



# Ku-ring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

**eNewsletter # 310 - 18 September 2017**

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force - Ku-ring-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](#) (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? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

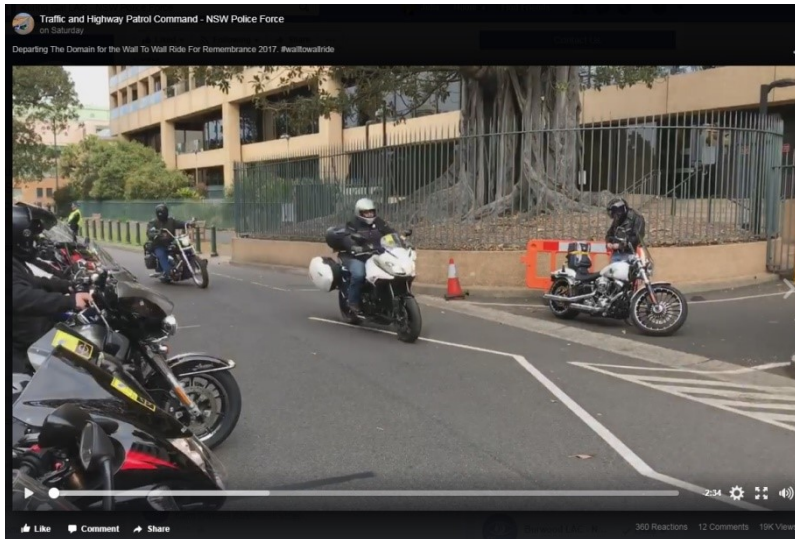
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**18 September, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Departing The**

## Domain for the Wall To Wall Ride For Remembrance 2017. [#walltowallride](#)



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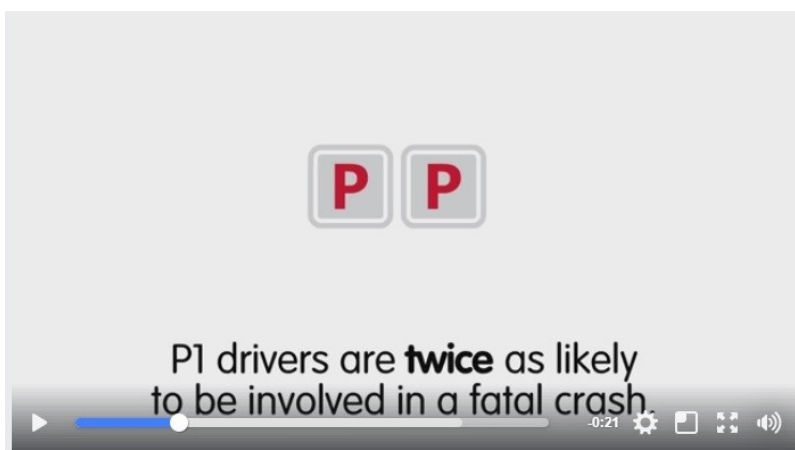
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**18 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Stay safe these school holidays, don't forget that final check before you drive off.**

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**15 September, from NSW Roads: Licensing changes are coming for young drivers from November 20 to ensure new drivers are safe drivers on our roads.**

[#TowardsZero](#)



[Watch NSW Roads video here.](#)

The Graduated Licensing Scheme (GLS) is the process you follow to go from your

learner driver licence through to your full licence. Through experience, restrictions, conditions and tests, the GLS prepares new drivers to be safe and low risk drivers. Important changes are being made to the GLS to improve the safety of young drivers on our roads. **GLS changes from 20 November 2017**

[Find out more here, at the Transport for NSW website, Centre for Road Safety.](#)

See also the [Roads & Maritime Services \(RMS\) Getting Your Licence webpage here.](#)

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### **14 September, from the Hornsby Advocate: MAN, 50, APPEARS IN HORNSBY COURT AFTER ALLEGEDLY STARTING BEROWRA BUSHFIRES**

Alleged fire-bug not fit to plea - lawyer.

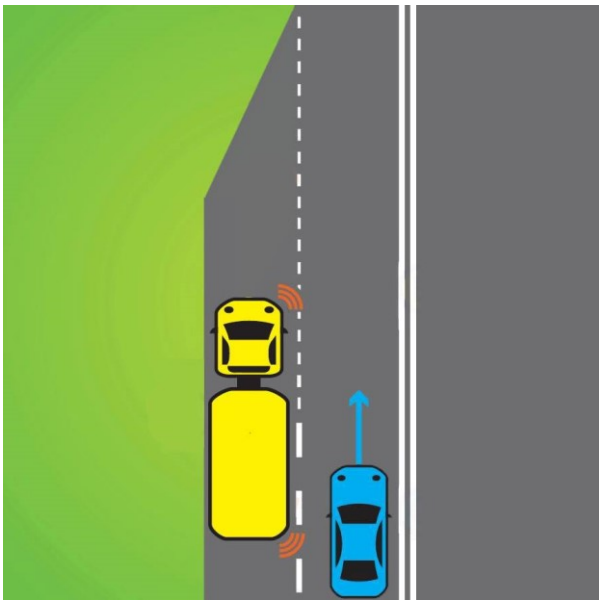
A 50-YEAR-OLD man with “a diagnosed history of schizophrenia” has appeared at Hornsby Court after allegedly lighting three separate fires in Berowra bushland between August and September.

