



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

**eNewsletter # 318 - 13 November 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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**13 November from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: [#meanwhile](#) in Galston**

**Gorge - 7:23am this morning, RMS Inspectors patrolling Galston Gorge drove across this truck, stuck on 3rd corner from Hornsby Hts side.**

With assistance from RMS Inspectors driver used the machine on his truck to release vehicle from road. Traffic blocked in both directions throughout, contra flow established a short time later. Truck turned around & escorted back to Rofe Park @ Hornsby Hts where it was measured @ 10.2mts, over the 7.5m length restriction in place for Heavy Vehicles in the Galston Gorge. Male driver from Wyongah issued infringement notice \$2270 carrying 6 demerit points. HWP Officers issued driver an infringement for not displaying P plates.



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**13 November, from NSW Maritime: Here's a tip for divers.**

Adding a hi-viz addition to the mandated alpha flag on your float/flag combination will increase your visibility to others on the water and provide additional safety.

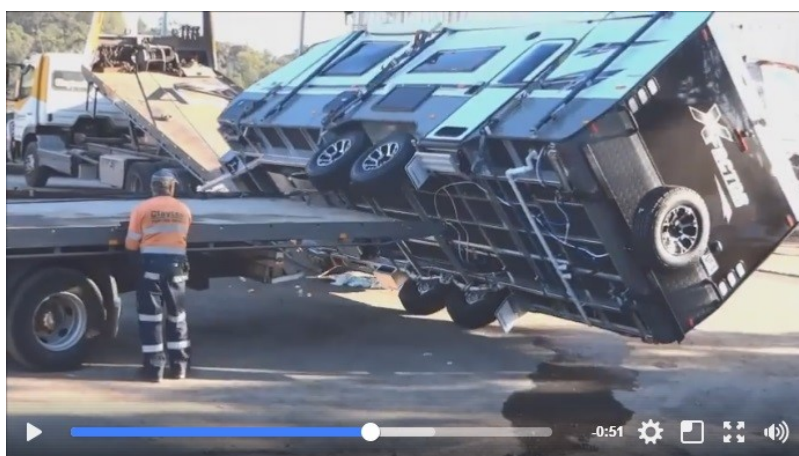
Take a look.

[Watch video here.](#)



**13 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: Be careful when towing, it's lucky this driver and his wife were not seriously injured, it could have been a lot worse, luckily no other cars were hit.**

Remember in the lead up to the Christmas holidays check your car is safe especially if towing. Give your trailer or caravan a safety check, drive within your driving capabilities and experience, always expect the unexpected. Stay safe on our roads, it is better to arrive late than not at all.



[Watch video here](#) (may not be available without Facebook access).

#### **Clayton's Towing comment:**

We were provided dash cam footage of a recent caravan roll over at **Forest Glen**, giving a good insight of the lead up of when things go wrong, ending in caravan crashes. The driver of the 4wd had many years towing experience but this was his first trip with the new van. The driver and his wife were rushed to hospital, luckily were okay and made full recoveries.

In our personal opinion, there were two contributing factors to this crash. One was, the van was brand new, they had very little in it giving a low tow ball weight (we were able to check this one later as it stayed together). A lot of newer vans appear to depend on load to be added to gain a desirable tow ball weight. Second was it was fitted with a weight distribution hitch, which we still consider has an undesired effect on vans with a lower or even close to correct tow ball weight. For more information see: <https://claytonstowing.com.au/caravan-crashes/>

Lastly on this clip, thumbs up to both the lady in the dash cam car and the car in front that stopped and rushed in to help. Thumbs down to the driver of the truck and wood chipper who video'd the roll over with his phone, posted it online within minutes, but drove around the wreckage and didn't stop. It is disappointing to watch.



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**10 November, from Hornsby Advocate: A 13-year-old boy was hit by a small truck while crossing a busy road in Mount Colah today.**

It's understood the boy was crossing the Pacific Highway near McDonalds when he was hit by the vehicle at low speed. CareFlight's rapid response rescue helicopter arrived around 5pm, landing in at a nearby oval. CareFlight's specialist doctor and critical care paramedic worked with ambulance paramedics in treating the boy for head injuries. The medical crew provided ongoing treatment as the patient was taken to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

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**08 November, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: About 1:30pm on Wednesday the 8th of November 2017, a heavy vehicle measuring approximately 12metres in length proceeded though the Galston Gorge, disobeying the (Vehicles over 7.5m long no permitted sign). The vehicle caused minor damage to the bridge.**

About 2:10pm on the same date, Police from the Joint Traffic Task Force located the vehicle along New Line Road, Dural and the driver was issued an infringement for; (Disobey no trucks sign (Length) Galston Gorge \$2270.



