



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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18 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW: What is your Plan B?



This time of year often brings with it many opportunities for lunch time functions as well as evening functions where alcohol is a factor.

If you have been drinking - do NOT get behind the wheel and drive.

If you choose to drink and drive you are not only risking your life but the lives of other innocent people sharing the road with you.

Drink driving accidents are 100% preventable.

What is your plan B?

18 December, from NSW Rural Fire Service



Throwing lit cigarette butts from cars and trucks is dangerous and will cost you

\$1320 during a Total Fire Ban. Don't be a tosser.

18 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW: Safety in Carparks

Personal Safety when driving and in and around car parks:



Have your keys in your hand as you approach your car, especially if they are hard to find in a handbag



Cars that have easy access may be a target – keep yours locked with as much visual security as possible (steering wheel locks etc)



Car Parks with a parking attendant or are supervised/patrolled are best, otherwise try to park in locations that are well lit and/or well populated and not crowded in by bushes or buildings where offenders might hide.



Arriving together with a group of friends or meeting each other at a designated place ensures you are not alone for long periods and reduces the appearance of vulnerability. Offenders target people who appear vulnerable



Make sure you have the Emergency + app downloaded and placed in a prominent position on your phone.



Remember, potential offenders may also be acquaintances and know their victim. Most offenders hope to avoid confrontation or being caught, and choose targets that they perceive as vulnerable.



LASTLY – If you are someone who intends to harm another person in any of these ways or situations – just don't – the police WILL catch up with you.

18 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

School zones remain in operation until Tuesday (December 19) afternoon.

Remember to slow down and stick to the 40km/h school zone speed limit.

Click [here](#) for details.

15 December, from Crime Stoppers NSW

This time of year can be a problem for noise issues.

Neighbours throw more parties, the music is louder, and illegal fireworks get let off.

For noise complaints you can contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

For more information, click [here](#).

15 December, from Police Association of NSW



Merry Christmas to all police and emergency service workers away from their loved ones while they keep us safe. You are appreciated.

Police wish everyone a safe & Happy Christmas. As always, we will be there when you call. Enjoy time today with family & loved ones.

15 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Double Demerits are in force from **Friday 22 December to Monday 1 January**

inclusive. Get caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, or not wearing a seatbelt or helmet these holidays and you'll face double the consequences on your licence.

14 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Over 16,500 NSW Police are out there.

Anywhere. Anytime.

Texting? Drink driving? No seatbelt? Speeding?

Stop it...Or cop it. Read more [here](#)

14 December, from Penrith LAC - NSW Police Force

IT'S GETTING HOT!! 

With temperatures expected to reach over 40 degrees in the Penrith area this week Police are reminding motorists not to leave children, the elderly or pets in cars. Please stay hydrated and make sure your pets have shade and water too.

Its an Offence - There are specific provisions in relation to 'Carriage and Conveyance' of animals in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. POLICE have powers under this Act to enter vehicles where an animal is in distress. Offences for cruelty to animals can carry fines of \$5,500 and up to six months in jail. If a dog dies as a result of being left in a car, charges include \$22,500 in fines and two years jail time for the owner.