[Full article here.](#)

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### **14 September, from the NRMA: TEST TIME: When two lanes merge into one (as shown in the diagram), who should give way?**

- A. The vehicle which has to cross the lane line.
- B. The faster vehicle.
- C. The vehicle in the right-hand lane because it is overtaking.



**ANSWER: The correct answer is A.**

If the lane the driver is travelling in comes to an end, and the driver has to cross a lane line to merge, the driver must give way to traffic already in the lane they are moving to.

[More information here.](#)

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**14 September, from NSW Road Safety: Increased construction across Sydney will see more trucks on our roads and changed traffic conditions.**

When crossing the road, look out before you step out. [#TowardsZero](#)



1,909 Views

| NSW Road Safety

[Watch video here.](#)

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13 September, from Ku-ring-gai command: Our NSW Police Force community eyewatch pages are all now verified by Facebook.



The image shows a Facebook post from the NSW Police Force. On the left is the NSW Police crest and the 'eyewatch' logo. The main text reads: 'Our NSW Police Force community Eyewatch Pages are all now verified by Facebook.' It includes a list of bullet points: 'Represented by either a Blue or Grey backgrounded tick, you can be certain that the information you are receiving and contributing to is on an official NSW Police Force run page!', 'Be careful of fake or unofficial pages that may be set up to scam you.', 'Please like this official and locally run page, even if you already like our amazing corporate page. #MemeAlert', and 'We strive to deliver local and relevant content. Together we will have more successes than we can ever achieve on our own. So a big - Thank you!!'. At the bottom, it says 'Please do not report crime on our Facebook pages. Please visit our station or make a report via crime stoppers.' and features the 'CRIME STOPPERS' logo with the number 1800 333 000.

Our NSW Police Force community Eyewatch

Pages are all now verified by Facebook.

- Represented by either a **Blue** or **Grey** backgrounded tick, you can be certain that the information you are receiving and contributing to is on an **official** NSW Police Force run page!
- Be careful of **fake** or **unofficial** pages that may be set up to scam you.
- Please like this official and locally run page, even if you already like our amazing corporate page. **#MemeAlert**
- We strive to deliver local and relevant content. Together we will have more successes than we can ever achieve on our own. So a big - **Thank you!!**

Please do not report crime on our Facebook pages.  
Please visit our station or make a report via crime stoppers.

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
1800 333 000

13 September, from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade: A Total Fire Ban has been declared today (until midnight) for the Greater Sydney Region.

What is a Total Fire Ban?



The image shows a video player interface for a video from the Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade. The video content features a yellow background with a house, a car, and a person. A sign above the car says 'REMOVE ANYTHING FLAMMABLE'. The video player has a progress bar at 0:31 and standard controls. Below the video is the post header for 'Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade' dated September 13 at 7:30am.

REMOVE ANYTHING  
**FLAMMABLE**

Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade  
September 13 at 7:30am

[Watch video here.](#)

We are glad you asked - see this short clip which explains everything 😊 :)  
Report all fires immediately to **Triple Zero (000)**. [#NSWRFS](#) [#PrepareActSurvive](#)

12 September, from the Hornsby Advocate: HORNSBY CRIME INCLUDES

## ROAD RAGE, THEFT, ARSON AND DRUG POSSESSION THIS WEEK

Hornsby police were called to a road rage incident, several fires, thefts and car accidents this week.

**Hornsby:** A 40-year-old man is recovering after he was allegedly attacked in a road rage incident on Bridge Rd on Tuesday September 12 about 7am. Police said the man was involved in a minor collision with another man aged 46. The pair exchanged details and when the victim got into his car to leave the scene, the other man asked where he was going. The 46-year-old man was unhappy with the answer and allegedly opened the driver's door and dragged the victim out of the car. The man then allegedly pushed the 40-year-old on to the car's bonnet and threw him on to the ground before kicking him in the back and torso for a few minutes. During the alleged assault, the accused man is alleged to have made racial slurs. The victim called for help and the accused drive off before police were called. Police have the identity of the 46-year-old male, who will attend Hornsby Police station to give his version of events.

**North Turramurra:** An 89-year-old man accidentally drove into a veterinary clinic while trying to park there on Friday about 5.25pm. The man was trying to park his white Mazda at the clinic on Bobbin Head Rd in marked space and put the car in drive while trying to reverse. He accelerated and slammed into the brick wall of the business. Police will ask the RMS to test the driver's fitness to drive. Firefighters were called to check the structural integrity of the building and advised that the wall was stable but would need works to rectify it.

**Hornsby:** A car rolled over its driver, seriously injuring him before rolling down a hill and into the front yard of a property across the road about 10am on Monday, September 11. A man, 47, parked a Holden Captiva in his driveway, up a hill off King Rd. When he exited the car it didn't have its handbrake on and rolled down the driveway pinning him briefly before rolling over him and onto the street. It then rolled up the kerb across the road, down an embankment and into a house, where it pushed in a brickwall. The driver suffered fractured ribs and a fractured right knee. A crane was called pulled the car away from the house and put it onto a tow truck. Police are yet to obtain a version of events from the driver.

