

Ku-ring-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 - 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.
- ♣ Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
- A Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? Click here to subscribe.

Happy Bank Holiday weekend! Our Crime Prevention Officer is taking annual

30 September, from NSW Road Safety: Hitting the road this long weekend?

Our tyre safety tips will help you know what to look for before you leave. #TowardsZero



More info on Tyre Safety here.

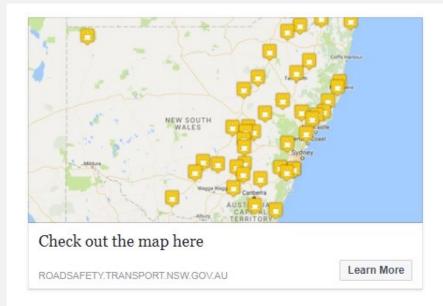
30 September, from NSW Road Safety: Even if your car has airbags, you're risking your life if you don't wear a seatbelt.

Buckle up and be safe this long weekend. <u>#TowardsZero</u>

More info on Seatbelt Safety here.

27 September, from NSW Road Safety: Did someone say coffee?

If you're driving long distances this long weekend, take a break and grab a coffee at one of our Driver Reviver stops along the way.



Driver Reviver Map here.

27 September, from NSW Road Safety: Motorcyclists are over-represented in road trauma with almost 2,700 riders killed or injured last year on NSW roads.

Be aware of motorcycles when driving. Find out how:

Tips for Drivers here.

27 September, from PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai: SAFER DRIVERS COURSE Looking at reducing your log book by 20 hours... LOOK NO FURTHER!! PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai is running a safer drivers course for all Learner drivers and we want YOU to come along!! The course will be run on the following dates:

- Thursday 5th October (4.30pm 7.30pm)
- Thursday 26th October (4.30pm 7.30pm)

Where: AT PCYC HORNSBY/KU-RING-GAI

If you know someone who might be interested, be sure to tag them below and share with your friends and family, this is a perfect opportunity!! For further information, please contact the club on **(02) 9477 2310, email**hornsbykuringgai@pcycnsw.org.au or register online here. TODAY!!

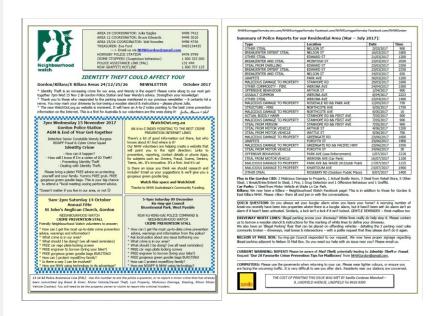
From Gordon/Killara Neighbourhood Watch, their latest October 2017 newsletter, advertising their upcoming End of Year Get-together and AGM.

The speaker is **Det Snr Cst Wendy Burgess of the NSWPF Fraud & Cybercrime Squad** on the subject of **IDENTITY CRIME**. Topics covered include:

- How can it happen?
- How will I know if I'm a victim of ID Theft?
- Preventing Identity Theft
- Dealing with Identity Theft.

Please bring a plate! FREE advice on protecting yourself and your family. Yummy FREE grub. FREE gorgeous green goodie bags. This is your big chance to attend a *local meeting oozing pertinent advice.

*Doesn't matter if you live in our area, or not! Everyone is welcome! 7pm on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at Gordon Police Station.



Email us here for a copy in your inbox.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 02 - Sunday 08 October: Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Australasia's NHW Week 2017

Thursday 05 October: 4:30-7:30pm @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Safer Drivers Course. Info. **Ph:** 9477 2310.

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, kids photo booth, FREE car rego plate locking screws, FREE goodie bags, etc.

Saturday 14 October: 9am-2pm St Johns Anglican Church Annual Fête, Gordon. NHW crime prevention stall.

Thursday 26 October: 4:30-7:30pm @ PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Safer Drivers

Course. Info. Ph: 9477 2310.

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: 7pm @ Gordon Police Station - Gordon/Killara/E Killara get-together & AGM. Speaker: Det Snr Cst Wendy Burgess, NSWPF Fraud & Cybercrime Squad - **IDENTITY CRIME.** Everyone very welcome.

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.

Saturday 03 March 2018: The North Shore Black & White Charity Ball 7pm @ Killara Golf Club. Info.