14 December, Christmas Operating Hours

Mandatory Sentence for People who kill Police Officers



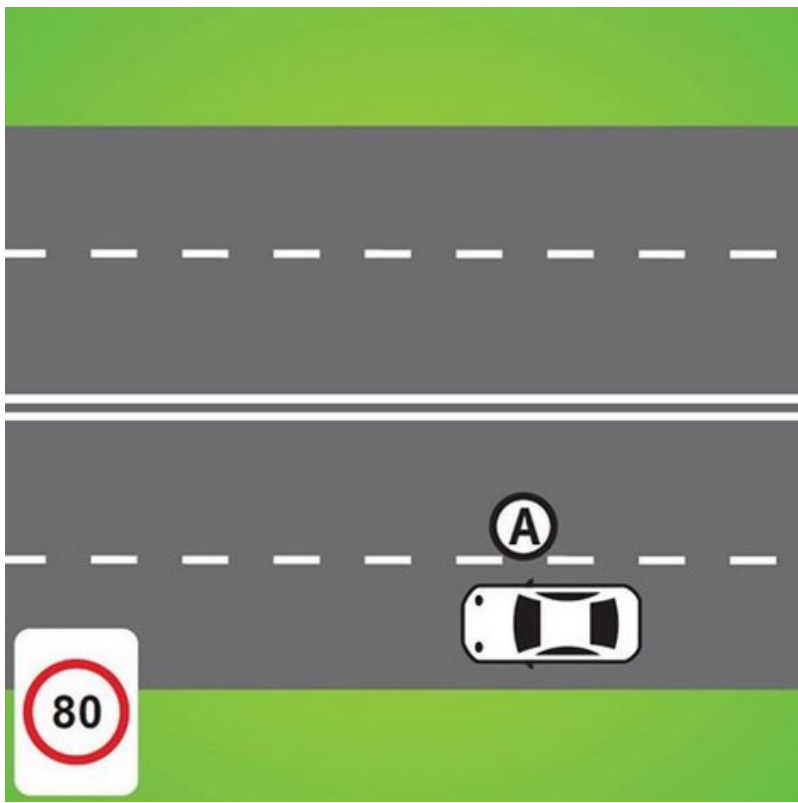
We have just been given every states police operating hours for Christmas & New Years. 🤖 ☐

Whilst some of us get time off at Christmas & New Years to spend with our loved ones, not every officer does.

14 December, Stay Smart Online

Check your passwords! Billions of people have had their personal details exposed online in the latest data breach. Read more [here](#).

14 December, from The NRMA



TEST TIME: You are driving vehicle A along a multi-lane road and the speed limit is 80 km/h , which lane or lanes can you travel in?

- a) In the left-hand lane unless you are turning right
- b) In the left-hand lane unless overtaking another vehicle in the left lane
- c) You must travel in the left-hand lane
- d) In either lane

TEST ANSWER: The correct answer is d) You may drive in either lane of a multi lane road if the speed limit is 80km/h or less and there are no Keep Left Unless Overtaking signs.

14 December, from Stay Smart Online

Our partner Telstra is warning of an SMS malware campaign targeting Android users. Read the story and visit our website for tips on how to protect yourself from malware.

Click [here](#) for details.

13 December, from Penrith LAC - NSW Police Force

Tis the season ... to help yourself to other peoples packages!

If you've been on-line shopping and eagerly awaiting its arrival take a moment to think of where your packages will be delivered.

Thieves have been helping themselves to your Christmas Shopping, taking packages delivered to your home. Try and have your packages sent to a friend or relative who is at home or use a Parcel Locker from Australia Post.

13 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

It's a busy time of year for the Fire and Rescue NSW team. If you see them on the road this Christmas, remember to slow down and give them space.

See video [here](#).