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**08 November, from Ku-ring-gai command: REQUEST FOR HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY**

Around 1pm (Saturday 23 September 2017), police were called to Pentecost Road, Turramurra (near Merrivale Lane), following an accident involving a cyclist and a silver Mazda CX5. The 79-year-old male driver of the silver Mazda CX5 was not injured. The 48-year-old male rider was injured and conveyed to Royal North Shore Hospital. The cause of the crash is yet to be determined.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call

**Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 and quote E 65716017.**

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**08 November, from the Bush Telegraph Weekly: The Bush Tele was delighted to attend the official opening of the PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai multipurpose indoor recreation and gym facility.**

The Governor of NSW, His Excellency General David Hurley, officially opened the premises this afternoon. He was accompanied by NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller and NSW Police Minister Troy Grant. Also in attendance were Federal member for Berowra Julian Lesser, State member for Hornsby and Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation Matt Kean, and Mayor of Hornsby Philip Ruddock.



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**Thanks to Gordon and E. Killara Neighbourhood Watch groups: 7pm  
Wednesday 15 November 2017 @ Gordon Police Station.**

Detective Senior Constable Wendy Burgess of the Fraud & Cybercrime Squad

talking on 'Identity Crime' will be worth hearing! Identity Crime is the fastest increasing crime in our command. Please feel free to bring a mate or neighbour. Hear how to protect yourself, and pick up some great literature on the subject.

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### **13 November, from Neighbourhood Watch within the NSWPF Ku-ring-gai LAC: THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO LIKE OUR PAGE!**

We have just flipped the 300 mark. We appreciate your support.

Did you know we also have Facebook pages for Neighbourhood Watch in some suburbs within our command? Killara, East Killara, Gordon, St Ives, Hornsby, Pennant Hills and Normanhurst.

Berowra and Mt Colah are currently in a tiff with Facebook 😞:(

If you'd like to help us with a Facebook page for Neighbourhood Watch in your suburb, please contact us: [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com). It takes 5mins whenever you can find the time!

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### **Dates for the Diary:**

**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.

**Thursday 16 November: FREE** Ku-ring-gai Council Child Car Seat Safety Check Day **Bookings essential 9424 0798** [Info](#).

**Friday 17 November: FREE** Domestic & Family Violence Workshop - for frontline workers, community leaders, volunteers and anyone who plays a role in assisting clients in D&FV situations. 9:30-4pm, @ Court Rm 1, Hornsby Local Court, 294 Peats Ferry Rd. Limited Seats. [Booking email here](#).

**Sunday 26 November:** Mounted Police Open Day 10-2 @ 7 Baptist St, Sydney.

**Monday 27 November - Friday 08 December:** Information Display - Domestic & Family Violence. Hornsby Library.

**Monday 27 November - Monday 11 December:** Art Exhibition - Domestic & Family Violence. Hornsby Library.

**Thursday 30 November: FREE** 20min appointments with police, court and/or family support. Hornsby Library 2-4pm. **Bookings: 9847 6614.**

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

Crime Prevention stall. 730: Community walk against violence. 830am: Sos Sizzle.  
9am: Info stalls & performance. [Register & further Info email here](#).

**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

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**12 November: From Mt Colah/ Mt Kuring-gai Families group: OSCAR - where are you?**

Have you seen this beautiful White Boxer - we believe he is lost in the bush (down from Mt Colah) anyone walking the Flinders, Beryl, Oxley trails - please call out for Oscar. And if anyone has a Drone ... can you go play with it over the bush- white dot needle in a haystack but you never know 🙏🙏





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**From the Newcastle Herald, 09 November: Cessnock jail expansion: rapid-build the new approach for prisons as state tackles overcrowding**

THERE are no cells. Inmates have an interactive TV. Correctional officers are encouraged to be “pro-social” with crooks. And prisoners will go through a rigorous application process for the dubious privilege of being locked up here. This is the new world of life behind bars.

