



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](#).**

02 May, from the Australian Federal Police: Here at the AFP, we do

everything we can to protect the community. But we need your help.

If you've ever noticed something that doesn't seem quite right, ever walked past something in the street that made you look twice, there's something you can do. Even if you think it's probably nothing, report it to the Attorney-General's Department **National Security Hotline on 1800 123 400**. Tip-offs to the hotline have already been used in investigations, and even the smallest piece of information can help build the larger picture we need to keep Australia safe.

If it doesn't add up, speak up! [Watch National Security Campaign video here.](#)

30 April, from the government's Stay Smart Online: SCAM warning - please share. Fake text (SMS) messages are circulating re: speeding tickets

A fake text message is circulating that claims recipients have received a speeding ticket and directs them to click on a fake link to view details of their case. NSW Office of State Revenue says the scam text claims to be from the "State Recovery Debt Office" and many recipients are receiving the message from the number +45609910233.

Do NOT click on the link. Delete the message.

While the Office does send reminder text messages for overdue fines, these messages have a link to the correct website where the fine can be paid. This website can be found at www.sdro.nsw.gov.au. If you are unsure of the legitimacy of any message you've received visit the Office of State Revenue website or call the **Office of State Revenue on 1300 138 118 or Service NSW on 13 77 88**.

[More information here](#) from Stay Smart Online on the scam.

30 April, from CareFlight: GOLFER HIT BY GOLF BALL ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY

A 35 year old golfer was lucky to escape serious injury after he was hit in the head

by a golf ball this afternoon. It's understood the man was playing golf at a club near Hornsby when he was hit in the head by a golf ball. CareFlight's rapid response helicopter was called shortly after 3pm and landed on the golf course. CareFlight's medical team and NSW Ambulance assessed the man on scene before he was transported by road in a stable condition to Westmead Hospital.

29 April, another one from Stay Smart Online: Gumtree warns of phishing attacks after security breach

Online classifieds website Gumtree is warning users to beware of phishing scams, keep account details secure, be on the lookout for fake emails and to report fake emails following a security breach last weekend.

[More information here.](#)

29 April, from the NRMA: Road rules in shopping centres

Road rules don't only cover the roads we drive on – they also cover road related areas that are open to or used by the public for driving, riding or parking and this includes shopping centres. Consequently these road related areas are covered by parking, speed limit, overtaking and signage rules.

[Full blog here.](#)

29 April: The latest Mt Colah NHW newsletter from the Kuring Gai LAC's Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters Album

[Click here to view online](#) - scroll to the bottom of the album.

Neighbourhood watch Mt Colah

Join April 2018 Newsletter 4th April 2018
 The Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch is a voluntary organisation that aims to reduce crime and increase the safety of Mt Colah. We are currently recruiting members and are looking for people who are interested in helping to make Mt Colah a safer place to live. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch on 02958 411111 or visit our website at www.mtcolahnw.com.au

Welcome to our 1st Edition for 2018

Pizzas for Charity
 A special event will be held on the 1st of May at the Mt Colah Community Centre. The event will be a fundraising event for the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch. The event will be held from 5pm to 8pm and will feature a special pizza dinner. The proceeds from the event will go towards the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch. If you would like to know more about the event, please contact the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch on 02958 411111 or visit our website at www.mtcolahnw.com.au

Police Assistance Line 12 14 44
 "Community Caring"

Distribution Corner

Westmatic
 All Electrical Installations, Repairs & Maintenance
 Call 9476 1540

Mount Colah FruitWorld
 Call 9476 1540

Andrew Plumbing
 Call 9476 1540



Open Day
 The Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch is holding an open day on the 1st of May at the Mt Colah Community Centre. The event will be held from 5pm to 8pm and will feature a special pizza dinner. The proceeds from the event will go towards the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch. If you would like to know more about the event, please contact the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch on 02958 411111 or visit our website at www.mtcolahnw.com.au

Homeless Tips
 1. Always lock your car.
 2. Never leave valuables in your car.
 3. Park in well-lit areas.
 4. Lock your car doors.
 5. Use a steering wheel lock.
 6. Use a car alarm.
 7. Use a car cover.
 8. Use a car lock.
 9. Use a car lock.
 10. Use a car lock.