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

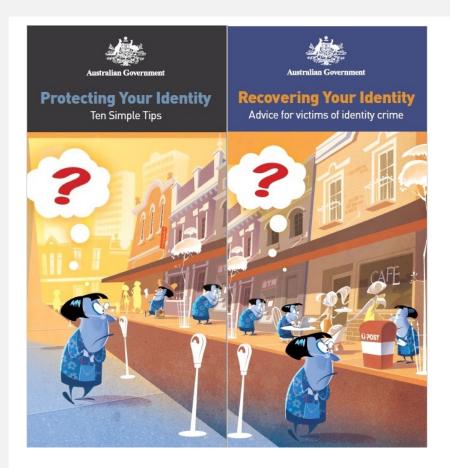
Our latest addition to our 20 Tips series is a translation into Italian of the tips for the Socially Isolated, thank you to Dan.



A copy of the Italian version of "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated" can be requested from: NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

IDENTITY SAFETY TIP(S) OF THE MONTH - yes, we're working on our own 20 Tips... watch this space!

- Shred all old documents with your details on. Maybe offer the shredded paper to pet stores?
- Simply tear out your name and address from generic letters and tear it into teenyweeny bits to throw in the garbage. Then you can recycle the rest of the letter.
- Scan your documents to store them digitally. Then you can dispose of the paper copy (as above).
- Shred or cut into many pieces your old credit cards, loyalty cards, etc.
- Store your loyalty cards digitally using the various phone Apps such as <u>Stocard</u>. Note: NHW cannot endorse a product or service - you must do your own research.
- Photocopy/Scan both sides of all credit cards in your wallet. Store the information digitally, in case of emergencies such as theft.
- Arm yourself with knowledge about **IDENTITY CRIME** (see Wed 15 Nov Dates for the Diary above).



Request your copy of the two leaflets: **Protecting Your Identity** and **Recovering Your Identity** from NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

From the North Shore Times, 29 September: POLICE SERGEANT FOUND GUILTY OF AVOIDING RANDOM BREATH TEST



Sarah Johnston said it would be a conflict of interest for her to be breath tested. Picture: Christian Gilles

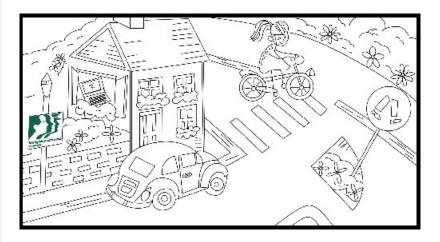
Full article here.

ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) joint event, as part of NHW Australasia's NHW Week 2017

10am til 12pm on Saturday 07 October 2017 @ Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, St Ives Shopping Village (nr Wolworths entrance)

- Competition certificates and prizes to be formally presented by Jonathan O'Dea MP.
- Crime Prevention stall,
- Fun photo booth,
- Police dress-ups,
- FREE goodie bags
- FREE car rego plate locking screws,
- Engravers to borrow,
- Kids colouring-in tables,
- NHW window stickers (deterrent, have you still got one on the front and one on the back?)
- Balloons, magnets, pens, notebooks, etc.
- Refreshments available, including home baking.

Everyone is invited! Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com for more information.



28 September, from Crime Stoppers: Modern life is all about easy access and convenience in how we receive and send goods and information.

Items such as credit cards, driver's licences and utility statements sent out in the

mail include vital personal details of you and your family. In the wrong hands some of this information can be used to create false identifications and used for crime. This type of crime costs millions of dollars each year and can have devastating consequences for your financial reputation. By following some of these simple tips we all can better protect ourselves from this type of crime.

Secure your mail

- Always install a lockable mailbox.
- Always use a quality lock on your mailbox.
- Never allow your mailbox to become full or overflow.

Protect your mail

- Always arrange to collect new credit cards from the bank or post office.
- Always have mail held at the post office or collected by a friend when you're away for extended periods.
- Always have your mail cleared daily.

Protect your identity

- Always beware of 'cold calling' and confirm who you are talking to.
- Never give any of your personal details to people you don't know or trust.
- Always contact your bank, financial institution or service provider if you think you have been contacted by a scammer.

If you are aware of mail being stolen and used to obtain fraudulent identity, please contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or online at **www.crimestoppers.com.au**



APOLOGY - Last week we had a broken link. Our elves have fixed it!

