



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

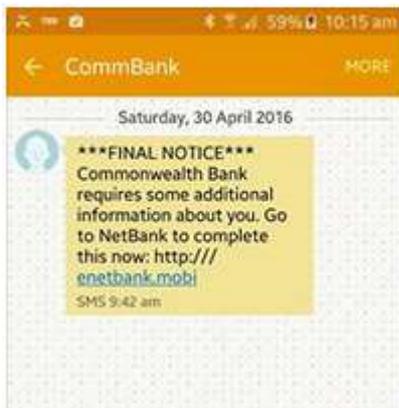
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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new 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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9 May, Stay Smart Online



Received one of these? It's a scam SMS. Don't click on anything and just delete it. Your bank won't send you texts like this.

9 May, Crime Stoppers NSW

RIDING IN TAXIS AND WEARING SEATBELTS – WHAT ARE THE LAWS?

Wearing a seatbelt doubles your chance of survival and reduces your risk of injury in a road crash.

Taxi drivers will also make their passengers safer by wearing a seatbelt. In a crash impacting on the driver's side, an unrestrained driver can be thrown around the vehicle, injuring their front seat passenger.

The penalty for not wearing a seatbelt is a \$298 fine and three demerit points.

Double demerits apply for seatbelt offences in Double demerit enforcement periods.

Taxi drivers are responsible for passengers under 16 years old to be properly restrained in a seatbelt or an approved child restraint. A baby under 12 months must be restrained in an approved child restraint.

Passengers aged 16 years and older travelling in a taxi who do not use an available seatbelt will be fined.

If you have any information that may assist police please report online [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

7 May, Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade

TIPS DURING HAZARD REDUCTIONS

-  Check for hazard reductions near you at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/hr
-  Keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke from entering your home
-  Keep outdoor furniture under cover to prevent burns from embers
-  Retract pool covers to prevent damage from embers
-  Remove washing from clotheslines
-  Ensure pets have a protected area
-  If you're driving, slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on
-  For your own safety, don't go sightseeing around hazard reduction areas
-  If you've got health issues like asthma, take your reliever medicine and reduce activity outdoors in smoky areas

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE rfs.nsw.gov.au

The smoke has settled due to lower temps overnight. Should clear throughout the morning. The smoke that is currently settled over north [#Sydney](#) is from a hazard reduction burns in the Blue Mountains yesterday afternoon.

Hazard reduction is just one way of preparing for bush fires – it doesn't remove the threat of fire, and it doesn't remove the need for you and your family to be prepared.

We advise:

- Keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering homes
- Keep outdoor furniture under cover to prevent ember burns
- Retract pool covers to prevent ember damage
- Remove washing from clotheslines
- Ensure pets have a protected area
- Vehicles must slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on
- Sightseers must keep away from burns for their own safety
- If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities if smoke levels

are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice

7 May, NSW Police Force, Join the Drive

Taking the motorbike out this weekend? Before you go, take a look at this video to brush up on your skills because there is a lot riding on how you ride.

Check it out [here](#).

5 May, Crime Stoppers NSW, Be Graffiti Smart

In response to the seriousness of graffiti vandalism, NSW Crime Stoppers developed and launched an awareness campaign called "Be Graffiti Smart"™ where home owners are encouraged to learn about graffiti vandalism, ways to maintain their property and how to report graffiti vandalism to police. NSW Crime Stoppers has listed a number of prevention measures for home owners to implement in order to keep their properties free from graffiti vandalism. These include ways home owners can be more "œgraffiti smart"• , maintaining their properties and reporting graffiti to police to mention a few.

See You Tube video [here](#)

4 May, North Shore LAC - NSW Police Force



North Shore LAC would like any information that can lead to the identity of the two persons in these images. Any information to Chatswood Police Station 9414 8499 or Crime Stoppers 1300 333 000.

4 May, NSW Police Force, Great Result!

A man has been charged over multiple alleged break-in and stealing offences after he was arrested at West Pymble overnight.

Police will allege the man had stolen a large amount of property from breaking into vehicles and homes during the past six weeks in Kuring-Gai and Ryde Local Area Commands.

The Kuring-Gai Proactive Crime Team began investigating the thefts, and yesterday seized more than 80 exhibits, mostly stolen property.

The 19-year-old man has been charged with

- â€¢ Possess a prohibited drug
- â€¢ Larceny (five counts)

â€¢ Enter building and commit an indictable offence (five counts)

â€¢ Dishonestly obtain financial advantage etc by deception (14 counts).

He was refused bail to appear in Hornsby Local Court later today (Thursday 5 May 2016).

3 May, Crime Stoppers NSW, Safety for Seniors

If you have an elderly loved one, you can sometimes worry about their safety. Elderly people can be more trusting and come from a time when things were simpler. Share with them these tips to help keep them safe.

SAFETY AT HOME

* If you are harassed, attacked or robbed, TELL the police. You are not being a nuisance by reporting crime. Police want to KNOW if you are a victim of crime.

