

# Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

eNewsletter #210 - 19 October 2015

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.

19 October: Here are some crime stats for period 16 Oct to 4pm 19 Oct.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Steeling	Steel from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Drugs	Othe
Suburb							
ASQUITH							
BEROWRA							
BROOKLYN							
COWAN							
GALSTON							
GORDON						1	
HORNSBY		- 1	2				
HORNSBY HEIGHTS							
KILLARA							
MT COLAH		1					
MT KURING GAI							
NORWANHURST		1					
PYMELE :			- 1				
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THORNLEIGH					1 (attempt)		
TURRAMURRA							
WAHROONGA							
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Date range	16/10 to 4pm 1	9/10					

**Gordon** - Drugs

**Hornsby** - Malicious Damage, Stealing 2

Killara - Break & Enter

Mt Colah - Malicious Damage

Normanhurst - Break & Enter

Pymble - Break & Enter, Stealing

**Thornleigh** - Steal Motor Vehicle (attempted)

Wahroonga - Prohibit Drug charge. 34 yr old stopped, 16gm Cannabis located.

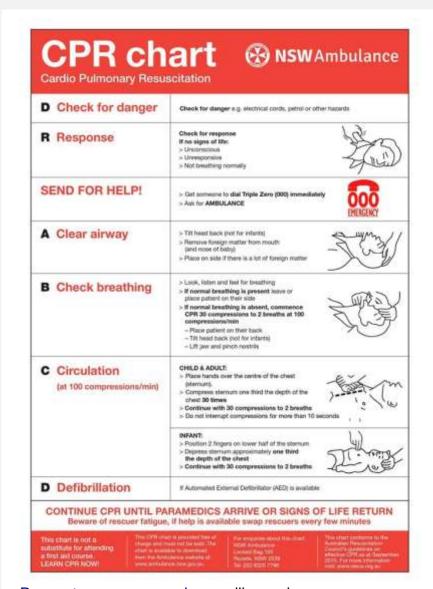
Waitara - Break & Enter, Stealing

Warrawee - Stealing

Westleigh - Stealing 2

#### 19 October, from Ambulance NSW: Do you know CPR?

When effective CPR is given to a patient before our paramedics arrive at the scene, it increases their chance of survival. Here's what you need to know:



Request your own copy by emailing us here.

18 October, from Hawkesbury command: Respect was shown to the late Curtis Cheng and his family at his funeral yesterday. Among the very large gathering of police were Commissioners from all Australian Police jurisdictions along with the New Zealand Police Commissioner. Senior members of other emergency services also were in attendance to show support and respect.



## 18 October, from the Sydney Morning Herald: All NSW police to be trained to catch criminals online

All NSW police investigators will be specifically trained in how to investigate cybercrime, as offences are increasingly committed via the internet and social media. NSW residents have reported more than 5500 cyber crimes to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network since it launched 11 months ago. Police went on to investigate over 5000 of these complaints.

Read more here.

17 October: Hi everyone, for McHappy day Kuring gai LAC's command bus will be at McDonalds Mt Colah from 10am to 11.30am and Thornlegh from 12pm to 2pm. We have balloons and tattoos for the kids, so come along and say hi. Raising money for Ronald McDonald House for sick children and their families.



A big thank you to all who came down to McDonalds and said hello. Gave lots of balloons and tattoos away to the kids. Great weather and a great day out.

15 October, from the Hornsby Advocate: A fire has swept through a home in Mt Colah this morning, no one injured Read more here.

## 14 October, from Penrith command: BE TRAIN SAFE - Travelling late on Friday and Saturday nights

On Friday and Saturday nights between 15:00 and 06:00, Police Transport Command officers, both high visibility and plain clothed, patrol train, bus, ferry and light rail services as well as stations, stops and wharves to improve security and reduce crime. Police on bikes along with drug detection dogs are also active across public transport. Crime hotspots are monitored through an extensive public transport CCTV network of more than 10,000 cameras to provide customers with further peace of mind when travelling at night.