**Thornleigh:** Police are pursuing a female after CCTV footage captured her seen breaking into cars at a Central Ave fitness centre. A window was smashed to break into a Mercedes parked at the fitness centre between 8.45am and 3.50pm on Monday. On the same day, a black VW Passat driver's side rear window was



smashed and a gym bag containing an iPad, headphones, sports gear and gym membership were stolen.

**Wahroonga:** Burglars cut the power supply to a dressmaking and alteration shop between 10.30pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday. The meter box power was disconnected in an attempt to disable the alarm and the building was broken into when a window lock was forced. Thieves climbed in via a ground floor toilet window and searched areas but nothing was stolen.

**Hornsby:** A wallet was stolen from a 24-hour gym on George St between 11.15am and 12.20pm on Friday. A 23-year-old man was using gym equipment when his wallet was stolen from the window sill. Police reviewed CCTV footage that showed a man described as Asian, aged in his 20s, with a fair complexion, thin build with black short hair, wearing a grey jumper and track pants.

**Turramurra:** Police were called to two fires on Monday. Between 1am and 2am police were patrolling Aluba Reserve in South Turramurra after calls from residents raised concerns about youths in the area. Residents had complained about smashing bottles and nuisances and police noticed a small fire when they arrived. A blue tarpaulin had been set alight and other items, such as a plastic bucket that was melted on to a barbecue, were found nearby. On the same day, when staff arrived at South Turramurra Preschool about 7.30am they found a small scrub fire in the front garden and called the fire brigade. There was no damage to the school but police have reminded residents to be careful that the warmer weather could cause fires to start more easily.

**Turramurra:** Playing surface will need to be replaced at Turramurra Public School after three garbage bins were melted on to it between 5pm on Friday and 5am Monday.

**Hornsby:** A Honda Integra's side window was smashed and a wallet, cash, licence and credit cards were stolen while it was parked in a driveway at Moolanda Ave between 2.30am and 9am on September 10. The damage and stolen property were worth \$850. Police remind drivers not to leave any valuables in their cars.

**Hornsby:** A 37-year-old man was issued with a cannabis caution on Monday about 3am. Police patrolling Hornsby found a Hyundai station wagon parked strangely on Mildred Ave and breath tested its driver with a negative result. Checks on driver gave cause to search the person in the car and he allegedly became argumentative. Police allegedly found a small amount of cannabis in the door

compartment and the man allegedly admitted it was cannabis.

**Asquith:** A 27-year-old Asquith man was given a cannabis caution after police searched his car on Sunday. The man was in his parked car on Clarke Way in Glenhaven when police approached about 11.10pm. Police said they spoke to the man and smelt cannabis. Police searched the man's car and allegedly found a small plastic bag with a cannabis leaf.

[Article here.](#)

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**12 September, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Are we allowing strangers into our lounge rooms through our children's technology?**

eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman - Grant talks about the dangerous consequences of handing over internet-connected, camera-enabled devices to children, and shares ways to reduce the risk of your child being exploited online.

[Full article here.](#)

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**12 September, from the government's Stay Smart Online: Numerous malware emails targeting e-Toll and AusPost customers are currently being circulated.**

These scam emails use the same 'View in OneDrive' hook to entice email users to download malware onto their computer. [#staysmartonline](#) [#alertservice](#)

[Full alert here.](#)

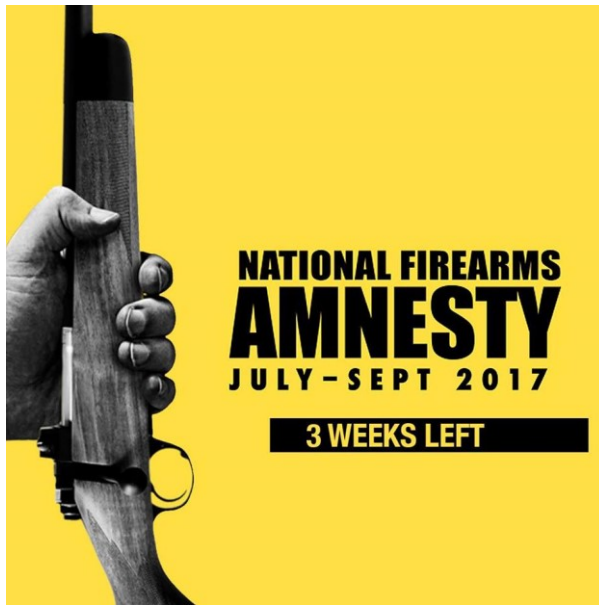
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**12 September, from Crime Stoppers NSW: 3 weeks left until cut-off! Do you need to register or surrender your firearm?**

It is important to remove unregistered firearms from the community because of the risks they carry – they have been proven to end up in the hands of people with criminal intent. For example, Man Haron Monis used an unregistered shotgun during the Lindt Café Siege. Until 30th September, amnesty participants do not need to provide personal details if they surrender a firearm or firearm-related article for destruction – there is a no questions asked policy. There is also no cost



involved with handing in firearms or related items for destruction. Information about individual state and territory requirements, including [how and where to surrender firearms](#), can be found [here](#) or by calling **1800 909 826**.



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

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**17 September, from our neighbouring, The Hills command: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate an elderly man missing from Castle Hill since Friday.**

Youliang Lin, 84, left his home in Cooper Court about 8am (Friday 15 September 2017) and has not been seen since.