* When you are at home LOCK all your doors.

* Leave spare keys with a trusted friend or family member, NEVER leave a key in a hiding place at your home.

* Keep a photographic record of your jewellery and mark all portable items (eg TV) with your name, address and licence number. You can use a marking system like Data Dot, which is known to you but not visible to the naked eye.

See www.datadotdna.com

* Going away? Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on things, collect your mail and put out your rubbish. Leave the radio on.

* Don't keep large amounts of money in the home.

* If you have deadlocks, keep the keys in the locks on the inside when you are at home, in case you need to leave in an emergency.

* Make sure your house number is clearly visible.

* If you live alone, don't publicise this or whether you are Ms, Miss, Mrs or Mr.

* Arrange to have regular contact with someone you trust.

If you know of any senior family member or neighbour, living in circumstances that may cause you to be concerned for their welfare, or if you believe them to be at risk then you can report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

3 May, NSW Maritime, Dive Safe



With so many great dive spots in the waters of NSW, it's no wonder that it's such a popular sport.

Whether you're scuba diving, spearfishing or even snorkelling, you're not only going to be spending time below the surface, but also occasionally on the surface. And that means the risk of being exposed to passing boat traffic. If you're spearfishing or snorkelling, you're even more at risk as you spend more time on the water surface.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Boat Drivers, Spearfishers and Scuba Divers.

3 May, NSW Police Force



West Pymble, Gordon, Killara, East Killara. These areas have been subjected to a high level of steal from motor vehicle offenses in the last few weeks. What is disappointing is despite warnings recently a lot of those vehicles were unlocked and had property inside that was stolen. One car had an Apple laptop inside, had being the operative word here. Wallets with cash and cards, gone. Time to wake up to the fact there are thieves about. Please spread the word, DON'T leave property in your car and lock your cars.

3 May, Road Safety Week asks each of us to "Stop Driving Blind!"

In-car distraction is a leading cause of road crashes and this year's theme for National Road Safety Week is #StopDrivingBlind.

On Monday the Principal Partners of Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week - Australian Automobile Association, Altus Traffic Australia, Road Safety Education Ltd and Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) joined with the ACT Minister for Road Safety, Hon Shane Rattenbury MLA, who will lead the national launch.

Both the Governor General Hon Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC and the Prime Minister Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP have released Road Safety Statements in support of Road Safety Week.

[Click here](#) for full story.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

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.

7 May, Another successful sunny and busy afternoon at the Orara Park Street Party.



Neighbourhood Watch volunteers 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 I missed something?) safe". We point people to relevant literature on the stall and answer questions, promote the weekly eNewsletter and the local Kuring gai LAC Facebook page. For the children, we have colouring-in and puzzles for the kids, and some give-aways too. As well as chatting with the public, we had someone assisting with the FREE car rego plate locking screws. Fun!

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 11 May: Wear Orange Wednesday (**WOW! Day**) to support the SES

volunteers. [Info.](#)

Thursday 12 May: Intro to First Aid for Seniors @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers 10-12. [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.**

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

Monday 03 - Sunday 09 October 2016: NHW Week

Wednesday 05 October: NHW Roadshow @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Draft theme - "Bring Back Community!"

7 May, From The Daily Telegraph, Creek turns white in Ku-ring-gai national park after suspected environmental vandalism.



AN environmental investigation is underway after a creek flowing through a national park was turned milky white.

Ku-ring-gai Council is leading the probe in to the apparent act of eco-vandalism at Ku-ring-gai National Park.

It is believed a person poured an unknown pollutant into a storm water drain in nearby East Killara, which flowed down Murrumba Place and into the creek which flows on to Middle Harbour.

A resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said they thought someone had poured white paint down the stormwater drain after they saw white water running down the gutter early on Sunday morning.

Full story [here](#)

3 May, From Hornsby Advocate's Photo



Another truck stuck in Galston Gorge this morning. Photo from a 2GB listener.

**From Ku-ring-gai Shire Council, 12 May: Introduction to First Aid for Seniors
Event Details:**

When: Thu 12 May 2016 at 10:00 AM -12:30 PM

Where: Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3
818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Contact Person: Ku-ring-gai Council. 9424 0000

Cost: \$10 includes morning tea

Website: www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/For/Seniors

2 May, UK Cop Humour's photo



Norfolk Style!