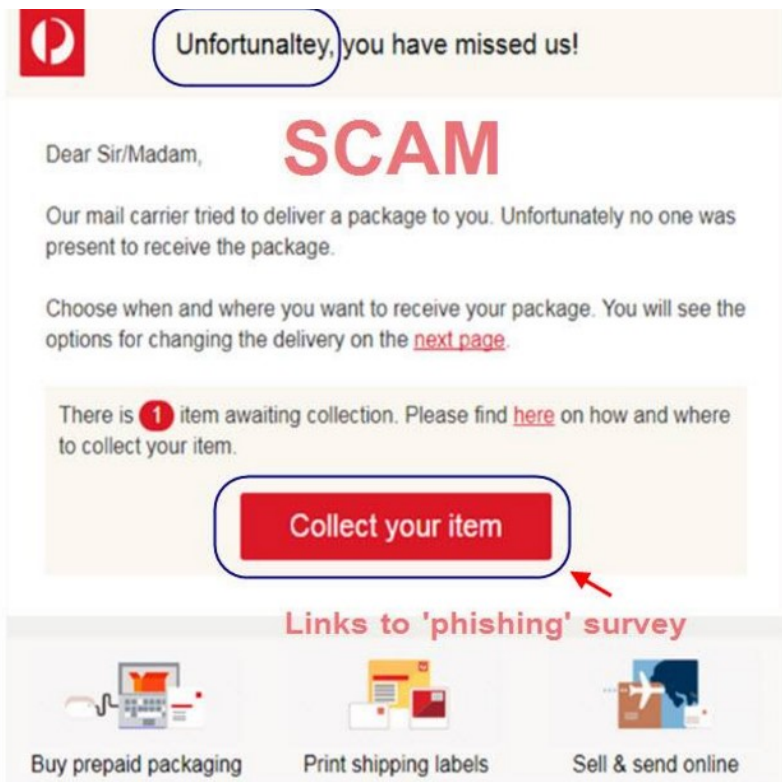
13 December, from NSW Police Force

This Muppet was busted kermitting traffic offences in Harbourside LAC - NSW Police Force.



13 December, from NSW Police Force

Fortunately, we know this is a scam!



13 December, from Police Association of NSW

As we head into the holiday season we are reminded that this is one of the busiest times for our members. From our family to yours - stay safe out there.

12 December, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

In the lead up to school holidays, make sure your children are safe around driveways. Always supervise, separate and see.
Find out more [here](#).



16 December, from 9NEWS: Sexual predator lured Australian girl to US to satisfy his 'sordid desires'

An American child predator has been convicted of luring a 16-year-old Australian girl to the US "to satisfy his own sordid desires".

Sean Price, 39, faces life in prison after a New York jury found him guilty on four counts, including attempted sexual exploitation of a child and foreign transportation of a minor to engage in sexual activity.

Price began an online relationship with the girl, who lived in Australia, last year. By January this year, they were communicating daily on Facebook.

Click [here](#) for details

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 25 December: New WatchOut! website to be made public. See <https://watchout.org.au/> at a screen near you.

Monday 25 December: Our revised Neighbourhood Watch website to be made public. See <https://nhwkuringgaihornsby.org.au/> at a screen near you.

Wednesday 18 January: First aid course for young people 8:45 AM -4:30 PM @ Gordon Library - Meeting Room 2, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon Cost \$90 (incl course & lunch) Ph: 9424 0981 [Info](#).

Monday 12 February 2018: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc)

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

Monday 18 March: Ku-ring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC) meeting.

16 December, from Neighbourhood Watch Medowie



GOING AWAY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? DO YOU HAVE YOUR HOME SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE WHILE YOU'RE AWAY?

Make sure that Christmas & the New Year stays a happy celebration for your household - don't let the opportunistic crims spoil it for you... Plan your home security. Prepare a checklist. Build good relationships with your neighbours. Have a friend or family member keep an eye on things (empty the letterbox, put the bins in/out, etc) while you're away. Don't publicise that you're away. Have a safe & enjoyable Christmas break!

16 December, from 9NEWS: Woman in hospital after flipping car 'while speeding' during police pursuit

A woman is in hospital after crashing her car during a police pursuit in Sydney's north.

Highway patrol officers attempted to stop the 48-year-old, who was behind the wheel of a Honda Accord, after she was allegedly detected speeding along the M1 at Mount Colah about 8.30pm yesterday.

Moments after initiating the pursuit, the woman lost control of her car - which slammed into a timber wall before flipping onto its roof.

Click [here](#) for details

16 December: NSW schools to open playgrounds for public use over summer holidays

From North Shore mums group. Thanks Louise.

Unsure whether any of the schools are within our command area.

More than 40 public schools in New South Wales will open their gates over summer under a new trial program by the State Government.

Click [here](#) for details.