[More info click here.](#)

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**16 September, from Crime Stoppers: CRIME STOPPERS SUCCESS!!!**

Charged with murder: On the 21st June, 2017 a homeless male person was found deceased in his motor vehicle in Maroubra. It was evident from the onset that male person was deceased. Eastern Beaches LAC and Homicide Detectives commenced an investigation. On the 12th of July, 2017 2 contacts were received at Crime Stoppers nominating 2 brothers as being responsible for the murder. On the 27th July, 2017 both nominate males were arrested.

Crime Stoppers NSW would like to thank you, the community for remaining vigilant and reporting information that will help solve crime in your community. If you have any information that may help police [please report online here](#), or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

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**From Paintback: Drop off your unwanted paint for free at the Paintback Collection Event being held at Johnsons Bros. Mitre 10 Mona Vale.**

To find out more [click the link here](#).

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## **Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) Neighbourhood Watch meeting - MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2017**

- Please note change of start time to 7:30pm
- Snr Cst Paul Cleary, Crime Prevention Officer, NSWPF Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command, will be speaking on "ELDER ABUSE on the rise" with financial abuse and pressure from their adult children to act as guarantor or sell for an early inheritance. Abuse victims' mistreatment often includes physical, emotion, financial or sexual harm. Often elders who act as a guarantor for their adult children to apply for a loan, don't understand they will be legally liable if the borrower defaults. Come along and learn how you can become more aware.
- Turramurra Uniting Church lounge area. Complimentary tea, coffee, biscuits and slice. All welcome!
- Please note the correct official name of the NHW group is NHW AREA GORDON 3/4 not Turramurra, reflecting the outdated numbering system for NHW groups originally controlled out of Gordon Police Station. This group is made from the two merged areas 3 and 4 - no, it's not three quarters!
- Gordon Area 3/4 comprises: Eastern side of Eastern Road from Brentwood to Burns Road. Northern side of Brentwood / Boomerang and Pentecost up to and including Merrivale Lane. Encompassing all Streets from South Branch of Cowan Creek up to Bobbin Head Road and to Burns Road. Southern side of Burns Road from Eastern Road to Bobbin Head Road.

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### **15 September, from the Daily Mail Australia: Revealed: The volleyball coach, 24, charged over 'grooming a 15-year-old boy for sex' after meeting him at a sports event is employed at one of Sydney's most elite high schools**

- Brad Wall, 24, is a sports coach at the exclusive Barker College in Sydney's north
- Accused of grooming boy, 15, who he met at an interstate volleyball tournament
- Prominent figure in junior volleyball circles and coaches the NSW under-15 side
- Barker Headmaster is 'shocked, disturbed and deeply saddened' by

allegations

[Read more here.](#)



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**FRAUD and IDENTITY THEFT: Wednesday 15 November, 7pm @ Gordon Police Station Training Room**

Gordon Areas 24/12 and Gordon Area 25/26 (East Killara) Neighbourhood Watch groups are joining together for their annual meeting. You are invited to hear **Detective Senior Constable Wendy Burgess, from the NSWPF Fraud & Cyber Crime Squad talking about Fraud and Identity Theft.** This is one of the increasing crimes in our command. More details to follow closer to the date. The meeting starts at 7pm @ Gordon Police Station Training Room. Bring a plate! There's always plenty of yummy sandwiches, cake and fruit for everyone. FREE advice on protecting yourself and your family. FREE grub and FREE Neighbourhood Watch gorgeous green goodie bags.

Live in East Killara, Gordon or Killara? This is your big chance to attend a local meeting full of good advice. **Don't live in East Killara, Gordon or Killara?** Doesn't matter - please come along; you are very welcome!



### Dates for the Diary:

**Tuesday 19 September:** Ku-ring-gai Council FREE Seniors Seminar - keeping yourself safe in this cyber age 10:30-11:30 @ Council Chambers [Info & booking.](#)

**Wednesday 20 September:** Hornsby Shire Council Family Services Expo @ the mall, Hornsby 11am-2pm. Assisting MCLO\* with a Crime Prevention stall.

**Wednesday 20 September:** Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre & NHW within Ku-ring-gai command **Closing Date for Essay & Colouring-in Competitions.**

**Wednesday 20 September:** Ku-ring-gai Council Helping your learner driver - workshop for supervisors 6:30-8:30 PM Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers **ph: 9424 0000**

**Thursday 21 September:** Hornsby Council Teaching your Learner Driver 6:30-8:30pm @ Council Chambers. [Info & booking.](#)

**Monday 25 September:** Gordon 3/4 (Turrumurra) Neighbourhood Watch meeting 7:30pm @ Turrumurra Uniting Church. All welcome. Snr Cst Paul Cleary: "**Elder Abuse on the Rise**"

**Friday 29 September:** National Police Remembrance Day

**Saturday 07 October 2017:** 10am-12noon @ Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, St Ives Shopping Village. Prize-giving Ceremony for crime prevention colouring-in



and essay competition, as part of NHW Australasia's NHW Week. Joint event with KNC. NHW Crime Prevention stalls.