Community
 Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch
 Call 9476 1540

CRIME REPORT

Lock It Or Lose It
 The Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch is reminding residents to lock their cars and not leave valuables in their cars. This is to help reduce the risk of theft and to help protect the community. If you would like to know more about the event, please contact the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch on 02958 411111 or visit our website at www.mtcolahnw.com.au

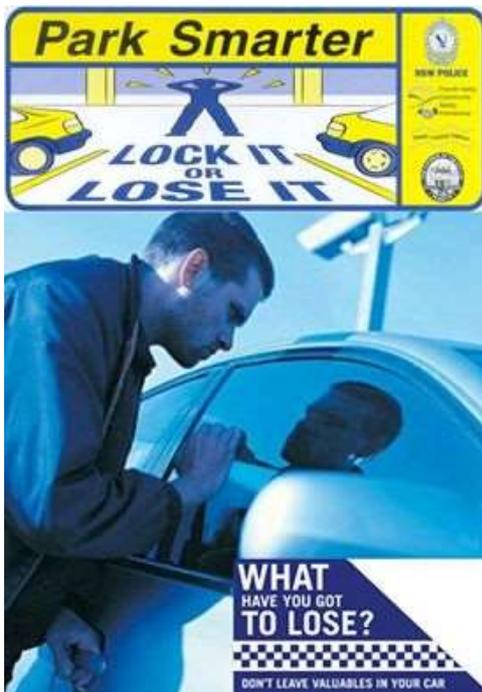
New Arrivals At Mt Colah

Report Crime
 If you have any information about a crime, please contact the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch on 02958 411111 or visit our website at www.mtcolahnw.com.au

Who Wants Gies Updated?
 The Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch is looking for people who want to be included in the Gies directory. If you would like to know more about the event, please contact the Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch on 02958 411111 or visit our website at www.mtcolahnw.com.au

AGQUITZ BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB
 Call 9476 1540

28 April: In recent weeks Hornsby police put out a warning about steal from motor vehicle offences in the Wahroonga area. Many of those vehicles were unlocked with property clearly visible inside. Last weekend several vehicles were broken into in West Pymble, again most were unlocked. These thefts were most likely by opportunistic thieves where a simple lift of the door handle opens the door. So once again people, LOCK YOUR CAR, Don't or avoid where possible leave property inside. Hide it out of sight if needed, but lock your car. Crime prevention and protecting your property starts with you.



27 April: Lost and found property. Recently an unset single diamond was handed into Hornsby police after being found in the North Shore area. The good news is the rightful owner was found and it has been returned. Thanks to all those that passed on messages and shared the post.

26 April: Here's some stats from the long weekend 23 - 26 April.

| OFFENCES | Break & Enter | Malicious Damage | Stealing | Steal from motor vehicle |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| ARCADIA | | | | |
| ASQUITH | | | | |
| BEROWRA | | | 1 | |
| BERRILEE | | | | |
| BROOKLYN | | | | 2 |
| COWAN | | | | |
| DURAL | 1 | | | |
| FIDDLETOWN | | | | |
| GALSTON | | | | |
| GLENORIE | | | | |
| GORDON | 2 | 2 | | |
| HORNSBY | | | 2 | |
| HORNSBY HEIGHTS | | | | |
| KILLARA | 4 | | | |
| MT COLAH | | | | 1 |
| MT KURUNG GAI | | | | |
| NORMANHURST | | | | |
| PYMBLE | | | 1 | |
| ST IVES | | | 1 | |
| THORNLEIGH | | | 1 | |
| TURRAMURRA | 2 | 2 | | |
| WAHROONGA | | | 1 | 2 |
| WAITARA | | | | |
| WARRAWEE | | | | |
| WEST PYMBLE | 1 | | | 5 |
| WESTLEIGH | | | | |
| Date range | 23 April to 26 April | | | |
| Other | Stolen trail bike Wahroonga | | | |