#### **Travel tips:**

Try to use well-lit, main roads and avoid travelling alone at night.

Make sure that someone knows that you are travelling and if you can, it's helpful to carry a mobile phone.

On the platform, stand in an area which is brightly lit, covered by CCTV and close to Emergency Help Points.

Sit close to the guard's compartment indicated with a blue light on the train. If there are other passengers on the train try to sit near them and not to become isolated.

For more information on Train Safety click here.

14 October, from the Marine Area Command: Please keep a look out for this stolen 2013 jet ski AHN573N which was stolen from a South Granville residence on trailer Z60117. The theft took place overnight on Monday 5 October 2015. If you have any information please contact your local police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



## 14 October, from NAB: Protect your business from cybercrime with four easy tips



Click here to view video.

## 14 October, from Brisbane Water command: MALE WANTED ON OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANT



POI: Todd ROBERTS, 27 old male

Details: A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the above POI following an incident on Sunday the 4th October 2015 when a Tuggerah Lakes Highway vehicle pulled over the POI who was driving a Holden Rodeo Trayback ute at the time. The POI deliberately reversed into the Police Vehicle causing extensive damage.

Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.** 

13 October, from NSW Elder Abuse Resource Helpline & Resource Unit: Do you know the difference between Powers of Attorney & Enduring Guardianship? It's important to plan ahead so your best interests are protected. EAHRU provides information, support and referrals relating to the abuse of older people in NSW. Anyone can make the call. 1800 628 221.





### Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship

#### It's important to know the difference

The NSW Elder Abuse Helpline & Resource Unit receives calls regarding suspected abuse of older people living in the community in NSW. Many of these calls are related to alleged financial, psychological, physical, sexual abuse, and neglect.

Many instances of financial and psychological abuse result from the misuse of Powers of Attorney and confusion between the roles of an attorney and an enduring guardian.

Things to Consider	Power of Attorney	Enduring Power of Attorney	Enduring Guardian
Can only be appointed by Older Person while they have capacity.	4	*	4
Manages finances & assets on behalf of older person, according to older person's wishes (e.g. paying bills).	4	¥	
Useful if older person is overseas or unwell & needs finances managed by another person.	4	1	
Can be in effect whilst older person has capacity.	4	4	
Is effective when the older person loses capacity.		4	1
May decide where the older person lives.			V
May decide what health care the older person receives.			1
May decide what other kinds of personal services are received.			1
Can consent to medical or dental treatment being carrying out.			~

<sup>\*</sup>Note: other decisions can be made by enduring guardians however they require a "special function" which must be clearly stated in the guardianship documentation. These special functions may include an "access function" which allows the enduring guardian to restrict specific persons, stated in the guardianship documentation, from having access to the older person. This is normally used when there is some discord in family or close relationships. However, without these special functions being specifically listed in the guardianship documentation, the enduring guardian does not have the right to restrict anyone access to the older person.



This weekend is 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. Balloons, tattoos, colouring-in, Halloween card-making & colouring-in, fingerprinting... all **FREE**.



#### Neighbourhood Watch Caring about Community Safety

Community Engagement Day & **Crime Prevention Stall** 10am - 12 noon Saturday 24 October 2015 Koola Ave Shops, E. Killara

NSW Police Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), invite you to a Community Engagement Day with Crime Prevention stall, taking place at the Koola Avenue Shopping Centre

- Aware of crime in your area?
- Want to keep your home & family secure?
- Know the latest crime prevention advice and tips available?
- Know about eyewatch on Facebook and the up-to-date information you can get from your local Police and Neighbourhood Watch?
- Not into Facebook come and sign up for our weekly eyewatch eNewsletter, a compilation of the local crime news sent directly into your inbox!
- A particular issue bothering you?

Your local Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are looking forward to meeting you and sharing the latest crime prevention advice and FREE give-aways.