From Stay Smart Online, 20 September: Safe or risky: saving passwords in your browser

It's convenient and easy—especially as we can't remember so many passwords—so when our browser helpfully offers to save our login credentials, why would we say no? Is saving passwords in our browser really that much riskier than a password manager? What's the difference?

Full Media Release from the government's Stay Smart Online here.

Thanks to Stan, extracts from "Keep Your Personal Identity Safe', reprinted from Go 55s Quarterly Newspaper, Autumn 2016:

- Use a phantom Date of Birth when you subscribe or register online and a
 date of birth is a compulsory field, but not legally required. For example use
 01/01/ followed by your year of birth to keep your age demographic intact,
 but your identity safe.
- Once you've finished online activity particularly financial transactions log off immediately.

- When making a payment through a secure online site, always untick the box that suggests 'keep these payment details on file'.
- Set up a separate email address, and credit card with a minimal credit limit, for online shopping.

27 September, from 7 News Australia: Facebook users are being lured by a hack claiming to show you who is secretly following your profile - but here's why you shouldn't fall for it.

Full article here.

27 September, from Crime Stoppers: CCTV Cameras for your business.

Closed Circuit Television, or CCTV cameras are an important security feature for your business. They can help police with further investigation if anything illegal should ever happen.

CCTV cameras systems are 'insurance': Every business owner is worried about losing their belongings or stock to theft or break ins! CCTV cameras allow you to press rewind and find out what really happened.

CCTV camera systems are a 'deterrent': If burglars can see your CCTV camera installations they may not enter your premises for fear of being identified.

CCTV camera systems are 'evidence gathering': Whatever takes place is captured on camera, making it easy to identify the perpetrator and bring them to justice.

CCTV footage is often used in court as evidence.

CCTV cameras are 'helpful': Police can use footage to highlight instances of crime and make appeals to identify perpetrators. CCTV is an ever present witness.

CCTV camera systems are 'safety': CCTV security systems are not just cameras recording footage, systems can be accessed remotely so that you can "check in" on places and people while you're not there.

CCTV camera systems lets you 'keep tabs': Remote access is also great for business people on the go who simply want to keep an eye on what is going on back at base. It can also protect staff against false allegations such as short

changing or instances of assault.

CCTV camera systems are 'professional': It shows that you are professional about your business, your brand, your staff and your visitors.

Have you considered CCTV camera systems for your business?

27 September, from Crime Stoppers: CRIME STOPPERS SUCCESS!!

5 years imprisonment: A report was created in relation to a residential premise in the **Pennant Hills** area where the occupants were cultivating cannabis. There were no intelligence reports on this location prior to the information being provided to Crime Stoppers. As a result Police commenced surveillance on the location. As a result of surveillance 2 persons of interest were identified and a search warrant was executed. Police seized 299 cannabis plants. The estimated street value is believed to be \$598,000. Both POIs identified were arrested and made full admissions to the offences of cultivation. Both accused were found guilty and convicted.

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 at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

26 September, from NSW Police: Police have appealed for information from the community to identify a man who trespassed into a home in Turramurra last month.

Police from Kuring-gai Local Area Command are seeking to identify a man who gained access to a home in **Eastern Road**, **Turramurra** about 9am (Wednesday 23 August 2017). Detectives have released a CCTV image of a man who police believe can assist with investigations into the trespass incident. The unidentified man gained access to the premises and approached the victims when they returned home; no one was injured during the incident. The man in the CCTV image is described as being of Caucasian appearance, between 177cm – 185cm

tall, aged about 30 with a solid build. The man appears to have sandy/ginger hair and beard. At the time of the incident he is shown wearing a blue windjacket, blue baseball cap, denim jeans and carrying a blue backpack.

Anyone with information about the identity of the man is encouraged to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.



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From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 28 September [view online edition here]:

Street Watch page 8:

COWAN A 45-year-old Central Coast man died after he came off his motorbike on the Old Pacific Highway on Saturday. Emergency services were called to the scene about 11.30am after reports of a crash. The man was treated by paramedics at the scene but could not be revived. Police said it is believed the rider was trying to pass another motorcycle when he struck an armco railing and was thrown from his motorbike. Police have urged anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers.