Berowra: Mal Dam

Brooklyn: Steal from Motor Vehicle x 2

Dural: Break & Enter (B&E)

Gordon: B&E x 2, Mal Dam x 2

Hornsby: Stealing x 2

Killara: B&E x 4

Mt Colah: Steal from Motor Vehicle

Pymble: Stealing

St Ives: Mal Dam

Thornleigh: Mal Dam

Turramurra: B&E x 2, Mal Dam x 2

Wahroonga: Stealing, Steal from Motor Vehicle x 2, Stolen trail bike

West Pymble: B&E, Steal from Motor Vehicle x 5

26 April, from the North Shore Times: Sex in public toilets causes worry for mums after police admit there is little they can do to stop it

IT IS being left to parents to protect children from being exposed to people performing sex acts in public toilets. Police have told the North Shore Times nothing can be done to stop people frequently using public areas for sexual

encounters unless individuals can be identified and reported to police.

[Full article here.](#)

25 April: Call Triple Zero in an Emergency - Easy English Victim of Crime Fact Sheets, from the Kuring Gai LAC's Easy English Victim of Crime Fact Sheets Album.

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|  <p>Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency</p> <p>An emergency is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• when a person's life is in danger• when property is in danger <p>For example, someone has a knife and is chasing from you.</p> <p>It is important to call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.</p>  <p>Calls to Triple Zero (000) are recorded. You will be asked if you want</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• police• fire• or• ambulance.  <p>Say police to report a crime.</p> |  <p>You must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- stay on the phone- stay calm- answer the questions- speak clearly. <p>The operator will ask</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- your name- where you are<ul style="list-style-type: none">- the street name and number- the names of streets nearby- other landmarks.  <p>In country areas you must give</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the full address. Do not give the property name only- names of nearby places and landmarks. |
|  <p>When you are on the highway you must give information about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• town nearby• exits you have passed.  <p>Do not hang up. Wait for the operator to tell you to hang up. You might need to meet police at an organised place. For example, at the police station.</p>  <p>People who are Deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech difficulty</p> <p>You can call Triple Zero (000) using the National Relay Service. Read the fact sheet See the National Relay Service to Call Triple Zero (000) in an Emergency.</p> <p>Go to www.police.nsw.gov.au</p> | |

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Neighbourhood Watch *Creating Safer Communities*

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

The draft '**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated**' is nearing completion. Here are a few useful contact numbers that are included to whet your appetite:

- Consider joining in with the Safely Home programâ€”wandering persons ID and rapid return program. Contact Alzheimerâ€™s Australia Dementia Hotline 1800 100 500. fightdementia.org.au
 - It can be a relief to talk to someone who caresâ€”Lifeline Crisis Support 13 11 14. Lifeline.org.au
 - Red Cross Telecross Service 1300 885 gives those alone a daily call. It gives the confidence to remain independent via daily human contact. redcross.org.au/telecross
 - If you live on your own, request details of the Next Of Kin Register from Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799.
 - Try the Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre 9988 4966â€” Neighbour Aid Friendly Phonecalls, Companionship home visits, Social Support, Shopping Bus, Transport to essential appointments. Centres based at St Ives, Berowra & Galston. knc.org.au
 - NSW Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit 1800 628 221. EAHRU provides information, support and referrals relating to the abuse of older people in NSW. Anyone can make the call. elderabusehelpline.com.au
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View the [local Kuring-gai police Facebook page here](#). You don't have to know anything about Facebook to have a quick squizzy. The NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) covers most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai suburbs.

From the Gordon Area 24/12 Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page, 02

May: *** WARNING *******

Our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary warned today of an increase in Break & Enters in the Killara area. This is as well as an increase in 'Steal from Motor Vehicles' in the West Pymble and Gordon areas.