**Saturday 14 October:** St Johns Anglican Church Annual Fête, Gordon. NHW crime prevention stall.

**Sunday 29 October:** Graffiti Removal Day. [Info](#)

**Wednesday 01 November:** 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

**Wednesday 15 November:** Gordon/Killara/E Killara NHW meeting. Speaker Det S/C Wendy Burgess, NSWPF Fraud & Cyber Crime Squad 7pm @ Gordon Police Station Training Room.

**Friday 01 December:** Walk the Talk @ the mall, Hornsby. Assisting MCLO\* with a Crime Prevention stall.

**Saturday 09 December:** Ku-ring-gai Council Xmas Carols @ Bicentennial Park, W. Pymble 5-9pm. Joint NHW/Police Crime Prevention stall. TBC

**Saturday 03 March 2018:** The North Shore Black & White Charity Ball 7pm @ Killara Golf Club. [Info](#).

\* MCLO = Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer, Fiona Zhou

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**15 September, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Join us & our co-hosts, [Netsafe](#) on 1 – 3 November for our inaugural conference: Online Safety on the Edge.**

Explore ground-breaking research and global perspectives on online harm, resilience and the future of our digital landscape [#esafety17](#). 60+ speakers & industry experts in one location.

For [more information and to purchase tickets click here](#).





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**14 September, from Gordon 3/4 (Turramurra) Neighbourhood Watch group:  
NHW Newsletter for September 2017.**



AREA GORDON 3/4  
NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2017



COMMUNITY SAFETY & CARING

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PLEASE REPORT ANYTHING OF A SUSPICIOUS NATURE IMMEDIATELY TO:

000 – FOR URGENT POLICE RESPONSE

HORNSBY POLICE – 9476 9799 / GORDON POLICE – 9418 5399 / CRIMESTOPPERS – 1800 333 000

Your Street Co-ordinator is:

[Insert Street Co-ordinator's name]

[Insert Street Co-ordinator's phone]

**STREET CO-ORDINATORS:** PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME PHONE NUMBER HERE SO THAT RESIDENTS MAY CONTACT YOU.

GENERAL MEETING OF  
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA GORDON 3 / 4  
**MONDAY – 25 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 PM**  
LOUNGE AREA OF THE UNITING CHURCH,  
TURRAMURRA AVENUE TURRAMURRA  
Tea/Coffee and Biscuits available

**SNR CONS PAUL CLEARY**  
Crime Prevention Officer, Kuring gai Local Area Command  
WILL PRESENT

**“ELDER ABUSE”**

**Appears to be on the rise  
with financial abuse and pressure  
from their adult children  
to act as guarantor or sell for an early inheritance**

Abuse victims' mistreatment often includes physical,  
emotional, financial or sexual harm.  
Often elders who act as guarantor for their adult children to apply for a loan,  
don't understand they will be legally liable if the borrower defaults.

AVOID BEING SCAMMED

REMEMBER: IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD, THEN IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE – STAY ALERT and say NO  
All Welcome

**PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017**

This meeting opened at 8:05pm in the lounge area. Coffee, tea, cake, and biscuits were available before the meeting. 14 people including the committee attended.

**PRESENTATION:** Senior Constable Paul Cleary spoke about the value of detailed descriptions when reporting stolen property. The police maintain a large database of stolen/lost property and it is difficult if not impossible to link discovered goods to the original owners if no clear and precise reports exist. Reports should list all goods stolen with accurate descriptions and model numbers and serial numbers. Photos of the goods should be included as they can be stored in the database. Scratches and other unique marks should also be included.

For phones the IMEI number should be included. This can be obtained by keying \*#06# on the phone keypad and recording the 16 digit number displayed. Engraving your goods with your driver's licence number will assist in the identification and return of the item. Such engraving should be done in an inconspicuous location such as inside the battery compartment of a laptop.

#### PRESENTATION contd

Engraving of small items such as tablets and phones should be done only once you're sure it will not damage the item as the plastic shell is often very thin and may not take kindly to any weakening. Senior Constable Paul Cleary spoke about recent thefts from unlocked motor vehicles and that break and enters had occurred at the same time. Leaving a car unlocked is a sign that you're a soft target and thieves will be inclined to check your house for easy entry points while there. Sensor lights can be a good deterrent if they can be installed so they react when appropriate but not to insignificant movements.

Paul spoke about the Next of Kin Register which enables persons living alone to record their details at the local police station. The Register is a database maintained by the Police for so they know who to contact if there is a problem. The recorded details can include doctor and dentist details and medical warnings which might assist emergency services personnel. Each person recorded in this database is allocated a serial number and two key rings and a sticker to alert emergency services personnel that they are registered with the Next of Kin Program. Interested parties should contact Snr Cons Paul Cleary, Crime Prevention Officer, Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9723.

Also mentioned was the Elder Abuse program which suggests how to identify an afflicted person and actions a concerned person can take. The Elder Abuse helpline number is 1800 628 221. Concerned people can also contact the local police station.

Paul also spoke about identity theft and distributed a leaflet listing steps to help protect your identity. He said many callers used tricks to obtain your date of birth and tax file number as these details are valuable when people are trying to steal your identity. The pamphlet is available at <<http://www.ag.gov.au/identitysecurity/>>.

