

Kuring-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 Kuring-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 <u>click here</u> (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? <u>Click here</u> to email NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

12 October: Hi all, here are some crime stats for period 9 Oct to 4pm 12 Oct.



Asquith - Drugs 1 Berowra - Steal from

Berowra - Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Gordon - Stealing 1

Hornsby - Break & Enter 1, Malicious Damage 2, Stealing 4

Mt Colah - Drugs 1

Mt Kuring gai - Steal Motor Vehicle 1

St Ives - Stealing 1

Thornleigh - Stealing 1

Waitara - Stealing 1

Westleigh - Stealing 1

12 October: It's #StaySmartOnline week! We will be sharing tips daily on how to protect yourself online.

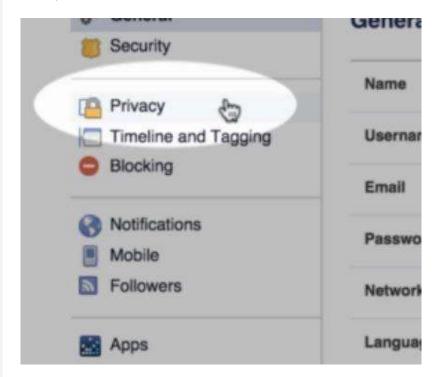


12 October. Thanks to Cop Humour Australia.



12 October, from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner: It's the start of Stay Smart Online Week #SSOW2015!

We're supporting this year's theme "Your Business is your business" by encouraging young people & adults to make sure their personal information is secure by checking privacy settings & setting two-factor authentication. Check out our tips here.



11 October, from Harbourside command: Our bike unit has been conducting an investigation into a large number of bicycles being stolen throughout the command.

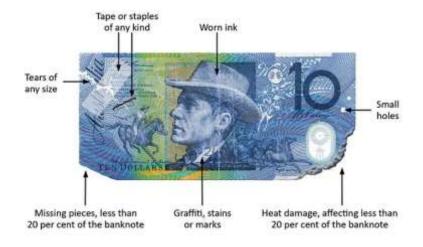
As part of the investigation the unit has recovered 20 bikes which we believe to be stolen. We have located one owner but are looking for your help to find the owners for these other 19. If your a bike enthusiast can you please share with any bike FB pages. Many thanks.

To see the bike gallery, click here.



If the owners aren't tracked, they go into the police auction where all the other unclaimed property is sold off.

10 October, from NSW Police Fraud & Cybercrime Squad: RBA - Damaged Bank Notes Policy



For the Reserve Bank of Australia's Damaged Bank Notes Policy, click here.

10 October, from CareFlight: MAN INJURED, MOTORBIKE INCIDENT AT COWAN

A man aged in his early 30s has suffered chest and internal injuries after coming off his motorbike on the Old Pacific Highway at Cowan. The CareFlight rapid response team were tasked to the incident at 15:02 and landed at 15:18 at the Cowan helipad on the Old Pacific Highway. NSW Ambulance crews treated the man at the scene of the incident before transporting him to the

helicopter. CareFlight's emergency response doctor initiated pre-hospital care to treat the man's injuries before he was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition. NSW Police also attended the scene.

09 October, from the NSW Rural Fire Service: How can I report a cigarette butt 'tosser'?

If you see a vehicle where a lit cigarette butt has been improperly disposed, you can report the vehicle to the NSW RFS on their website, <u>click here</u>.

Some of the information we will need includes location, date & time, vehicle registration plate details and description of the vehicle. We will also need your contact details as anonymous reports are not accepted. Alternatively you can **call 1800 679 737** and leave a message and an officer will make contact.

If the cigarette butt isn't lit, the person may still be subject to action for littering. You can make a littering complaint through the Environment Protection Authority, <u>click</u> here.

09 October: Here are some crime stats for the Kuring-gai Local Area Command for the period 02 October to 05 October. Have a great weekend!



Gordon - Break & Enter (B&E) 4, Malicious Damage (Mal Dam) 2
Hornsby - B&E 1, Mal Dam 1, Stealing 4
Hornsby Heights - Mal Dam 1
Killara - B&E 1
Normanhurst - B&E 1, Fraud 2
Pymble - Fraud 1
St Ives - B&E 1, Fraud 1

Thornleigh - Stealing 2, Fraud 2 **Turramurra** - Stealing 1, Fraud 1 **Wahroonga** - Stealing 1, Fraud 1 **Waitara** - Stealing 1.