Please be vigilant. Lock up. Report anything suspicious to **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**.



From the Festival on the Green, Sunday 01 May. Thanks to Ku-ring-gai Council for a great day. They anticipated 25,000, but we're not sure what the eventual figure was. Thanks to the Neighbourhood Watch volunteers for their help: Stan, Evelyn, Mary, Wal and Di.





From Hornsby Shire Council, 02 May: Free Law Week talks in Hornsby Shire
Get expert advice about areas of the legal system that impact on everyone's life at Hornsby Shire Council's free Law Week seminars.

[Full Media Release with dates etc here.](#)

From Fire & Rescue NSW: Stay out of harm it's time to ReAlarm [Click on image for more information.]

REALARM
your home against fire

REPLACE outdated 10-year-old smoke alarms with the latest photoelectric smoke alarms, for earlier detection and fewer false alarms.

FIRE.NSW.GOV.AU | BY FIRE AND RESCUE NSW

From one of our readers: "Please ask pushbike riders to attach reflectors to the front and back of their bikes for safety on our narrow streets. At dusk, car drivers often don't see them without a reflector, as they aren't using a light on the front of their bikes."

From the Roads & Maritime Services:

Bicycle riders must not ride a bicycle at night or in hazardous weather conditions unless the bike displays a flashing or steady white light from the front, and a flashing or steady red light from the rear. The bike also requires a red reflector which is visible from the rear.

More information from RMS on [road rules here](#).

Essentials for your bike - Lights and reflectors

Good quality lights and reflectors will increase your visibility on the road. Light emitting diode (LED) lights are extremely bright and require less energy to power, making your batteries last longer. Traditional incandescent lights require regular bulb changes and may not be as bright as LED lights. Human powered bicycle lights do not require batteries, but most will not operate without you physically pedalling. This means that when you're stopped, you could be difficult to see. It's best to seek expert advice on lights and reflectors to suit your needs. Pedal and wheel reflectors increase your visibility to other road users. By law, you must have your lights on between sunset and sunrise and in bad weather.

More information from RMS on [equipment here](#).

Thank you for emailing us your questions and comments. Keep them coming - [email us here](#). We will research all issues and request assistance from the Police on any matter that's bothering you.

From [Walking Forward Disaster Relief Team](#): [National Equine Database - Are you prepared?](#)

Help keep your animals safer before, during and after emergencies. It's FREE and it's NATIONAL. Help us to help you.

Register @ the [National Equine Database here](#).

Dates for the Diary:

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](#).

Monday 09 - Sunday 15 May: National Volunteer Week 2016

Monday 16 May: Hornsby Shire Council's Strata Law seminar. [Info](#).

Thursday 19 May: Hornsby Shire Council's Retirement Villages Law Seminar. [Info](#).

Friday 20 May: Hornsby Shire Council's Enduring Powers of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship and Personal Guarantees Law Seminar. [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**

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

Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016: NHW Week

Great advice from 'Make Use Of': How To Use A USB Key To Deal With Security Threats [Click on image to access article]

Aren't USB flash drives redundant? ... I don't think so. There are many situations where a USB drive can still come in handy, including keeping your

computer secure. Here's how.



How To Use A USB Key To Deal With Security Threats

The other day I was pacing the aisles of the Old Bridge, New Jersey branch of Target. For those who haven't been to one before, they're essentially a big-box retailer who sell literally everything -- clothes, electronics, food. You name it, they...

WWW.MAKEUSEOF.COM

How to become a Super Neighbour in 3 steps! A great blog from NABO that makes sense about good neighbouring. NABO is a private enterprise that is believed to be primarily for profit. Neighbourhood Watch is not for profit and in it for the community! What do you think?

[Full article here.](#)

Seniors Safety - a video from the NSW Police

To be safe from crime and violence is a fundamental right for everyone in our community. As we grow older, several factors can impact on our confidence and quality of life. Here are some simple tips we all can take to help protect yourself, your family and friends from the effects of crime.

