



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](#).**

25 April, NSW Police Force

Officers from the NSW Joint Counter Terrorism Team (JCTT) have charged a 16-year-old male with a terrorism offence that police will allege was linked to ANZAC commemorations.

The teenager was arrested yesterday near his Auburn home following an investigation by officers attached to Operation Vianden.

He was taken to Auburn Police Station, where he was charged with one count of Acts in preparation for, or planning, a Terrorist Act, contrary to Section 101.6 of the Criminal Code (Cth). This offence carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

Read full details [here](#).

24 April, Two men charged over horrific, repeated rape of young girl in NSW

Two men are behind bars, charged over the horrific repeated rape of a 12-year-old girl they had allegedly snatched from a beach in Sydney.

According to a police statement released to media on Saturday night, the two men “aged 22 and 25-years-old” allegedly approached the 12-year-old at Freshwater Beach at around 3pm on Thursday and coaxed her into a car before driving her to a location in Brookvale.

Full story [here](#).

23 April, Traffic and Highway Patrol Command

At 12.25am today, a 32 year old woman from Parramatta was detected on the Hume Hwy, Goulburn at 173km/h.

She was issued a \$2306 penalty, carrying 12 demerit points. Her licence was suspended for six months and her BMW X4 was confiscated for three months.

The driver is responsible for all towing and storage fees.

21 April, NSW Police Force

Scam warning, please take note. If someone phones offering you refunds on bank fees or any kind of financial reward, hang up immediately. Sadly, a Woodville pensioner has fallen victim to a convincing scam artist who posed over the phone as a Fair Trading officer and tricked the gentleman into depositing almost \$20,000 into the scammer's bank accounts as payment for receiving his \$31,000 "entitlement". There was no entitlement and there is no Fair Trading officer named Alan Spencer. These kinds of low acts just make our blood boil, especially because this grub has traded on consumer trust in Fair Trading.

Please share this warning with your friends and family and encourage everyone you know to be super wary of scammers. Never give out personal or financial details over the phone to anyone, government agencies included. Always check the legitimacy of any calls or emails you receive and make certain you know exactly who are talking to. If you believe someone has tried to scam you, report the incident to SCAMwatch: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

Read more in our media release [here](#)

21 April, NSW Police Force



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21 April, NSW Police Force

Three men have been charged with fraud offences after a number of alleged fake music dance party tickets were sold in the Surry Hills area.

Yesterday, (Thursday 21 April 2016), officers attached to Surry Hills Local Area Command were contacted following reports of a number of fraudulent dance party tickets were being sold for an event on Saturday 23 April 2016 at the Sydney Showgrounds.

Following inquiries, last night, police arrested three men on Fitzroy Street, Surry Hills.

The three 18-year-olds were taken to Surry Hills Police Station.

All three men were charged with:

- Knowingly derive material benefit from criminal group;
- Publish misleading material to obtain property;
- Dishonestly obtain property by deception;
- Deal with property suspected proceeds of crime; and,
- Two counts of goods in personal custody suspected of being stolen.

The trio was refused bail, to appear at Central Local Court today (Friday 22 April 2016).

Investigations continue.

20 April, Australian Road Safety Foundation's new campaign



A new campaign from the Australian Road Safety Foundation is calling on people to use "life saving" bin and speed limit stickers to help make Australian streets safer. Source: Australian Road Safety Foundation.

The following is from the Event and Administration Co-ordinator, Australian Road Safety Foundation:

'The "children" wheelie bin stickers are available for purchase over the phone (1300 723 843) with credit card or you can go onto our website: www.australianroadsafetyfoundation.com and click on "life saving stickers". The cost of the stickers is \$10 each and the postage is \$5. You can have up to 10

stickers posted for \$5. We aren't selling the speed limit stickers however.

If you choose to purchase more than 1 sticker, we will endeavour to send you different children's images, but unfortunately we can't take specific orders for boys or girls due to the huge response we've had.'