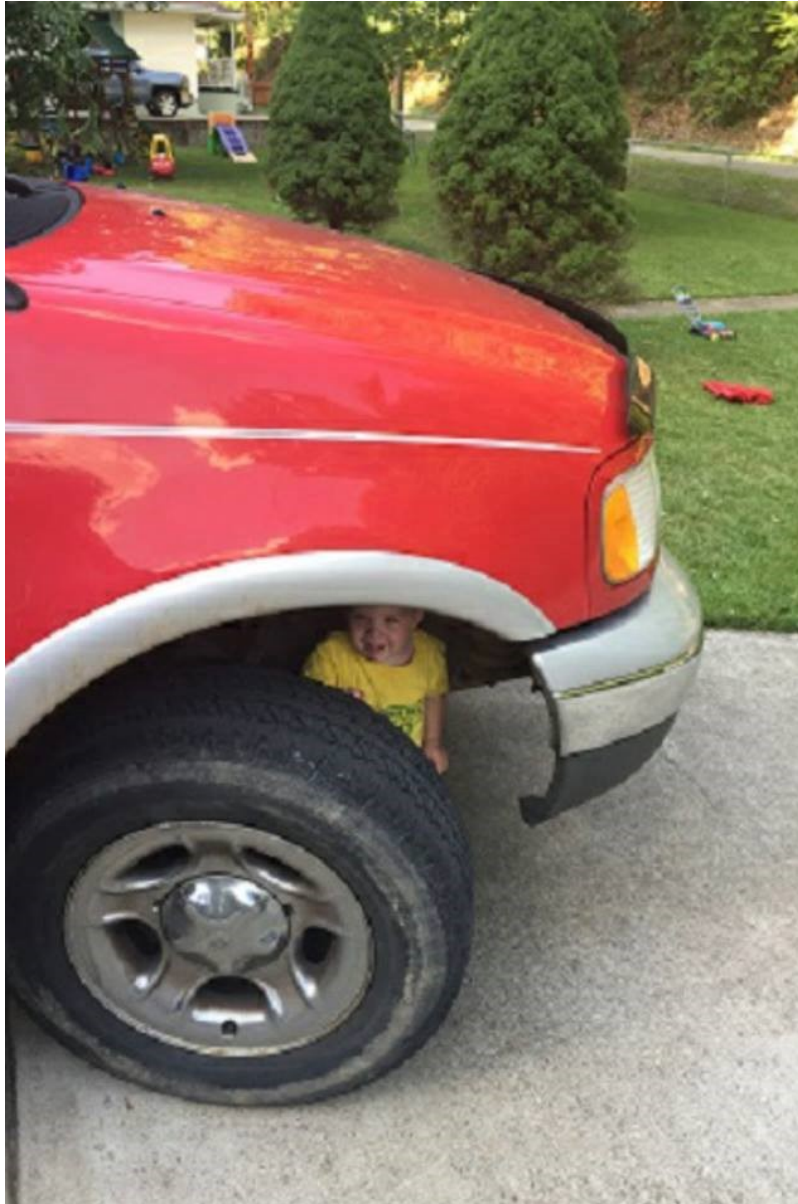
**[Full article here.](#)**



NEIGHBOURS: The dormitory-style accommodation that will house maximum security inmates.

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**Thank you to Jeffrey Thomas for sharing: The reason you should do a walk around - scary as hell how he is hidden!**



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**From the Northern Daily Leader, 08 November: Tamworth businesses to ask for identification with paywave transactions**

IN a regional Australia first, businesses are being urged to ask for ID with paywave purchases to help tackle the rising rate of paywave-related crime.

[Full article here.](#)

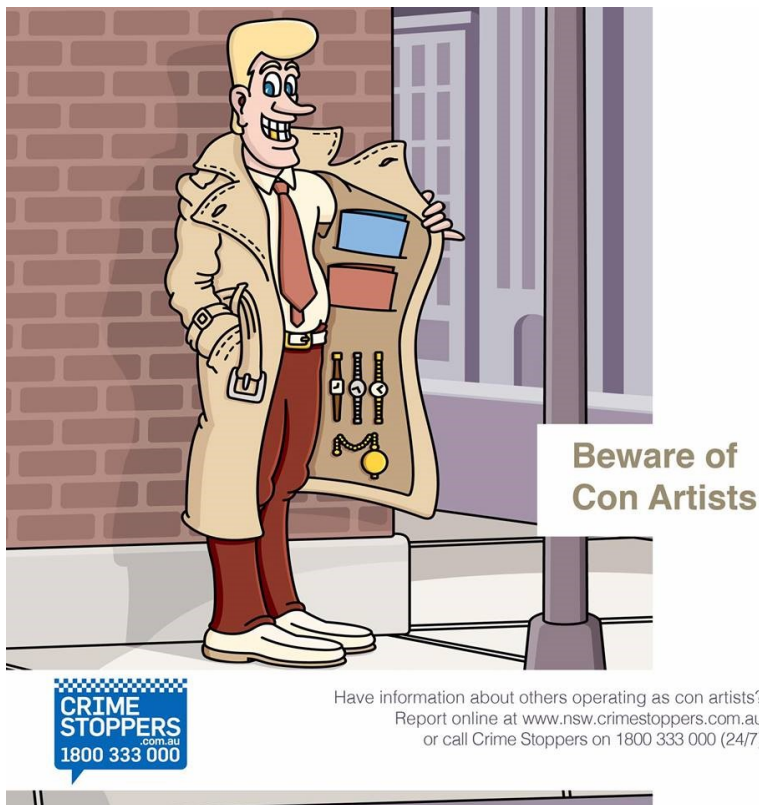
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**From Crime Stoppers, 08 November: CON ARTISTS...**

They're friendly and clever. They want to trick you out of your money or property. If they attempt to bully you, call the police. Beware of:

- Something for nothing
- "you have won a contest"
- Cash only "opportunities"
- Home improvement offers
- Get rich quick schemes
- "service calls" you didn't request

If you have crime information to report to police in regards to Con Artists, you can report online at [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** (24/7).