[Watch video here.](#)

[More crime prevention videos and tips from the Police can be found here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate, 28 April: THEFT OF PRICELESS FAMILY OIL PAINTING AND LAPTOP LEAVES OWNER BEWILDERED [Page 2. Edited]

Simon Dobree was shocked to learn thieves made off with a priceless 19th century family oil painting, a laptop, three wild boar sculptures, as well as two sculptures of dogs on Friday, April 15. But in a strange turn of events, the laptop somehow found its way back to Mr Dobree's Monteith St home the next day. If you have seen the artwork or suspect you know of its whereabouts contact **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**.



Simon Dobree and his son Hugo with a picture of a family portrait heirloom that was stolen. Picture: Damian Shaw

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HORNSBY

1 A 16-year-old boy was fined \$400 after he repeatedly intruded into a crime scene and was taking photos at Hornsby train station on Tuesday afternoon. The teen was directed out of the area by police who were investigating the death of a teenage girl. The crime scene was well marked and shortly after he was asked to leave the area he re-entered it "to have a look" and was fined for being in a restricted area. Police would like to remind people that crime scenes are there to preserve evidence. Ku-ring-gai crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary said they ask the public to respect police work and "not treat a crime scene as a photo opportunity".

WAHROONGA

3 Three men were seen on CCTV stealing food delivered to a cafe on Fox Valley Rd between 5.20am and 5.30am on Saturday.

CCTV footage shows three men park at the rear of the cafe and take the food. There was a similar theft two days earlier. The men are described as of Mediterranean appearance, one with an average build, brown hair, no shirt and tan trousers, another man was of average build in a black hoodie, dark pants and dark runners, the third man was of large build wearing an Adidas jumper, dark trousers and runners. Police took fingerprints from the scene.

WAHROONGA

2 A Yamaha YZ 250 motorbike was stolen after it was advertised online with an auction website. The victim placed the ad with his mobile number as the contact on March 26. The man gave his address and a meeting time as well as times he was not going to be home to a potential buyer. On Sunday, April 24, about 5pm the victim discovered the bike was stolen. Police said this type of theft is common and sellers should request a land line from buyers as well as arrange any inspections in a neutral place. Do not provide a home address.

WAHROONGA

4 An iPad, a backpack, a laptop and credit cards were stolen from an unlocked Mercedes Sprinter van parked on the Comenarra Parkway between 1am and 11.30am on Sunday. An iPad app located the tablet at an address in Warrawee where the iPad was found and will be fingerprinted.

HORNSBY

5 A phone and a tablet were stolen from a cafe at Hornsby Westfield between 1.30pm and 1.55pm on Sunday. A cafe manager working on a phone and a tablet left the devices to serve customers for 25 minutes and they were stolen. The owner did not know the serial number or model number of either device.

WAHROONGA

6 Tools worth \$3500 including a whipper snipper, a mitre saw and a petrol hedger were stolen from a toolbox attached to an Isuzu tip truck parked on the Comenarra Parkway sometime between April 14 and April 15.

HORNSBY

7 A 24-year-old cyclist was fined for not wearing a helmet shortly after the Anzac Day service in Peats Ferry Rd on Monday. Police were about to open the road - after closures were in place for the dawn service - about 6.05am when a man rode his bike across the restricted area not wearing a helmet. He was stopped and told not to ride without a helmet or he would be fined. He allegedly said he would rather get a ticket, so police granted his request.

HORNSBY

8 A letterbox was stolen from a front yard in Lisgar Rd sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning.

Taken from 'Dumbest Criminals' compiled by Wendy Lewis, published by New Holland:

A suspect in an armed robbery was arrested at his home. He was polite, non-violent, and absolutely dumbfounded about how the Police could possibly have tracked him down. Turns out he had recently applied for a job as a correctional officer in a state prison. Naturally, they ran a routine criminal background check...

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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