



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.

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4 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW: WHAT TO DO IF YOU BECOME A

VICTIM OF MALICIOUS DAMAGE...

Malicious Damage is a senseless and often inconvenient and expensive crime for the victim. Below are steps you should take if you become a victim of malicious damage.

1/ PHOTOGRAPH the damage. Whether it is graffiti, an egging incident, or whether they have smashed a window or broken your letterbox. You can keep the photograph for your own records, if your insurance company wishes to see them, or if police contact you at a later stage to look at the damage themselves.

2/ CHECK if there is any CCTV Footage in the area where the damage occurred or if you have any witnesses to the incident such as a neighbour.

3/ CONSIDER if you have any suspects in mind. Has someone previously threatened to slash your tyres for example?

4/ CALL the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7) to make a report over the phone and obtain an EVENT NUMBER. You will need an event number to make an insurance claim.

You can also now easily and conveniently report instances of MALICIOUS DAMAGE through the NSW Police Force Community Portal [here](#).

4 December, from Transport for NSW: Road Rules: u-turns



Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community have said they need more clarification on, like mobile phone laws, roundabout rules and how and why we enforce in school zones. Road safety largely depends on road users being able to understand and follow the road rules, so share the animation links with your friends and colleagues and refresh your memory! For more information on road rules download the Top 10 misunderstood road rules in NSW guide [here](#) or visit website [here](#).

4 December, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

No text is worth the risk.

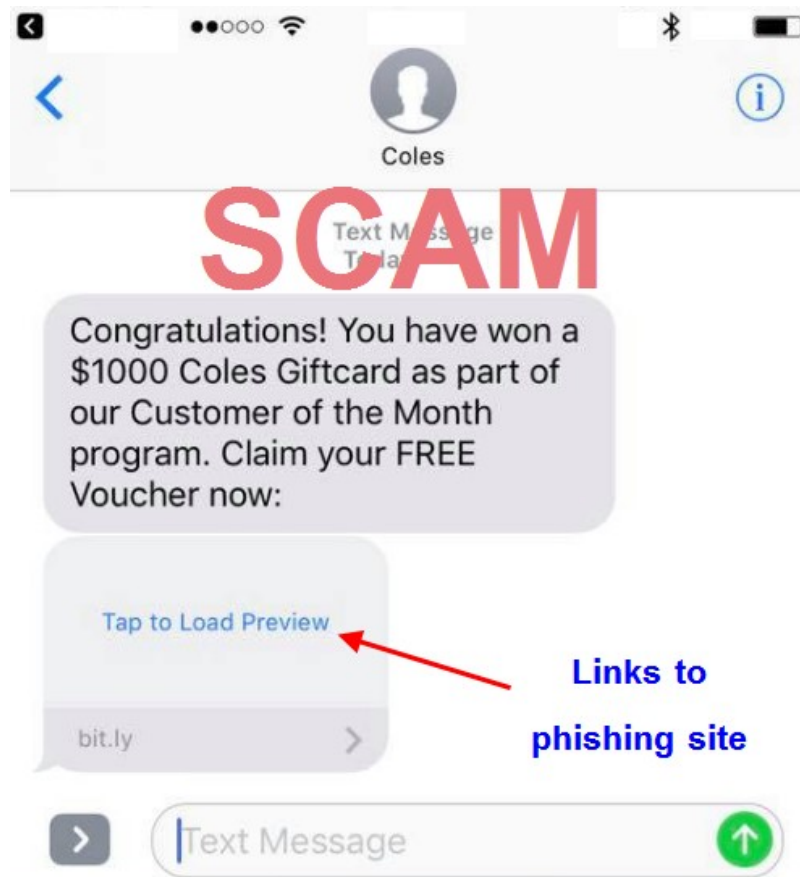
Don't let a trivial message be your last.

Get your hand off it while driving.

Watch video [here](#).

1 December, from NSW Police Force

SCAM ALERT! If it sounds too good to be true...