09 October, from the NSW Police Fraud & Cybercrime Squad: Can YOU spot the fake? Police warn of an epidemic of counterfeit \$50 notes circulating in Australia



Two counterfeit \$100 notes (top) seized by police are held next to a genuine note (bottom). The counterfeit notes appear very similar to the actual notes but are slightly darker and the clear window is stuck on.

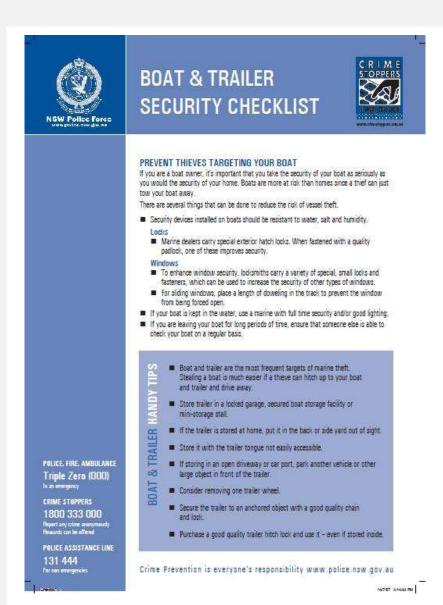
Full article in the Daily Mail <u>click here</u>, including a video on How to Spot a Counterfeit Bank Note.

08 October, from the Hornsby Advocate: Thieves run off with about one hundred sports shoes from Waitara charity Shoes for Planet Earth

Click here for full article.

08 October, from Marine Area command: Here is a Boat and Trailer Security Checklist outlining some safety measures which boat and PWC owners could consider adopting.

Some further measures include; anti-theft wheel locks, use of high quality pick and drill-proof trailer locks, placing the trailer under sensor lighting, covering the jetski with a non conspicuous cover or tarp or a coupler lock for the trailer. Feel free to share other useful ideas which our community could use.



Click here to view online. If you would like a copy emailed to you, click here.

08 October. Message from Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas

Message for the NSW Community regarding the Incident which occurred on 2nd October 2015 at NSW Police Headquarters in Parramatta.

The shooting incidents which occurred on 2 October at Police Headquarters, Parramatta have impacted the whole community of NSW.

Two lives have been lost and many are grieving. In what has been described as a devastating incident, a 15 year old boy shot and killed NSWPF employee, Mr Curtis Cheng, as he was leaving work at Police Headquarters in Parramatta in Sydney's West. The offender then fired several more shots at officers as they emerged from the building to respond to the incident. He was killed when special constables returned fire.

Any loss of life, under these circumstances, affects us all. This incident has specifically affected the NSW Police Force family. Our sympathies are with the family of Mr Curtis Cheng and all who are grieving at this time.

As Police, our message is that any act of violence, regardless of the motivation will not be tolerated, and will be treated as the serious offence that it is. We have all worked together to create a NSW that is respectful and cohesive and we must continue to nurture all the positive aspects of cultural, linguistic and religious diversity that has always been the fabric of our Multicultural Society. Police will continue to keep the community informed with accurate information. We

Police will continue to keep the community informed with accurate information. We ask you to remain calm, go about your daily activities as you normally would and to report anything of concern and suspicion to Police.

- If it's an emergency, call Triple Zero '000'.
- To report crime anonymously, call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 As stated by Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas:

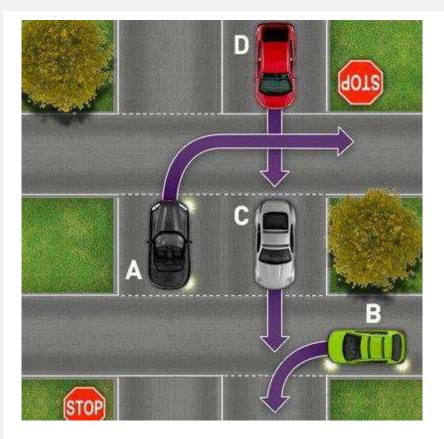
"The people who will solve this first and foremost are the community, the parents, the mums and dads, the brothers and sisters, the cousins who deal with these kids... Sit and talk to them. Show them love, show them a home environment that pulls them away from abhorrent influences."