FREE Car Rego Plate Locking Screws FREE Key-rings, Screen Wipes, Magnets, etc. FREE colouring-in, moneybox, puzzles, tattoos, fingerprinting and balloons for the kidsl

FREE Little Black Book of Scams!

FREE 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' series

Neighbourhood Watch supported by NSW Police Force Kuring-gai command

Scams can be reported to Scamwatch via their website and information about scams can be found through the NSW Fair Trading Scam Buster app available on both iOS and Android.



<u>iPhone version</u>. Android version.

View the local Kuring-gai police Facebook page <a href="here">here</a>. You don't have to know anything about Facebook to have a quick squizzy. The NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) covers most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai suburbs.

#### From the Hornsby Advocate, 15 October:

## Crime hits vacant homes VANDALS, SQUATTERS AND DRUG USERS ENTER ADDRESSES

VACANT houses due to be knocked down on the upper north shore have become magnets for squatters and vandals. The recent building boom has seen dozens of homes left unoccupied, sometimes for months, while development approvals are sought and units are sold off the plan. But the empty homes were being targeted by vandals, Thornleigh security specialist Kevin Bridcutt said. "Vandalism is common," said Mr Bridcutt, director of Security 360. "Despite the homes being surrounded by security fencing, the vandals get in and smash windows and doors, spray graffiti and do other property damage. During winter some have even lit small fires in the houses." Mr Bridcutt said squatters were another common problem. "It's very difficult to get them out," he said. "In one property we were patrolling at St Ives, they smashed a stairwell and were living upstairs. "I feel sorry for the neighbours to these properties who have to put up with these activities going on next door."

Ku-ring-gai Police crime manager Inspector Neil Higgins said the houses were targeted by drug users. "Basically they are in there unchallenged – because no one knows there is someone there," Insp Higgins said. He urged anyone who saw anything suspicious to let police know. "Report it to the police and we will go around there because they can be charged with trespass," he said.

**Protect yourself from electronic fraud** In the electronic age we are all at risk of fraud. We bank online, our credit cards can be used without PIN codes and we give out certain details over the phone to make purchases and to pay bills. It is no wonder that all these areas have become the target of fraudsters and thieves, but there are simple things everyone can do to reduce risks.

When using credit cards online or providing your personal details, do not use the link sent to you via email

Keep your credit cards safely stored

If a telephone service phones you and then asks for your details, phone them back on their advertised contact number to confirm they are legitimate.

Detective Inspector Jon Gross, Kuring-gai Local Area Command.

**HORNSBY** A man grabbed a woman while she was walking along the Pacific Highway, near the intersection of Edgeworth David Avenue, about 2pm Monday. The woman, 34, told police that a male approached her from behind and grabbed her around the stomach. She was able to elbow the male which made him let her go. The woman continued to walk away from the scene and was too scared to turn around. Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to call **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**.

**MT KURING-GAI** A boat and trailer, worth \$17,000, were stolen from the carport of a business in Marina Close between 6pm Friday and 8am Monday. The boat was a fibreglass Walsh Craft with a 90HP Mercury outboard.

**HORNSBY** A motorist was charged with drinkdriving following an accident on Peats Ferry Rd on Sunday morning. Police were at a set of lights at the corner of Peats Ferry and Bridge roads about 3.50am when they heard a loud screeching of brakes and observed a vehicle swerve onto the other side of the road and collide with a concrete median strip. The driver, a 31-yearold male, allegedly tested positive to a roadside breath test. Police said a subsequent breath analysis returned a reading of 0.121. The man's licence was suspended and he was charged with midrange drink-driving. He is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court on November 5.

**ASQUITH** Police were called to the BP service station about 1am Sunday by a man who claimed that people were coming from Burwood to beat him up. Police suspected the man, 48, was having a psychotic episode. He allegedly admitted to being an ice user and that he had taken the drug earlier in the day. Police conducted a search and allegedly found a small amount of ice residue inside a bag he was carrying. Police drove the man to Hornsby Hospital for assessment.