1 December, from NRMA Insurance

Is your kid starting to learn how to drive? Well, keep calm and watch this video for some tips to help them out.

Watch video [here](#).

1 December, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

0600 hours this morning on the Golden Highway at Jerrys Plains. Roo went

through front window snapped off passenger seat and died in the back of a Mitsubishi Utility. Fortunately there was no passengers.

1 December



30 November, NSW Police Public Site

Police investigate indecent assault by naked man at Hornsby - SCC Sex Crimes Squad More [here](#).

30 November, from NRMA Driver Training: Ask NRMA: What do solid yellow lines on the kerbside mean?




It means a \$257 fine if you stop on them or a \$330 fine and two demerit points in a school zone

More info [here](#).


30 November, from Join the Drive

iPhone owners, have you tried out the 'Do Not Disturb While Driving' function? If not, you can enable it in Settings > Do Not Disturb > Do Not Disturb While Driving > Activate.

We recommend selecting the 'Automatic' activation option to help you ditch distractions for good. 

Watch video [here](#).

30 November, from Western Australia Police Force

Senior Constable Rayner explains what it's like behind the shield at an 'Out-Of-Control-Gathering'. Mums and dads - please turn the sound up  and know where your teenagers are this summer. Learn more [here](#).

28 November, from Quaker's Hill LAC - NSW Police Force - PHONE SCAM



POLICE FORCE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

Currently there is a phone scam where the caller states that they are from 'The Police Force' and that the force are selling Raffle Tickets to fund programs for 'Kids on the Streets' and disadvantaged youth. The caller will ask for your full name, address, email, bank details etc etc. Obviously this is a scam, please do not provide any personal details EVER over the phone. If you feel uneasy about the call please contact you local police station. Riverstone Police Station 98382199.

28 November, from Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service

Summer is just around the corner.

Cleaned those gutters yet? Mowed the lawn? Trimmed the overhanging branches?

If you don't plan for bush fire, be prepared to lose everything.

More details [here](#).