We want to assure you, the communities of NSW, that NSW Police Force are ready to deal with, and will take very seriously, any threats of violence. You may notice an increased police presence visible amongst our communities. Police will continue to be at our shopping centres, schools, railway stations, transport networks, public events and places of work and industry. This may also include places of worship and gatherings, to encourage and increase community confidence and safety.

NSW Police Force takes crimes, that are motivated by hatred or prejudice very seriously and any such crimes will not be tolerated. If you are a witness or victim, and you experience any incidents such as this, we encourage you to report to Police as soon as possible.

08 October, from NRMA Motoring & Services: TEST TIME - What order should these vehicles proceed in?

- a) B, C, D, A
- b) B, C, A, D
- c) A, D, B, C
- d) None of the above



'A' is the correct answer: the order these vehicles should proceed in is: B, C, D, A.

The broken line is a 'give way line' and C (who is at a give way line) would have to give way to B who is not at a give way line. A would also have to give way to D (who has stopped at the 'stop line') and is going straight ahead and therefore answer 'A' is correct.

07 October: Police have released images of three males who may be able to assist with inquiries into a trespass incident at Chatswood last month.





<u>Click here</u> for full Media release.

07 October, from Marine Area command: Please keep a look out for this stolen Yamaha jet ski AHM014N (2013) which was stolen on trailer Z08085 from a Peakhurst residence on 29 September 2015.



If you have any information please phone your local police or **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

07 October, from CareFlight: MAN, 91, FALLS THROUGH ROOF AT HOME

A 91 year old man has fallen through the roof cover of his front porch at home in Hornsby this afternoon [7/10/15] The CareFlight rapid response trauma team were called to the incident just after 14:30 and landed at Asquith Boys High School approximately 400 metres from the scene. The injured man was examined at the scene by CareFlight's emergency response doctor together with paramedics from NSW Ambulance. He appears to have suffered minor injuries and was conscious throughout. The man was transported by road ambulance together with CareFlight's medical crew to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition. NSW Police also attended the scene.

06 October, from Penrith command:



On a typical 30°C Australian summer's day, the temperature inside a parked car can be as high as 70°C. With temperatures in the last few days reaching 37°C its a timely reminder to never leave a child or animal in a hot car.

WHAT IF I FIND A CHILD UNATTENDED IN A CAR?

Look for the parents or carers. If they can't be found, if the child is distressed or you are concerned about the child's health, don't delay – call 000! Give your location, the vehicle registration number, the approximate age of the child and the condition of the child. If the car is unlocked, open the doors and shield windows with a blanket etc. Wait for emergency services, or safely try to remove the child from the vehicle if you are concerned about the child's condition as every second counts!

ITS AN OFFENCE...

Section 231 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 reads: A person who leaves any child or young person in the person's care in a motor vehicle without proper supervision for such a period or in such circumstances that: (a) the child or young person becomes or is likely to become emotionally distressed, or (b) the child's or young person's health becomes or is likely to become permanently or temporarily impaired, is guilty of an offence.

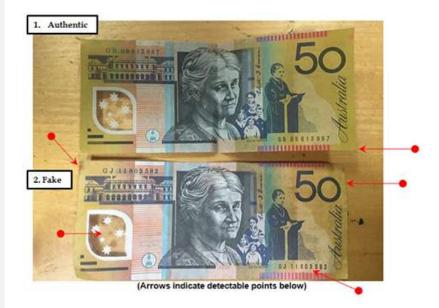
For more information go

to www.kidsafensw.org, www.community.nsw.gov.au, www.mynrma.com.au.

06 October, from NSW Fire & Rescue: Who backed a winner in the grand finals this weekend? If those celebrations are continuing with friends and a barbie don't let it end in disaster – follow these simple <u>BBQ safety tips</u> and keep the party going!



06 October, from Northern Territory Police, Fire & Emergency Services: Counterfeit Currency - Update



TDS Proctor advises that Police have received further reports of counterfeit \$50 notes ciruclating in the Darwin area overnight. We urge everyone to be vigilant

when receiving \$50 notes in their change. To assist in identifying the notes the picture below shows six detectable points on the counterfeit notes (left to right arrows indicate the points to check):

- 1. The edges of the counterfeit note appear crudely 'cut', not square;
- 2. The clear window does not have '50' imprinted within the note;
- 3. The physical 'feel' of the synthetic paper is not the same as an authentic \$50 note (but is considered close);
- 4. The writing on the note is not as clear and crisp as an authentic one;
- 5. Some of the markings are darker on the counterfeit note;
- 6. The counterfeit notes are slightly smaller (< 1mm).