19 April, NSW Police Force - Do you know this man?



Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a wanted man.

David Mulligan, a 33-year-old Irish National, has an outstanding revocation of parole warrant.

His current whereabouts are not known, but he is known to frequent Sydney's Eastern Suburbs.

Anyone who sees him is urged not to approach him, but contact Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Information on his whereabouts can be reported to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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The Sydney Morning Herald: Disappearing Rego stickers drive a surge in fines



A fine for mother-in-law's unregistered car has led to a search for answers.
[Click here for full story](#)

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](#).

Cyber Security Strategy: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet



Trust in Australia's information security systems, practices and priorities is essential if we are to make the most of the enormous potential that cyberspace has to offer. Australians expect the online environment to be secure, flexible and responsive to personal needs. Australia's online presence should encourage the country's economic growth through innovation across all sectors of business and the community. But with the considerable opportunities cyberspace provides, also comes significant risks.

For details, [click here](#).

Dates for the Diary:

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.**

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

Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016: NHW Week

From another fb group:

Getting ready for big fundraising day for clown doctors tomorrow. If you are in the st Ives area please drop into commonwealth bank.

Come and see coco the clown and dr quack from the clown doctors.

Very worthwhile cause.

Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate, 21 April:

WATCH FOR FRAUDULENT NOTES

KURING GAI Local Area Command has encountered counterfeit \$50 notes in the area recently.

Kuring gai police said it is important to check a range of safety features on a note and not to rely on only one or two.

All banknotes have similar security features, but their location can vary. A banknote without the name of the person below the portrait is not necessarily counterfeit. Printed names were added to Australian banknotes from 2002.

To determine the year a banknote was produced, look at the first two numerals of the serial number, for example 99 means

the banknote was printed in 1999, while 03 means it was printed in 2003.

The order of signatures on banknotes changed in 2002. Since then, the governor's signature has been printed above that of the secretary to the Treasury.

If you come across a banknote that you suspect is counterfeit, handle it as little as possible and store it in an envelope. Suspect banknotes should be given to state or federal police.

It is an offence to knowingly possess counterfeit banknotes.

For more information call [1800 633 220](tel:1800633220)

HORNSBY

1 A 36-year-old man led police on a pursuit to his driveway after failing to stop at the scene of an accident on George St between 1.50pm and 1.55pm on Sunday. Police were called after a Subaru Outback wagon was involved in a minor collision on George St. Police were told the driver was allegedly drunk. A short time later they saw a car with damage consistent to having been in an accident. Police stopped the car but then it allegedly drove through a red traffic light and turned on to Bridge Rd then Peats Ferry Rd and continued onto Galston Rd despite police sirens and calls to stop. The car then pulled into a driveway on Ethel St where the driver allegedly stumbled out of the car and said "I'm home you can't do anything". The man was arrested and allegedly made admissions he had 15 shots of vodka before buying a bottle of Irish whiskey, which police allegedly found empty on the passenger seat of the car. He was charged with several offences.

HORNSBY

2 A man was charged after allegedly threatening passengers on a train about 9.50am on Sunday. A man, 32, boarded a northbound train at Hornsby station and allegedly made numerous threats, distressing some passengers. When the train stopped at Woy Woy station, he got off and was arrested by police. He was charged with giving false information, interfering with the safety of others and refused bail to face Gosford court.

GALSTON

3 A car hit a rock wall in Galston Gorge in the early hours of Sunday morning. The vehicle rolled before bursting into flames, but the driver was able to escape without any major injuries. After initially refusing assessment from paramedics, the patient was transferred via ambulance to Westmead Hospital for treatment.

WAHROONGA

5 Hornsby police are concerned after a spate of thefts from unlocked cars in Wahroonga over the past month. Fingerprints and forensics led police to arrest a man for some of the thefts but cars are still being left unlocked and the thefts have continued. On Saturday, between midnight and 12.30am, another car was ransacked in the area.