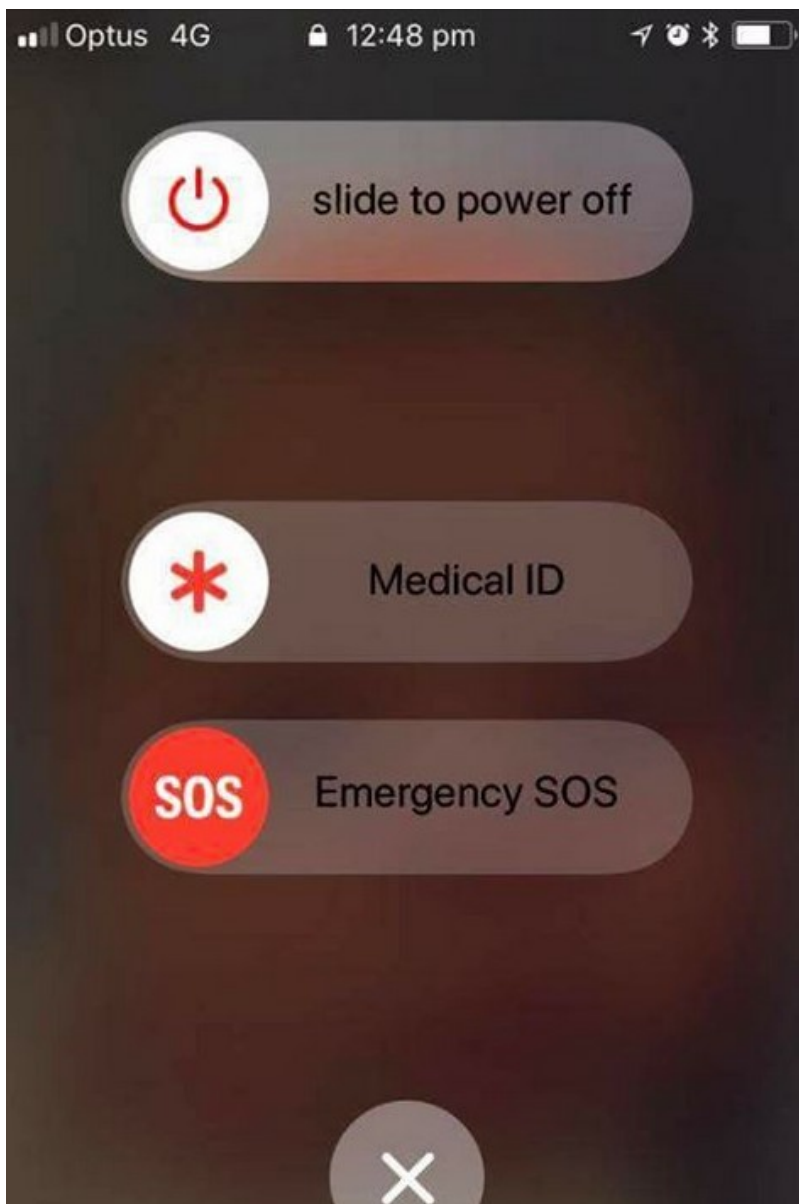
1 December

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers helped the local police with a crime prevention stall at the Hornsby Mall this morning, all part of showing support against Domestic & Family Violence. Thanks Tony and Stan.



30 November, from North Shore Mums Group

DID YOU KNOW: If you're ever in an unsafe situation and need to discreetly call the police, hit your iPhone's lock button (on the side) quickly 5 times and you'll get this screen.



29 November, from Business Insider UK

Tech-savvy thieves unlocked and stole a Mercedes without even having the key - here's how. Watch video [here](#).

Dates for the Diary:

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

29 November, from NSW Police Force

A frightening look at the cost of identity crime in Australia. Learn some great tips to help keep your information safe [here](#).



29 November, from Crime Stoppers NSW


The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.


When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children to give appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.


Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

Protect your child walking home

 **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.

 **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.

 **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.

 **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

Protect your child on public transport



NEVER travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.



ALWAYS try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

Protect your child when in public spaces



ALWAYS carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).



DO NOT walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.



ALWAYS walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.



REMEMBER, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened

28 November, from Samaritans

If you're only going to watch one thing today, please watch this. You could help save a life.

Share this post to help us raise awareness. Watch video [here](#).

28 November, From the Berowra Community group:

These kids on scooters, around berowra, really worry me... today they were dodging traffic on pacific highway, 2 seconds later one boy would have been taken out by a semi-trailer. I'm sick of having to avoid them constantly, they just come out of nowhere with no regard for their own personal safety. Parents please speak to your kids about this, I'd hate to think of the hurt to a family if one of them gets hit by a car one day!!!!

28 November, NSW Government: Helping seniors understand their legal rights

Seniors, there's a free 2018 diary available that's packed with useful tips to help you understand your rights under the law.

It explains a wide range of legal issues from retirement villages and tenancy rights to age discrimination and ways to make sure pets are taken care of. Get yours today.

28 November, from The Daily Telegraph

A DURAL-BASED building company has been prosecuted after a contractor fell 2.5m at a West Pennant Hills building site.

[Click here](#) for full story.

28 November, from RBT, Traffic and Community Updates



You know your road rules, and now's your chance to prove it.

Can the orange car turn right from the left lane of the roundabout?

28 November, from Animal Welfare League NSW

Six kittens were found mutilated in Baulkham Hills this morning.

Animal Welfare League NSW Inspectors are appealing for information from the public after six kittens were found dead and mutilated in a public park in Baulkham Hills.

The kittens, estimated to be 6-8 weeks old, were discovered in Crestwood Reserve on Peel Road, Baulkham Hills by a member of the public this morning (Tuesday 28 November, 2017) at around 7.30am.

Post mortems undertaken at the AWL NSW veterinary clinic showed all six kittens had been subjected to significant blunt force, many having severe head and spinal injuries.

In addition, the kittens appear to have been stabbed, and four of them had their tails removed.