#### MINUTES:

Minutes for the previous meeting were distributed at the meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Albert Browne and seconded by Alison Bangs.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Carroll Howe presented the treasurer's report for the events up to 27 March 2017. Our interest bearing account opening balance was \$540.64; deposits were \$1.04 interest; withdrawals were \$142 transferred to the cheque account; the closing balance is \$399.68. Our cheque account opening balance was \$20.97; deposits were \$142 transferred from the interest bearing account; withdrawals were \$92 for church hall hire, and \$50 for a donation to NHW Roadshow; the closing balance is \$20.97. Our combined closing balance is \$420.65. Acceptance of the treasurer's report was moved by Carroll and seconded by Albert Browne.

#### CRIME REPORTS

Statistics for August 2016 through January 2017 were included in the latest newsletter. These included 2 Steal from Motor Vehicle, 7 Break/Enter/Steal, 1 Other Steal, 4 Malicious Damage, and 2 Break/Enter/Intent Steal.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The start time for future meetings was discussed and a motion to start at 7:30pm was moved by Bob Mackenzie and seconded by Sandra Simpson and carried by the meeting.

CLOSE & NEXT MEETING: Carroll closed the meeting at 9:30pm and announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday 25 September 2017 and start at 7:30pm.

“PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND ENSURE YOU SECURE YOUR HOME AND YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES”

AT THE TIME OF PRINTING THE FOLLOWING CRIME REPORTS WERE AVAILABLE FOR FEB / MAR / APR / MAY / JUN AND JUL 2017:

#### FEBRUARY 2017

Steal from Motor Vehicle –Merrivale Lane– 20FEB  
Other Steal – Eastern Rd – 22FEB

#### MARCH 2017

Actual Bodily Harm – Spurwood Rd – 20MAR

#### APRIL 2017

Other Steal – Brentwood Ave – 8APR

#### MAY 2017

Steal from Dwelling – Murdoch St – 7MAY

#### JUNE 2017

Fire – Pentecost Avenue –15JUNE  
Steal from Motor Vehicle –Ancona Ave – 7JUNE

#### JULY 2017

Common Assault - Residential – Eastern Rd - 03JAN

#### AUGUST 2017

Not available at the time of printing

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE STREET CO-ORDINATORS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT DURING 2017.

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT THE NEW TIME OF 7:30PM

Come along to the NHW MEETING on MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Lounge Area of Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Avenue Turramurra. Guest Speaker, SNR CONS PAUL CLEARY, Crime Prevention Officer, Kuring gai Local Area Command, will give a presentation on "ELDER ABUSE" which is on the rise and the community needs to be more aware as well as the elders of their rights. Do join us. Light refreshments available. See you there.  
**PLEASE REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS IMMEDIATELY TO HORNSBY POLICE 9476 9799**

For a copy of the NHW newsletter in your inbox, [please email us here.](#)

## 13 September: Here's the latest in our 20 Tips series: Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Homes.

This has been produced in response to the unfortunate fact that our local police have run out of their printed materials particularly targeted at residential properties. We are grateful to our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Paul Cleary, who has been involved with us throughout the creation of this 20 Tips series.



This list was compiled by those involved with Neighbourhood Watch within the NSW Police Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799.



#### OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR HOMES

1. Clearly display your home's street number at the front of your property. It must be visible at night. This assists emergency vehicles as well as visitors.
2. Display warning signs around the perimeter or on your home. e.g. "Trespassers will be prosecuted", "This property is under electronic surveillance", Neighbourhood Watch window stickers/plaques, dog warnings, etc.
3. Front fences, trees and bushes should allow visibility from the street and be trimmed to reduce hiding places.
4. Natural ladders are a risk. Don't provide easy access to upper level balconies and windows, eg wheelie bins, lattice, trees, nearby fences.
5. Consider installing motion-activated security lighting and keep it well-maintained. Consider timer plugs for lights, TV, or radio to give the impression someone is home. Install the brightest lightbulb in the light outside your front door.
6. Get a strong letterbox and lock it with a strong lock, preferably keyed with a non-copyable round keyed mailbox security lock. Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office. Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive.
7. The power board should be housed in a secured cabinet. Consider an ETSA padlock on the meter cupboard (a special lock available from locksmiths).
8. Lock all garages, sheds and under-house access points. Lock away all tools and ladders to prevent them being used to gain access to your home. Roller, tilt & panel-lift doors can be secured with additional hasp & staple lock sets and/or padlocks. Anchor all sheds, sculptures, outside ornaments & table & chair sets.
9. Consider installing a safe for jewellery & documents. The safe should be fixed to the floor or embedded in foundations. Cash at home should be minimised (and is often not covered by insurance). Ensure insurance is up-to-date.
10. Leave a spare key with a trusted friend or neighbour, never hidden outside. Keys should not be left in view. Keys should not be left in locks when you are absent. Car keys should NOT be kept by the front door or on the kitchen counter. Keep car keys by the bed – be aware they can include a panic alarm. Consider Fingerprint, Key Pad or Bio Locks.

PTO Continued overleaf...