Crime Stats for Hornsby Residential area in February 2016

INC_CATEGORY	FURTHER_CLASS	ADDRESS	DATE
ASSAULT	GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM(INC	JERSEY ST	2/5/2016
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM	JERSEY ST	2/5/2016
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	PACIFIC HWY	2/10/2016
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM	PACIFIC HWY	2/7/2016
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	PACIFIC HWY	2/13/2016
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM		2/13/2016
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	LEIGHTON PL	2/24/2016
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	PACIFIC HWY	2/12/2016
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM	WANINGA RD	2/25/2016
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	PACIFIC HWY	2/28/2016
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CITRUS AVE	2/3/2016
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL	BELLBROOK AVE	2/16/2016
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	BELLBROOK AVE	2/16/2016
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	BELLBROOK AVE	2/15/2016
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	BELLBROOK AVE	2/15/2016
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BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	NURSERY ST	2/24/2016
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	BUSHLANDS AVE	2/27/2016
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	LINDA ST	2/29/2016
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	HUNTER ST	2/27/2016
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MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PRO	BURDETT ST	2/7/2016
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PRO	ROSAMOND ST	2/20/2016
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PRO	JERSEY ST NORTH	2/27/2016
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PRO	HUNTER ST	2/29/2016
STEALING	STEAL FROM DWELLING	HUNTER ST	2/3/2016
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	SUMMERHAZE PL	2/8/2016

From Hornsby Advocate, 5 May

1 HORNSBY

A teenager was charged with assault after allegedly pointing a replica pistol at a police officer in Hornsby on Saturday about 12.30pm. Police were called to a building on Hunter St after witnesses allegedly saw the teen carrying what appeared to be a silver-grey coloured pistol. A short time later, an officer approached the teen who allegedly pointed the pistol at the face of the officer. The policeman drew his gun and called for the teen to drop the pistol, which he did. The 15-year-old was charged with possessing a prohibited pistol and assaulting police.

HORNSBY

2 A man in his mid 30s pushing a pram stole \$650 worth of saucepans from a store in Westfield Hornsby about 10.55am on Saturday. The man described as caucasian with blond hair wearing a T-shirt pushing a pram was seen on CCTV. He was seen to take a box of saucepans from a display shelf and put them on top of the pram before leaving without paying.

TURRAMURRA

5 Five cars were broken into in Turramurra between Friday night and Saturday morning. A Toyota parked in a carport on The Mall had a mobile phone taken from the glovebox. A VW Golf parked on Spurwood Rd had a wallet stolen from it. A Peugeot sedan left unlocked on Sanford Rd had an Apple laptop taken from it and on Chester Rd a Holden Commodore wagon had about \$30 in coins taken from a console.

TURRAMURRA

3 Burglars forced the lock on the ground floor of a home on Warrangi St between 8.20am and 5.15pm on Tuesday. They stole jewellery after ransacking rooms and draping necklaces around teddy bears which were arranged on a bed.

TURRAMURRA

6 A 47-year-old man will face questions from police after he was allegedly involved in a road rage incident with a 65-year-old woman outside a garage on Eastern Rd about 4pm on Sunday. The man, from Turramurra, allegedly scratched about 20 marks into the Thornleigh woman's Toyota Yaris with a key. Witnesses tried to detain the man and called police who took statements and then found the man on Rohini St. Inquiries into the incident continue after police spoke with witnesses.

Pool Issues: Laws Makes Waves over Pool Safety: Residents face fines if they fail to meet targets

Top issues



- » Pool gates not self-closing or latching
- » Vegetation or items near fence provide a foothold
- » Gaps over 100mm between ground level and the base of the fence
- » No resuscitation sign

HORNSBY pool inspectors are making a splash as they try to dive in to the details of about 8400 residents' swimming pool fences.

People who own a pool can be fined up to \$5500 under new laws that require a compliance or non-compliance certificate if their property is to be sold or leased.

The new laws, to improve safety, include: removing climbable objects within a 90cm zone above the top of the pool fence; displaying a cardiopulmonary resuscitation sign; raising fence heights to 1.2m and reducing gaps to 100mm; changing gates to swing away from the pool; and automatic latching gate locks.

From The North Shore Times, 6 May

NORTH SHORE

WARNING OVER FAKE \$50 NOTES IN REGION

I know it genuine and look for differences.
All banknotes have similar security features,
or location can vary on the banknote.

Is it plastic?

Australian banknotes are printed on plastic and have a distinct feel. A suspect banknote may feel excessively thick or thin compared to a genuine banknote. It is difficult to spot a tear along the edge of a genuine banknote. You can identify suspicious tear features as you hold - a genuine banknote should spring back.



Look for the star

Diamond shaped patterns are printed inside a circle on both sides of the banknote.
From: 1988 New Zealand and in the State



POLICE are warning people to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$50 notes after the Ryde Local Area Command reported a number of fake notes have been circulating throughout the community. People and businesses are being asked to check a range of features when handling the notes. Australian banknotes are printed on plastic. A suspect banknote may feel excessively thick or thin compared to a genuine banknote. Hold notes to the light and look for the Australian Coat of Arms. Diamond-shaped patterns are printed inside a circle on both sides of the note and the clear window near the edge of the note should be an integral part of the banknote, not an addition.

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

Realising that their suspect was not going to win the Nobel Prize for Intelligence, police interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopier. They placed the message "S LYING" in the copier, and pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth. And wouldn't you know, believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed!

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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