "spilt over" in his direction.

Both cases will return to Downing Centre Local Court on May 18.

HORNSBY

1 Police spoke to a 42-year-old man from Warrawee about 11.30am on Tuesday near Hornsby Court.

After the conversation the man was searched. It is alleged police found the man was carrying cannabis. He was charged with drug possession and will face Hornsby court on May 25.

WAITARA

2 Thieves broke in to a building site on Waitara Ave between 6pm on Tuesday and 7am on Wednesday and stole 10 tool boxes.

WAHROONGA

3 A thief racked up \$700 on a credit card stolen from an office building in Redleaf Ave between 12.50pm and 3.20pm on Saturday. Car keys and a wallet were also taken and police investigations continue.

ASQUITH

5 Copper pipe and connections were stolen from a building site in Lords Ave between 4pm on Saturday and Monday morning.

HORNSBY

6 A blue Toyota Yaris was stolen from Muriel St between 8pm on Tuesday and 7am on Wednesday.

WAHROONGA

7 \$180 worth of property was taken from a Subaru Forrester parked in Edwards Rd including sunglasses and a purse sometime between 11am and 10pm on Tuesday. Police said drivers should secure their car and items of value should be kept out of sight.

WAITARA

8 Hoodlums set fire to two plastic bins at Waitara Oval on Tuesday. Between 1.50pm and 2.10pm, the fire brigade put out the flames. A group of youths were seen to quickly leave the oval and a number of young people were spoken to by police in relation to the incident. Investigations are ongoing.

BEROWRA HEIGHTS

9 A man, 22, from Berowra, was stopped for a random breath test on Warrina St at 9.25pm on Saturday. The man allegedly blew 0.063 at Hornsby police station and was charged with low-range drink-driving. He will face Hornsby court on April 28.

HORNSBY

12 Hornsby Courthouse was closed following threats made over the phone on Tuesday morning. The court reopened a short time later.

GORDON

13 On the evening of March 22, burglars entered a home on St Johns Ave through an open window while the residents were asleep. The thieves took car keys and stole a grey BMW. The burglars also ransacked the glove box of a VW parked at the home.

HORNSBY

11 A handbag was stolen from beside the Something Special kiosk in Hornsby Westfields on Saturday, March 26, about 3.15pm.

The bag had about \$2770 worth of jewellery and other items. CCTV footage shows a female with a distinctive tattoo on her right leg pushing a trolley at the time. Call Hornsby police on [9476 97699](tel:947697699) or Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000) with any information.



Police want to talk to these two men in relation to the murder of Mark Easter (inset).

TWO COULD HELP SOLVE MURDER

Nigel Gladstone

HOMICIDE detectives investigating the murder of a senior outlaw motorcycle gang member whose body was dumped last year in the bush at Cowan have released images of two men they want to talk to.

The body of Mark Easter, 37, a senior member of the Rebels, was found on the morning of Friday, June 26, 2015 in bush on the side of the Pacific Highway.

Earlier this year, detectives released CCTV footage of a white van driving through Berowra on the day Mr Easter's body was found because they believe it may have been used to transport his body before it was dumped.

Mr Easter, 37, was a close associate of Rebels Windsor chapter president John Weston, who was charged last year with the murder of a Summernats judge.

The last known sighting of Mr Easter was at his home in Little Bay about 8.40pm on Tuesday, June 23, in 2015.

The deceased was a known member of

the outlaw motorcycle gang the Rebels and his death could be related to internal matters within the club," detective Chief Inspector David Laidlaw, of the NSW Homicide squad, said.

"A number of motives are being pursued including a rival gang or personal issues.

"The two men we are now looking to identify were captured on CCTV in the Sydney region on the afternoon of Thursday, June 25, 2015," Insp Laidlaw said.

"Also, we believe a white van seen in the early hours of Friday morning, on June 26, in the Berowra area near where the body was found was used in his murder."

Detectives believe Mr Easter was executed - having been shot multiple times in the head - and are trying to identify two men wearing orange reflective shirts and black tracksuit pants with stripes down the side, seen in the new CCTV footage.

If you have any information call Crimestoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000)

Thanks to the North Shore Times, 15 April:

Mum pleads for an extra crossing after car hits son [edited]

Michelle Klass still can't sleep well after the "traumatic" experience of seeing her 13-year-old son Shannon when he was run down on Mona Vale Rd in St Ives last month. Shannon was struck by a car about 8am on March 18 when crossing the road, near the corner of Killeaton St, to get to the bus stop. While he

survived the accident “relatively unscathed” , it has prompted Ms Klass to rally the State Government for better crossing facilities along the busy six-lane road. “It’s definitely a known dangerous area,” Ms Klass said. There are no crossing points “ traffic lights or pedestrian crossings ” along a 1km stretch between Woodbury and Link roads.

LINDFIELD

4 Police are calling for witnesses after an unknown number of offenders vandalised a hall where second-hand books were stored. The books were damaged when two fire extinguishers were discharged sometime between Tuesday 3pm and Wednesday 9.30am at the hall on Polding Rd. Please contact Chatswood Police on 9414 8499.

Thanks to the Bush Telegraph, 21 April:

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Berowra Community Centre, The Gully Road, Berowra. Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th - 1:30pm – 6:30pm each day. Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch. Please bring photo I.D.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Scheduled Roadworks

Night work on Pacific Highway, Waitara

This essential work involves road resurfacing, replacement of asphalt, line marking to provide a stronger, more durable road surface.

Dates scheduled: three night shifts between Monday 18 April 2016 and Thursday 19 May 2016

Signage improvements on the Pacific Highway north of Cowan

Roads and Maritime Services will install and upgrade signage to alert drivers of upcoming curve and speed changes on a 2.5 kilometre section of the Pacific Highway near Brooklyn Road, north of Cowan.

Dates scheduled: Tuesday 12 April to Thursday 12 May

From the "Dumbest Criminals" compiled by Wendy Lewis, published by New Holland.

A man and a woman approached another young woman outside a pub and at gunpoint demanded her car keys. She handed them over. The pair jumped into the car and jumped right out again... neither of them could drive a manual!

A gang decided to use walkie-talkies to pull off their best heist ever. They were confident that the radios would allow them to monitor the Police as well as coordinate their own activities. It never occurred to these mental athletes that the Police might just be listening in...

A nervous robber in a clothing shop grabbed a hostage, who happened to be a shop mannequin. The gun-wielding robber threatened to shoot the life-like mannequin if the cops made any attempt to capture him. A police spokesperson said, "He was either blind as a bat, stupid or both".

Thanks to Security Humour - Australia: Now that's a true blue mud flap.....



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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