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## Free Caller ID App with Loads of Extra Features

We've been told about this mobile phone App, **DU Caller**. It says, "Love the frequent calls from scammer and telemarketer? Then do not download me!" DU Caller is a caller ID app which provides a range additional of privacy features. Screen private numbers, record calls, search a database of scam numbers and hide private information from unwanted access in a single free download.

[More information here.](#)

Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse a product or service. You should do your own research.

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 09 November** [\[read online version here\]](#):

**Street Watch GALSTON** Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward after the serious assault of a man at Galston last Thursday. Police said the 65-year-old was in his car in the carpark of Galston Aquatic Centre when a man approached the car and pulled him out at 8.10pm. The attacker assaulted the man with a blunt object, causing several fractures to his head and arms. The offender fled in a car but there is no description. The victim was taken to Hornsby Hospital for treatment of his injuries, which are not believed to be life threatening. Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone in the area at the time to come forward. The motivation for the attack is unknown.

**Bail refused for father accused of break-ins [edited] Full article - page 5**

A 33-YEAR-old man who police claim has carried out a string of aggravated break-ins across the Kuring-gai area over the past two months told Fairfield Court he would lose his children and his house if he was refused bail.

Police will allege Mr Slater broke into several homes, unit block garages and cars in the Ku-ring-gai, Holroyd and Redfern areas between September and October, along with a female accomplice who police also arrested and another, unknown, person.

Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command Proactive Crime Team officers said they searched the house and found several alleged stolen items, along with an amount of methylamphetamine and an electronic control device.

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**From the North Shore Times, Thursday 09 November** [\[read online version here\]](#)

**Street Watch L I N D F I E L D** About \$8000 in cash was stolen from a property in Lindfield in a break and enter over the weekend. Between 6pm on Friday and 7pm on Sunday a unit on Beaconsfeild Rd was broken into through an unlocked door.



The thieves entered the main bedroom where they stole \$8000 from a bedside table.

**LINDFIELD** An 18-year-old Castle Hill woman and a 16-year-old Lindfield man have been arrested following a brawl in Chatswood in the early hours of Sunday morning. The incident occurred at 1.10am when a group of friends leaving a venue on Albert Ave became involved in a verbal argument, leading to what witnesses described as a mass brawl. Police arrested the pair and they have been charged with one count of affray and will appear in Hornsby local court.

### **Teacher in sex case**

Police say a Sydney teacher accused of sex offences against four young girls in Lane Cove North could face further charges, with Crime Stoppers contacted about another possible complaint following publicity around his arrest. Simon William Phillips, of Russell Lea, has pleaded not guilty to 13 charges of aggravated indecent assault against the students on a number of occasions in 2017. The 51-year-old was granted bail at Burwood Local Court on Thursday. The matter is next scheduled for mention on January 10.



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**From The Hills Shire Times, Tuesday 07 November** [\[view online version here\]](#):

**MARROOTA** Three men forced their way into a home, threatened the occupants with an electrical device and assaulted a 46-year-old man on Thursday night at Old Northern Rd. Police said the males threatened the home's occupants — 46-year-

old man and a 41-year-old woman. A 14-year-old girl was also in the home at the time. The 46-year-old man was assaulted causing a laceration to his face. He did not require hospital treatment. Police said the occupants were also threatened with an electronic device with exposed probes. The three men fled from the home empty-handed and left in an unidentified car according to police.

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### **From the latest in the 20 Tips series, "Our 20 Favourite Crime prevention Tips to Protect your Identity"**

**Tip#6.** Be aware of wi-fi security, especially items such as baby monitors. Ensure you set a new secure password on all items, especially wi-fi devices, internet router, computer, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, telephone answering-machine, smart TV – look around your home – also known as the 'Internet of Things' (IoT).

**Tip#7.** Install Firewall software, anti-virus and anti-malware systems on all internet devices, including your mobile phone. Keep up-to-date – consider setting updates to 'Auto'. Ensure you install the latest software updates and patches to your devices, as these close any vulnerabilities to threats. Install/use only one anti-virus at a time. Download Apps from only the official stores.

**Tip#8.** Shred any unneeded document (statements, accounts) that has your personal details (eg signature, birth date), as well as credit cards and loyalty cards. Your local Neighbourhood Watch group may have a shredder to borrow – ask your CPO. For generic letters, simply tear out your name/address, before recycling. Keep receipts & always check statements.

**Think your identity has been stolen?** iDcare [www.idcare.org](http://www.idcare.org) FREE support contact@idcare.org 1300 432 273

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Thanks to NSWPF

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## **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.

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