15 December, from NSW Police Force

Police are appealing for public assistance following an armed robbery at a jewellery store in Chatswood today.

About 10am (Friday 15 December 2017), police were called to Albert Street following reports a man had thrown a sledgehammer at a store's window.

He stole jewellery and fled in a dark-coloured vehicle on Claude Street.

No one was injured.

Police from North Shore Local Area Command established a crime scene and are investigating.

Officers wish to speak with a man who may be able to assist with their inquiries.

He has been described as being of Caucasian appearance, solid build, between 185cm and 190cm tall, and wearing black pants, a yellow shirt, a hat and black shoes.

Anyone with information is urged to come forward.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page (click [here](#)) Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We

remind people they should not report crime information via our social media pages.

14 December, October 2017 Crime Stats for Asquith:

ASSAULT COMMON PACIFIC HWY ASQUITH BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL

16/10/2017 1320

ASSAULT COMMON QUEENS RD ASQUITH RESIDENTIAL 21/10/2017 1530

BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL WINSTON ST ASQUITH RESIDENTIAL

17/10/2017 1200

UNAUTHORISED ACCESS OF FUNDS AMOR ST ASQUITH

BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL 4/10/2017 2130

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SALISBURY RD ASQUITH CARPARK

30/10/2017 700

OTHER STEAL PACIFIC HWY ASQUITH INDUSTRIAL 5/10/2017 1700

OTHER STEAL LORDS AVE ASQUITH LICENSED PREMISE 16/10/2017 1700

OTHER STEAL PACIFIC HWY ASQUITH BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL 23/10/2017

1500

Please email us for your suburb NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

14 December, Trackwork - Sydney Trains

From Mt Colah/ Ku-ring-gai Families group. Thanks Dawn.

For those that are working during January and catch a train on North Shore line...

T1 North Shore Line: Berowra to City via Gordon, Hornsby to City via Macquarie University

Tuesday 2 January 2.00AM to Monday 15 January 2.00AM

Buses replace trains between Berowra and Gordon.

Trains run between Gordon and the City, some to a changed timetable.

This trackwork also affects trains on the T1 Northern and Central Coast & Newcastle lines.

Bus services

25T1: Berowra, then all stations to Hornsby, Waitara, Pymble, Gordon and return

26T1: Hornsby, Waitara, Pymble, Gordon and return

27T1: Turrumurra, Pymble, Gordon, and return

44T1: Berowra, then all stations to Hornsby and return

47T1: Hornsby, then all stations to Gordon and return

To plan your travel, use the Trip Planner or search the Bus Timetables (enter the route number and when you plan to travel).

Please note we aim to have trackwork replacement bus timetables online two weeks prior, however in some cases there may be delays.

14 December, from NSW Police Force



Have you tried Australia's most expensive beer? It's \$400 a pop!

12 December, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner



Six tips to searching safely

1. Use child-friendly search engines
2. Use safe search settings
3. Protect devices
4. Bookmark preferred websites
5. Check the website's safety
6. Talk about safe searching



Office of the
eSafety Commissioner

We all use search engines to find information online, and so do our kids. To help support them online, check out these six tips on how to search safely. Click [here](#) for details.

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 14 December 2017. [Read online here.](#)

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THORNLEIGH

1 Police closed Comenarra Parkway in both directions between Kissing Point Rd and Yanko Rd on Tuesday morning after a tree fell and brought down power lines. Diversions were in place for over an hour until power company personnel reconnected the power lines and made the area safe.

HORNSBY

2 On Sunday a 17-year-old man was arrested at Hornsby train station for an aggravated robbery committed at Gordon in August. He has been granted bail with strict conditions to appear at Hornsby Children's Court on December 18.

THORNLEIGH

3 A 19-year-old Killara man was arrested at Thornleigh Park on Saturday after

police responded to reports of graffiti. The man was charged with malicious damage and two charges of possessing drugs.