Anyone with information about this case is urged to call the AWL NSW Inspectorate on 8899 3333, or report online [here](#). All reports will remain confidential.

28 November, Crime Stoppers NSW

Gun-crime is a scourge that crosses many boundaries. It is not the domain of one group, however there is one group with a charter to drive this crime down – the NSW Police Force.

Tackling gun crime remains the number one priority of the NSW Police Force, who are committed to doing everything they can to put gun-toting criminals where they belong – behind bars.

In historical terms, gun-crime in Sydney is not increasing. In fact, the number of shootings this year is down on last year, and well down on 2001, the peak year for shootings over the last two decades.

Nevertheless, the community is still seeing far too many bullets being fired on

Sydney's streets.

Gun-crime is committed by a variety of different criminals for a variety of different reasons. Due to the multitude of factors involved, police alone cannot stop it.

We need YOUR help.

Without police and the community working hand-in-hand, criminals will continue to use illegal firearms guns to fire bullets in our suburbs. Innocent lives will be lost and families will be ripped apart.

Make a stand to stop gun-crime, and provide us with the information we need to get illegal firearms, and the criminals who use them, off our streets.

In an emergency call Triple Zero (000).

Other information can be provided to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting [page](#).

28 November, Crime Stoppers NSW

Is your business secure?

The NSW Police Force offers a NSW Police Business Security Assessment form which you can download [here](#).

The form offers a checklist to help you identify the areas where your business may be vulnerable.

Have you considered an Access Control System for your business? Some of the advantages include:

- Allowing or restricting movement
- Record keeping
- Safer and easier to change the keys

From our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention tips for Businesses

Tip#1. AT THE END OF THE DAY, REMOVE ALL MONEY FROM THE CASH REGISTER AND DISPLAY THE EMPTY DRAWER AS A MESSAGE TO

POTENTIAL THIEVES.

Tip#2. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HANDBAG, PHONE, KEYS, ETC BEHIND THE COUNTER. Thieves will distract you, reach over the counter and take your property.

Tip#3. ENSURE YOUR STORE ROOM IS SECURE AT ALL TIMES. Again, thieves will distract you and gain entry.

Tip#4. ENSURE ALL PERIMETER FENCES, GATES AND DOORS ARE IN GOOD ORDER AND THAT GATES ARE KEPT CLOSED & LOCKED (use a padlock or similar) WHEN NOT IN USE, TO RESTRICT UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO YOUR PROPERTY.

Tip#5. INSTALL GOOD QUALITY SECURITY LIGHTS AND/OR SENSOR LIGHTS AROUND THE PERIMETER TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE ILLUMINATION AT NIGHT.

Tip#6. PHOTOGRAPH ALL GRAFFITI & VANDALISM. REPORT TO THE NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE 1800 707 125. REMOVE GRAFFITI PROMPTLY.

From the Hornsby Advocate, Thursday 30 November [\[read online version here\]](#):

Mental woes No.1 killer [Edited]

Health network using \$3.58m to bolster drug and alcohol rehabilitation services

INTENTIONAL self-harm is the biggest killer of 15- to 24-year-olds in northern Sydney, according to the region's annual health report.

Despite its overall affluence and healthiness, the Sydney North Primary Health Network (SNPHN) report said youth mental health remains a "significant issue" for the area.

Hospital emergency department visits relating to self-harm or suicidal behaviour are "particularly prominent" in young people aged 15 to 19, averaging over one a day, it said.

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Crime Stopper 1800 333 000, IF you have information on a crime

Police Assistance 131 444, IF you are a victim of crime

COWAN

1 Police are investigating after a car travelling up to 160km/h and flashing its headlights overtook several vehicles on the wrong side of double lines before hitting a rock wall and flipping on to its roof on the Pacific Highway on Friday. Police said the 19-year-old man driving the black Honda Civic was injured, along with one of two female passengers, and taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. The incident happened shortly after 9.30pm.

WAHROONGA

2 Thieves stole \$11,000 worth of jewellery after breaking into a Gilda Ave home through a first floor balcony door on Monday morning, police said. A similar incident was reported around the same time in Lucinda Ave.