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OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR HOMES continued from overleaf

11. Consider an intruder alarm system. Utilise the alarm's 'Home' and 'Away' settings, especially at night when sleeping. Consider having the alarm monitored (back-to-base). Consider a system with cctv cameras that can be remotely viewed from a mobile phone. Review your system – technology is constantly changing.
12. External doors should be solid and fitted with deadlocks. Install patio bolts on sliding doors. Consider security doors.
13. Windows should be solid and frames anchored securely. All windows should have keyed locks, including skylights. Don't leave keys in locks. Alternative holes can allow a locked-while-open position for ventilation. Consider replacing glass with stronger laminated glass. Be aware of the vulnerability of leadlight windows, especially to the side of a front door. Consider shutters/grilles.
14. Consider an audio/video intercom to vet your visitors, or install a peep-hole, security door-chain or door-bar, and/or a security door. (Flyscreens are not security doors.)
15. Request a FREE 'Safety Audit' from your local Crime Prevention Officer.
16. Record description/model/serial number for all valuable property. Photograph all jewellery, alongside a ruler for scale. Keep these records off-site. Consider borrowing a FREE engraver and/or FREE UV light pen from your local Crime Prevention Officer and engraving/mark your property with your Driver's Licence Number. Check adequate levels of insurance cover.
17. Only use tradies recommended to you, or that you have researched. Supervise them all the time in your home. You are probably NOT insured for theft by tradesmen or visitors - this includes party guests and buyers at a garage sale.
18. Pre-program your phone(s) with all the emergency numbers below. Report everything. If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police. Try and get a car rego – use a rock to scratch it on the ground.
19. Suggest an arrangement with neighbours for when any of you are on vacation, eg for regularly checking your home, clearing the local newspapers, putting out & retrieving garbage bins, clearing mailboxes, parking in driveways/spaces, mowing grass strips, etc. Consider placing old items on the washing line. NEVER advertise your travel plans on social media. Consider re-directing/holding your mail.
20. Consider promoting a dog on site: a dog water dish, dog lead and warning signs. Consider connecting the sensor lighting to a socket unit that can 'bark' (or 'chirrup') as a warning/deterrent.

FOR <b>EMERGENCIES</b> (Including anyone on your property)	<b>000</b>
TO REPORT ANYTHING <b>SUSPICIOUS</b> (Crime Stoppers)	<b>1 800 333 000</b>
TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	<b>131 444</b>
IF YOU'RE <b>NOT SURE</b> (Hornsby Police Station)	<b>9476 9799</b>

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1. Clearly display your home's street number at the front of your property. It must be visible at night. This assists emergency vehicles as well as visitors.
2. Display warning signs around the perimeter or on your home. e.g. "Trespassers will be prosecuted", "This property is under electronic surveillance", Neighbourhood Watch window stickers/plaques, dog warnings, etc.
3. Front fences, trees and bushes should allow visibility from the street and be trimmed to reduce hiding places.
4. Natural ladders are a risk. Don't provide easy access to upper level balconies and windows, eg wheelie bins, lattice, trees, nearby fences.
5. Consider installing motion-activated security lighting and keep it well-maintained. Consider timer plugs for lights, TV, or radio to give the impression someone is home. Install the brightest lightbulb in the light outside your front door.

For a copy of this 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Homes' in your

inbox, [email us here](#). Or any of the others in this series - see also the [Tips page on our NHW website here](#).

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### **12 September, from Crime Stoppers: UNSOLVED CASE...**

3 years ago today at about 10:30am on Friday 12 September 2014, William Tyrrell, then aged three, was playing in the yard of his grandmother's home on Benaroon Drive, Kendall when he disappeared. Within a few short hours, hundreds of local residents and emergency service workers combined to search the rural township, looking in forests, creeks and paddocks for the little boy. The speed and coordination of that local search allowed police to form the view very quickly that William had been kidnapped. Someone knows what happened: you might not be the one who took him, but you know, and you might not be the only person who knows. Police will not give up until they bring William home to his family.

**REWARD: ONE MILLION DOLLARS.** That is one million reasons to come forward and help police solve this case for this one little boy. If you have any information relating to this case please report online at [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7). You can remain anonymous.





**12 September, from our neighbouring North Shore command: Railway St  
Chatswood , 2.40pm Saturday 9th Sept 2017**

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the persons depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident in Chatswood. If you know these people please call **Chatswood Police 94148499** or **Crime Stoppers 1800333000**. Ref.# **E 64931925**.





Please note: Images could be unidentified victims, potential witnesses or alleged offenders

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 14 September - [view online newspaper here](#):**

**[Page 3] Accused man dies**

THE 81-year-old man charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl at Westfield Hornsby on September 5 has died, Kuring-gai police said. A Ku-ring-gai police spokesman confirmed the Waitara man had died and said the matter was before the coroner. The man allegedly stroked a teenage girl's hair, tried to kiss her then followed her to a toilet where he sexually assaulted her. He was charged with aggravated indecent assault and two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a victim under the age of 16. He appeared at Hornsby Court on September 6. His

death is not being treated as suspicious. **Lifeline. 13 11 14.**

### **[Page 3] Road rage lifts assaults - Greater reporting behind surge in shoplifting**

ROAD rage incidents have bumped up the number of assaults in Hornsby, with new crime data showing shoplifting has also climbed. The latest NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data indicates most crimes have remained stable or are decreasing as three major categories – stealing from a person, break and enter-dwelling and fraud – dropped to their lowest levels in 15 years. Non-domestic violence related assault increased to 140 reports in June 2017, which may be driven by more road rage incidents, Hornsby LAC's Senior Constable Paul Cleary said. Intimidation, stalking and harassment reports also increased slightly. This increase may be because of more reports of cyber bullying at community schools being escalated to the police, Constable Cleary said.