REGION WIDE

4 Police are urging backseat drivers to do their part for a safe holiday period on the roads. The unorthodox approach follows an increase of passenger deaths in NSW this year compared with 2016. A total of 367 people have been killed on the state's roads this year and 76 of those who died were passengers. Last year 24 passengers were killed in crashes. Deputy commissioner of specialist support Catherine Burn said they were "often innocent victims to road trauma". "This is an especially tragic statistic because it shows that innocent people are dying on our roads because of the poor decisions of people behind the wheel," she said. "It also means we want passengers to be a backseat driver. Passengers need to speak up if they see their driver speeding, using their phone, or drinking before driving. They also need to offer to drive if their driver is tired or has been driving for a long period of time." The message has been issued ahead of Operation Safe Arrival, which starts at midnight tomorrow and will continue until New Year's Day. Double demerits will be enforced between December 22 and January 1 for all speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt and motorcyclehelmet offences. Officers will be out in large numbers during the operation. Ms Burn said passengers played a major role in keeping themselves, their drivers, and other road-users safe in the holidays. Ms Burn said 16 people died during the same operation last year, which was "not good enough". "The message is simple, everyone needs to do their part and look out for each other, so that everyone can arrive home safely."

From Hornsby CouncilCommunity Recycling Centre

The Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre will be closed over Christmas from 12.00pm Friday 22nd December 2017 and re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018

The Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (CRC) makes it easy for residents to safely dispose of problem wastes that cannot go into household garbage bins or kerbside collection.

This is a free service for households.

Location: 29 Sefton Road Thornleigh (see site map [here](#))

Opening hours: Tue to Fri : 8.30am - 4.00pm; Sat 8.30am - 12.00pm

For details, click [here](#).

From the North Shore Times, Thursday 14 December:

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R O S E V I L L E

4 A Japanese chef was caught driving more than two times over the limit in Roseville. Police stopped the 35-year-old Artarmon man and saw he had bloodshot eyes and was constantly burping. Police conducted a breath test and the man returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.123. The driver was fined \$1000 and had his licence suspended for six months.

N O R T H S H O R E

5 Police are currently experiencing a high number of reports of fraud and scams and are warning people to take caution when giving out personal information. This year \$8 million has been lost through frauds and scams, with 40 per cent through email. The Australian Competition and Consumer Council website provides information such as how to report a scam and how to avoid being a victim. The most common scams are ones which claim you owe money or have won a prize.

Skimmer accused

A 40-year-old Pymble woman has been charged with what police have called a very sophisticated skimming operation. Following a search warrant on the accused's property on October 21 police found scanning devices and 62 read cards. It was discovered that 685 fraudulent transactions had been made since April 30 2016. Li Liu is currently on bail and is due to appear at Parramatta Local Court on January 18. The court heard she has a prosperous father living in China. The woman's ex-husband was also charged in relation to the matter and is also due to face court at a later date.

From Ku-ring-gai Council

Developer fined almost \$80,000 for destroying heritage property [Edited]

Property developer David Baynie has been found guilty in the Land & Environment Court for irrevocably damaging a turn-of-the-century heritage home in Warawee.

Ku-ring-gai Council commenced proceedings against Mr Baynie for gutting the

heritage listed property at 3 Bangalla Street Warawee between 2014 and 2015 without development consent.

Damage to the interior of the heritage listed six bedroomed house included the removal of original architraves and picture rails, demolition of walls and ceilings and destruction of cornices and skirting.

Council Business hours over Christmas period

Please note our business hours during the festive season. The call centre will be open:

- Friday 22 December - 8.30am to 12.30pm
- Wednesday 27 December - 8.30am to 5pm
- Thursday 28 December - 8.30am to 5pm
- Friday 29 December - 8.30am to 5pm

The customer service centre at 818 Pacific Highway Gordon will close at 12.30pm on Friday 22 December and reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Our after hours call centre will operate continuously for urgent issues only on 9424 0000.

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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