HORNSBY

3 A naked man wearing nothing but a blue backpack assaulted a 50-year-old woman in Water St on Saturday about 10.45pm. Police said the Asian man, aged between 30 and 40, approached the woman near her home, grabbed her breasts and said “oh, oh, oh” before running off. Police are examining the woman’s clothing for DNA evidence.

MT KU-RING-GAI

4 A Holden Commodore ute was stripped of \$21,000 in parts on the Pacific Highway. Thieves smashed the front window of the parked car between 6pm on Saturday and 8.30am on Sunday and removed the driver and passenger seat, dashboard, grill, front guard, two headlights, body panels and cup holders.

SOUTH TURRAMURRA

5 A 25-year-old man lost control of his car and slammed into a tree on the Comenarra Parkway on Tuesday about 10.30pm. Police said the man’s Subaru suffered extensive damage when he lost control in the wet conditions on a sweeping downhill bend. The man allegedly returned a positive breath test and was taken to Hornsby Hospital with a suspected broken shoulder.

BEROWRA

6 A driver will face court after returning a midrange breath test on Berowra Waters Rd just before midnight on Saturday. Police said the 53-year-old Berowra man driving a Holden Commodore was pulled over and allegedly returned a reading of

.094. His licence was suspended on the spot.

HORNSBY

7 A bathroom extractor fan which overheated after being left on for days sparked a fire in a Frederick St unit on Tuesday about 2.30am. Police said the owner was woken by the smell of smoke and found the bathroom on fire. The flaming fan had fallen down and also set a plastic toilet on fire. The resident doused the blaze with a fire extinguisher, police said

From the North Shore Times, Thursday 30 November [\[read online version here\]](#)

North Shore Ploce commands to be merged [Edited]

THE Harbourside and North Shore police commands are to be merged as part of NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller's re-engineering plan of the city's police force.

The merger will take place by February next year and the residents are told to expect noticeable changes. Combined, the two commands have a force of more than 260 officers, which means greater police presence on the streets.

"It means an excellent opportunity for the community and the police, as it is all about putting more police on the front line and upskilling members of the force," Commander Allan Sicard, who will head up the new merged command structure told the North Shore Times.

"Police only exist because the community want us to exist, so we are here to serve the community to the best of our ability and we have the resources to do that now."

As well as a greater front line presence, the merger will also allow police to focus on a range of key areas, including domestic violence, and identity theft.

Nive times over limit

A Sydney woman was caught driving nine times over the limit in Willoughby. The 42-year-old was pulled over by police at noon on Friday at the intersection of Mowbray and Marlborough roads. She blew a blood alcohol reading of 0.445. Susan Lung (pictured) was arrested and charged with high-level drink driving. She also had her license suspended. Police chief inspector Phil Brooks stated it was

one of the highest readings police had seen in a long time. She is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court on December 14.

Commuter Parking at Hornsby

Changes to commuter parking at Hornsby

Please plan ahead if you are using commuter parking at Hornsby in December

From Thursday 14 December 2017 to Monday 1 January 2018, commuter parking at Westfield Hornsby will be unavailable due to the Christmas retail period.

Parking at Westfield Hornsby during this time will be subject to standard parking rates.

Where can you park at Hornsby?

Commuter parking will be available at the following locations and times:

- **Hornsby TAFE (Jersey Street)**
4 December 2017 to 1 January 2018
approximately 90 spaces
- **George Street commuter car park (southern section)** remains open
- **Jersey Street commuter car park** remains open
- **High Street commuter car park** remains open

Accessible parking spaces will be maintained at all times (please see map).

What work is being undertaken?

Transport for NSW is upgrading rail infrastructure as part of the Hornsby Junction Remodelling project to increase the capacity and reliability of the T1 North Shore Line.



For more information call 1800 684 490,
Email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/projects
For urgent enquiries or complaints regarding construction activities, please call 24 hours 1800 775 465.

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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