If you find you are in possession of a counterfeit note you should take it to your nearest Police Station. It is a Commonwealth offence to utter [criminal term meaning to pass on - Ed] currency knowing that it is counterfeit.

06 October, from the Hornsby Advocate: Motorcyclist critical, cyclist stable after two serious crashes

CAREFLIGHT crews have responded to two serious motorcycle accidents in Hornsby shire over the past few days. On Sunday, a cyclist was flown to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition after his bike collided with a motorcycle on the old Pacific Highway at Cowan, outside the Pie in the Sky cafe.

<u>Click here</u> for full article.



Q: Where and when is the next stall for the public to get their crime prevention advice and goodies?

A: At the East Killara Community Engagement event. 10am til 12 noon on Saturday 24 October at the Koola Avenue Shopping Centre, Koola Ave, East Killara. Hosted jointly by the Kuring-gai police command and the East Killara Neighbourhood Watch group. Anyone and everyone welcome - you don't have to live in the area! Come and get your crime prevention advice from the Crime Prevention Officer, or those car rego plate anti-theft screws that everyone is talking about. Or have your photo taken with a cop. Or come and look inside the Police command bus that takes part in the RBT stops. Balloons, tattoos, colouring-in, fingerprinting, blue jellybeans...

REPORT ON THE CRIME PREVENTION EVENT: St John's Anglican Church Annual Fête - Saturday 10 October 9am-2pm St John's Anglican Church, St John's Ave, Gordon.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the crime prevention stall. By the end of the day, all the printed crime prevention leaflets and children's colouring-in etc were gone. And there was quite a lot! It was hectic from the word go. Especially of note were the numbers of car rego plate locking screws given out - used to stop the theft of your number plates and their use for fuel theft (thanks to funding from Neighbourhood Watch Australia.) Email us with your car make and model and we will arrange for them to be picked up by you from either Gordon or Hornsby Police Stations.



[Pictured: Stan (Warrawee Valley eWatch), Anne (Gordon NHW), Mary (E. Killara NHW).]

View the local Kuring-gai police Facebook page <u>here</u> and scroll down to view previous information. The NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) covers most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai suburbs.

From the Hornsby Advocate/Ku-ring-gai Council: Ku-ring-gai residents are encouraged to attend the Ride2Work breakfast on Wednesday 14 October. Cycle

to the city via Gordon Reserve at Werona Ave between 6am and 10am and enjoy a free breakfast. There will also be free bike checks, water bottles and smoothies.

From the Hornsby Advocate 08 October:

Charitable trio step up the fight against sex slavery [edited] STEP by step, three Wahroonga women aim to raise awareness about sex slavery. They are taking part in the A21 Walk For Freedom to fight human trafficking. Chelsea Mitchell said it was an issue she was passionate about. Miss Mitchell said human trafficking was prevalent in countries such as South Africa, Bulgaria, Greece and the Ukraine but it was also happening in Australia. "There's about 1000 people trafficked in Australia each year, which isn't a lot compared to Europe, but it's still massive because people don't know it's happening.

TAKE IT EASY IN TRAFFIC We all get frustrated when we are stuck in heavy traffic or because of a collision. More often than not, the frustration is because we are running late for work, to pick up the kids or we just want to get home. Traffic is a fact of life and we need to accept that the best way to arrive on time is to leave a bit earlier. If we know when we are travelling on time, our demeanour on the road is far more relaxed and forgiving towards others who may cut in or brake late. If you feel yourself getting frustrated and becoming more aggressive, take a deep breath and remember that collisions occur in a split second. Don't become part of the problem. Detective Inspector Jon Gross Kuring-gai Local Area Command

MT KURING-GAI Tools valued at \$560 were stolen from a Hornsby Council shed over the long weekend. The thieves removed a lock from a gate to access the site.

NORTH TURRAMURRA Police patrolling Bobbin Head at 11.10pm on Friday noticed a Toyota sedan in the carpark with two men ducking down inside. Police continued to do a loop of the carpark and observed the Toyota drive off. They stopped the vehicle and searched it, locating an amount of cannabis. The men were issued with cautions.