HORNSBY

6 \$900 was taken from credit cards stolen from an unlocked Mitsubishi Express van parked at Hornsby RSL club between 4am and 8am on Sunday.

GALSTON

4 A truck driver was fined \$2196 and given six demerit points after blocking Galston Gorge on Thursday, April 14, for about 40 minutes. The 25-year-old man, driving a Hino rigid lorry west into Galston Gorge about 10.50am, allegedly told police "(He) thought it would be all right". The driver allegedly said he saw the signs and knew his truck was in excess of 7.5m but continued anyway. A 4WD was able to tow the truck out. The truck was measured to be 11.6m by RMS heavy vehicle inspectors. RMS will consider suspending the truck's registration for three months.

HORNSBY

7 A police officer was charged with larceny over an alleged event in Hornsby last month. The male senior constable, from the North West Metropolitan Region, was served a court attendance notice on Thursday, April 14, and is due to appear at the Downing Centre Court on Thursday, May 26.

HORNSBY

8 \$200 was taken from a wallet left unattended in Hornsby library about 5.30pm on Tuesday. The victim, 34, left the wallet on a desk while at the printer. When the wallet was handed in, cash was missing.

TURRAMURRA

9 A \$600 silver Avanti scratch 29-inch bike was stolen from a garage on Bobbin Head Rd between 3pm on Sunday and 6.30am on Monday.

ASQUITH

10 A Toyota Hilux parked in Muriel St was damaged by fire between 6.30pm on Saturday, April 9, and 8.30am the next morning. The victim left the vehicle locked. When he returned to the car he noticed the left-side mudguard and wheel arch had been set on fire.

Thanks to the North Shore Times, 22 April:

Important reminder – swimming pools & spas

Residents with a pool or spa are reminded that new state government legislation comes into effect on **29 April 2016**. This means any property being leased or sold that has a pool or spa must have a swimming pool compliance certificate. For more information visit kmc.nsw.gov.au/swimmingpool

LINDFIELD

3 Police are on the lookout for an unknown number of vandals who sprayed businesses and fences with black and silver paint on Moore St. The properties were tagged some time between Wednesday, April 13 at 9am and Thursday, April 14 at 10am. Please call Chatswood Police if you noticed any suspicious activity in the area during the time in question.

LINDFIELD

5 A man, 29, has been charged with aggravated break and enter offences, robbery and dishonestly obtaining financial advantage. The man was arrested following a number of incidents in Lindfield, Roseville, Artarmon, Waverton, Homebush and Marsfield. He will face Hornsby Local Court.



WAHROONGA

6 A bicycle was stolen from a storage cage inside a garage unit complex last Thursday with police currently reviewing CCTV footage. A man, described as a caucasian, in his 40s, is wanted for questioning in relation to the incident.

From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours":

Tip#1. IDENTIFY YOUR 6 IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS – 2 TO YOUR LEFT, 2 TO YOUR RIGHT, ACROSS FROM AND BEHIND YOU. Make an effort to get to know them and swap contact details.

Tip#2. SUGGEST AN ARRANGEMENT WITH NEIGHBOURS FOR WHEN ANY OF YOU ARE ON VACATION, eg for clearing the local newspapers, putting out & retrieving garbage bins, clearing mailboxes, parking in driveways/spaces, etc.

Tip #3. JOIN IN WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. They are your eyes and ears when you aren't at home. Contact your Crime Prevention Officer to find out about a group in your area.

Tip#4. INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION. Where should you park? What information is available there? When is it manned?

Tip #5. LOOK FOR YOUR LOCAL POLICE ON FACEBOOK FOR UP-TO-DATE WARNINGS & INFORMATION. <like> them at facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC.

Consider joining local social groups to meet new people, eg facebook/NorthShoreMumsGroup or Neighbourhood Watch in your area.

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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