WAHROONGA A 37-year-old Cabramatta woman will face charges following an incident on the M1 Motorway on Sunday about 11.30pm. Police said the woman was driving along the M1 about 6km north of the Wahroonga exit and was seen by

other motorists to be swerving in and out of the three lanes of traffic and nearly colliding with other cars. Witnesses called triple zero (000). At one point the woman's car collided with the concrete barrier in the centre of the road, which caused her to veer sharply to the left and collide with the shoulder, causing damage to the car. She continued driving and eventually broke down just past the Wahroonga off-ramp and passing motorists again called 000. Police arrived and spoke to the driver and issued a roadside breath test, which was negative for alcohol. The woman was arrested and taken to Hornsby Hospital for mandatory tests. Police said partial admissions were made to consuming a prescribed drug. The woman was released pending blood and urine analysis and police said at this stage she has been charged and further charges are expected to be laid.

WAHROONGA A 19-year-old Cheltenham man's licence was suspended and he received a court attendance notice after allegedly recording a highrange PCA. Police said the man was driving on Carrington Ave in the early hours of Monday when he drove through an intersection without stopping. He attempted to make a left turn but failed, overshot the corner and collided with a tree. Residents notified police who attended and issued a roadside breath test, which allegedly came back positive. The man was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station where a breath test allegedly returned a reading of 0.164.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS A 49-year-old Hornsby Heights man's licence was suspended and he was given a field court attendance notice after allegedly recording a midrange PCA. The man was stopped at an RBT station on Galston Rd about 9.10pm on September 19. Police said they could smell alcohol on his breath and a roadside breath test was positive. The man was taken to Hornsby police station where a breath test allegedly resulted in a reading of 0.130.

ASQUITH Police are investigating after a fake \$100 note was used at BP Asquith. About 6am on Saturday, a man described as Pacific Islander in appearance, 180cm tall, large build and wearing a tradesperson's uniform bought \$46 worth of items using a \$100 note. Later, staff had a closer look at the note and discovered it may have been a forgery. Police were called and obtained CCTV footage and a vehicle description. The note was forwarded to the Australian Federal Police who discovered it was counterfeit.

BEROWRA Police and firefighters were called to a blaze at a rural property on the Pacific Highway during a total fire ban day on Sunday. About 4:30pm, fire crews attended the property and smoke could be seen coming from the rear.

Police said several tree logs had been piled up on the ground and were smouldering. Three men at the location denied any knowledge of the fire. Police were called and said the men claimed they had come home the night before from a party and no one could remember who lit the fire. Police said they would seek advice from fire authorities on whether any further action would be taken against the men.

Page 11: Lanes shut for works

TWO southbound lanes at Pennant Hills Rd will close from Sunday (October 1) for the next two months as part of work on the NorthConnex motorway. Repairs will be carried out between Murray Farm Rd and Hannah St in West Pennant Hills where excavation and concreting work will be done at Pennant Hills Rd southbound. Works are from Sunday to Thursday between 9pm and 5am to create space for the tunnel off-ramp and southbound exit from the NorthConnex tunnel.

From the North Shore Times, Thursday 28 September [read online edition here]:

Page 9: Suspect in assault cases



DETECTIVES investigating a series of indecent assaults in Sydney's north have released CCTV of a man they wish to speak with. Two of the incidents, in Lindfield and Killara, date back to May and November 2014. In one, a man allegedly pushed a woman to the ground and indecently assaulted her.

STREET WATCH

GORDON A man, 54, was driving his 1996 Holden Commodore wagon on the Pacific Highway when drivers alongside him noticed flames coming from his engine bay. The man pulled the vehicle over near the Moree St intersection and Fire and Rescue NSW were called to extinguish the blaze. Investigations found the man's fan belt broke, causing the vehicle to overheat, and the engine caught fire. The man was not injured.

STIVES A man, 21, from St Ives has had his P2 licence confiscated after he was allegedly caught speeding in his Holden Commodore near Killeaton St and

Memorial Ave. The situation then worsened for the man, when a random breath test by police found that he had been drinking earlier. The man was taken to Hornsby Police Station where he allegedly admitted to drinking before registering a mid-range breath analysis. The man is due to face Hornsby Local Court on October 10.

This man put his sons photo up on the speedometer by the 100 mark, just to remind him that his his son is waiting for him at home, so he won't drive over 100km/h.



Thanks to Australia's Page.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799 Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: @Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

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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