*The only major crime to rise across NSW also increased in Hornsby – shoplifting. In the first six months of the year, Hornsby recorded 201 stealing incidents from local shops, compared with a total of 284 during all of 2016. Constable Cleary said the rise might be due to increased reporting of incidents and prosecutions. "We have been doing more shop operations and working with Westfield security," he said. "We encourage shop owners to report all incidents of shop theft "Previously some shops have not bothered to report all stealing – for example, a \$5 item – but we encourage them to report everything so we can target our operations accurately."*

Stealing from motor vehicles is already up to 258 incidents in the six months to June 2017, while last year there were 348 reports across the entire 12 months. Constable Cleary said many of those thefts were preventable if residents took the time to lock their doors and keep valuables out of sight. "A lot of these thefts are opportunistic," he said. "Do not leave property visible inside your car and lock the car to reduce the risk." Constable Cleary said history showed stealing from cars was often the work of a crew and not individuals. "Police have apprehended crews who were charged with 50 or 60 of these thefts in the area before and usually when they busted a crew the thefts subside to zero," he said. "It's not like we have 50 offenders breaking into cars."

### **[Page 5] Burglars stick close to home [edited]**

- ... Among the safest suburbs were Mt Kuring-gai (12 burglaries) and Box

Hill (17).

- Half of all cars are stolen from a home and Holden Commodores made up five of the top 10 most stolen car models, according to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council.
- The most common crimes reported to NSW Police between 2011 and March 2017 were malicious damage (vandalism), stealing from cars and fraud.
- In the same period the Sydney suburbs where most POIs who stole from cars lived were Waterloo, Redfern, Marrickville, Surry Hills and West Pymble.
- Three-quarters of car thefts were short term and used for transport, joy-riding or committing other crimes, the council reported.

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**From the North Shore Times, Thursday 14 September** [view online newspaper here.](#)

### **[Page 20 ] Cannabis rules on area's drug scene [edited]**

Cocaine popular choice for cashed-up users

- ...St Ives topped the stoner hit list with 96 POIs for cannabis possession, while there were 89 in Wahroonga, 80 in Chatswood, 64 in Lane Cove North, 57 in Lane Cove, 56 in Turramurra, 48 in Killara and 47 in Pymble.
- Ecstasy was the second favourite drug across the area overall with dozens of alleged dealers spread out across the lower north shore – Lindfield alone contained seven suspected ecstasy dealers and there were five in St Ives. There were 22 POIs for ecstasy possession in St Ives, 21 in Wahroonga and 16 in Chatswood.
- There were 14 POIs for cocaine possession in St Ives, Chatswood had 10, Artarmon had eight and Willoughby East had six. However, amphetamines possession was higher in some suburbs such as Warrawee, which had 14 POIs for possession and Chatswood, with 20 alleged offenders.

### **[Page 20] Sting nets hundreds of drivers [edited]**

HUNDREDS of drivers were slapped with tickets for mobile phone use, not keeping left and seatbelt offences in a one-day sting last week. In the NW Metro Region, which includes North Shore and Kuring Gai police local area commands, 213 drivers were hit with infringements for mobile phone offences, 26 tickets for

people not keeping left, 18 seat belt infringements and 33 were caught not wearing helmets.

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## From Hornsby Shire Council: Family Services Expo - Wednesday, 20 September 11am - 2pm

Come and meet local organisations that provide valuable services to families in our community.

[More info here.](#)

Your local Ku-ring-gai Police from Hornsby Police Station plan to be at this Expo, bringing along the command vehicle and plenty of crime prevention advice. It's a good photo opportunity for the kids too!

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## From our Crime Prevention Officer, Please see attached media release weekend stats 15 - 18 August 2017.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs	Fraud
Suburb							
ARCADIA							
ASQUITH	1						
BEROWRA							
BOBBIN HEAD							
BROOKLYN							
COWAN							
GALSTON							
GORDON		4	1				
HORNSBY	2		7				1
HORNSBY HEIGHTS							
KILLARA	1						
MT COLAH							
MT KURING GAI	1						
NORMANHURST							
PYMBLE							
ST IVES							
THORNLEIGH							
TURRAMURRA					1		
WAHROONGA		2	1				
WAITARA							
WARRAWEE							
WEST PYMBLE		1					
WESTLEIGH							
Date range	15 August to 18 August						
	Middle range drink driving Wahroonga						
	Arcadia small shed fire						

**Arcadia:** small shed fire

**Asquith:** Break & Enter

**Gordon:** 4 x Malicious Damage, Stealing

**Hornsby:** 2 x B&E, 7 x Stealing, Fraud

**Killara:** B&E

**Mt Kuring-gai:** B&E

**Turramurra:** Steal from Motor Vehicle

**Wahroonga:** 2 x mal Dam, Stealing, Mid-range Drink Driving

**West Pymble:** Mal Dam





Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**

For non-urgent minor crime

NSW Police Community Portal

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

**Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450**

NSW Police - website for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

**Neighbourhood Watch within the Kuring Gai LAC:**



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