HORNSBY The Fusion op shop in Jersey St had several scratch marks made in the front window and door over the long weekend. The cost of the damage is estimated at \$5000.

THORNLEIGH A \$1200 mobile phone left unattended in a trolley at Bunnings was stolen between 2pm and 2.10pm on Monday.

COWAN Two bushwalkers took a wrong turn and became stranded without a torch about 2.5km west of Glendale Rd over the long weekend. Police hiked into the bush and located the woman, 19, and man, 20, an hour later, and safely guided them out.

HORNSBY A man, 39, is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court on November 11 after he allegedly stole a blank doctor's prescription pad last Thursday night. He

has been charged with goods in custody.

MT KURING-GAI A boat and trailer were stolen from a property in Beaumont Rd between 6pm Friday and 6.30am Tuesday. The thieves cut the padlocks off a secured fence, hitched the silver Redco trailer to their own vehicle and left.

BROOKLYN Police conducted several random breath tests and boat safety equipment checks as part of a marine operation on the Hawkesbury River over the long weekend.

HORNSBY A counterfeit \$50 note was used to buy food at the McDonald's store in Westfield between 8am and noon on Friday. Police investigations are continuing.

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER IS GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY

In Ku-ring-gai community groups are concentrating efforts in the following places:

- 1. Car park off Mona Vale Rd, St Ives
- 2. Wade Lane Council car park, Gordon
- 3. Disused car yard at 807-813 Pac Hwy, Gordon
- 4. Car park behind shops in Duneba Rd off Ryde Rd, West Gordon
- 5. Cnr Yanko Rd and Kendall Rd, West Pymble
- 6. Station underpass off Avon Ave, Pymble
- 7. Avon Ave near roundabout, Pymble
- 8. Rear of shops on Pac Hwy, opp Livingston Ave, Pymble
- 9. Cnr Pac Hwy and Moree St, Gordon.

For more information please contact Roger: 9144 5361.

From Hornsby Shire Council: Sale of abandoned motor vehicles

The abandoned motor vehicles are offered for sale in accordance with the Impounding Act, 1993, No. 31. The vehicles are offered for sale in their current condition and may be withdrawn from sale if released to the last known registered owner.

Click here for full details of vehicles, inspection, offers etc.

Want to know more about Neighbourhood Watch within the Hornsby and Kuring-gai regions? View the website here, or email us for any particular information, question or concern.

Dates for the Diary:

OCTOBER - Mental Awareness Month

Wednesday 14 October: Ride2Work breakfast. 6-10am Gordon Reserve, Werona Ave, Gordon.

Friday 16 October: INSPECT - Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles. 1-2pm Council Depot, cnr Mid-Dural Rd & Johnson Rd, Galston.

Saturday 17 October: House & Garden Stall for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, 9am Kendall St Mall, West Pymble.

Saturday 17 October: Turramurra Uniting Church Flea Market, 830-2pm.

Sunday 18 October: Graffiti Removal Day

Sunday 18 October: Free chipping for mulch. Mt Kuring gai, 8-2:45pm. <u>Info.</u> **Saturday/Sunday 17/18 October:** TV & Computer recycling 9-4pm St Ives Showground. <u>Info.</u>

Tuesday 20 October: CLOSING DATE FOR OFFERS - Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles. By 4pm. <u>Info</u>.

Wednesday 21 October: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Thursday 22 October: Computer Pals for Seniors - Backing up your computer. 2-4pm Centre for Seniors, Gilroy Ln, Turramurra. **Ph: 9418 1228.**

Saturday 24 October: East Killara Crime Prevention Community Engagement event, 10am-12noon at the Koola Avenue shops.

Monday 26 October: SES Member Info Night: 7:30-9pm Esk St, Wahroonga Saturday 31 October: CareFlight's Open Day Westmead Operations Base. 1hr tours at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. RSVP essential: events@careflight.org or 02 9843 5176.

Monday 09 November: 'All Areas' NHW meeting. Please email your suggestions and concerns - click here.

Wednesday 25 November: White Ribbon Day.

Saturday 05 December: Xmas Spectacular, Hornsby Park in front of the pool. 5-9pm. Kuring-gai Police command & NHW will have a joint crime prevention stall there. Info.

Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you? (Sorry, but the list is getting too long for us to include!)

View the Live Traffic NSW website here.

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, click here. Apple, click here.

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Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road (ex-Pacific Hwy), Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450

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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Our mailing address is:

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