**WESTLEIGH** A teenager was woken by her parents and taken to Hornsby police

station on Saturday night where she was spoken to about a small amount of cannabis allegedly found in her handbag. Police said they would be interviewing the girl, 17, at a later stage.

**HORNSBY** A 47-year-old woman had her mobile phone stolen out of her handbag while shopping in Coles on Saturday morning. Police said the woman felt someone bump into her while doing her grocery shopping about 11am but didn't think anything of it until she arrived home and found her phone missing. Police are urging women to ensure their handbags are securely zipped up at all times.

**MT COLAH** Police were called to Berry Park about 4pm Friday after they received information about people acting suspiciously. They observed four people – three males and a female – sitting in a car. A homemade bong was allegedly found in the passenger side of the vehicle. A male, 19, was given a cannabis caution.

**HORNSBY** A louvre window in a toilet block at Hornsby North Public School was smashed by a brick between 3.30pm Friday and 7.30am Monday. The cost to replace it is about \$300.

Personal tale propels anti-violence campaign A YOUNG Hornsby woman has used her own experience as a child as a reason to raise awareness about domestic violence. Makeleta Perry-Katoa, 22, saw domestic violence first hand when growing up. "I thought if I tell my own story then I thought others will feel more comfortable coming out and talking about it." She said she watched her father being physically and mentally abusive towards her mother. "He (also) turned on my brother and myself," she said. "It was horrible, traumatic and something a child shouldn't be exposed to." Ms Perry-Katoa has organised a fundraiser, called Overcoming Domestic Violence, on November 29 at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai PCYC, 94 George St, Hornsby. The event is from 10am-5pm. Tickets are \$25 a person. To donate, click here.

Graffiti Removal Day, Sun 18 October - Anyone get any good photos? Or like to send us a report?

Thanks to East Killara for their latest Neighbourhood Watch newsletter. It advertises their upcoming meeting at 7:30pm on Wednesday 21 October 2015 in the Killara Uniting Church meeting room, cnr Wentworth and Fairbairn Avenues (access via car park). Page 2 is the advert above for their Community Engagement event this Saturday.





#### AREA 25/26 EAST KILLARA October 2015. Newsletter No 76 NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 21 October 2015 at 7.30pm,

The Armusi Meeting will be held at the East Killers Uniting Church Meeting Room, Cnr Wentworth and Fastbairn Avenues (access via carpets). All recidents, street co-ordinators and particularly new residents to the area

Your Street Coordinator ...

Area 25/26 Coordinator: Wally Knowlet 9498 4736

Honorary Secretary/Treasurer/Editor: Phillip Langley 9498 6984

Crime in Progress 000

Hornsby Police 9476 9799

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Emergency (from mobile phone) 112

Street Co-ordinators. A big thank you to all the Street Coordinators. We will try to issue two Newslittlers each year. If you are a Street Co-ordinator and can no longer deliver the Newslittler please contact a Neighbour and phone their details to Wally Knowles on 9498 4736. For weekly police reports sent to your email address, email <a href="https://www.newslittler.com">https://www.newslittler.com</a>.

Address	Location	Crime	Date	Day of week	Time
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		Nothing to report			
			April 2015	1	
Springdale Rd	Residential	Break & enter, intent to steal	3-6/4/2015	Friday - Monday	0800-2030
Monash Ave	Residential	Sreak, enter & steal	3-54/4/2015	Friday - Tuesday	1030-2135
			May 2015		
Springdale Rd	Residential	Break, enter & steel	29-7/5/2015	Friday	2100-7
			June 2015		
Birdwood Ave	In street	Steel from vehicle	10-11/6/2015	Wed Thursday	0700-1500
		and half and the first	July 2015	Acres de la constantina della	
Heath Close	Residential	Common assault	21/7/2015	Tuesday	1630-1730
Springdale Rd	Residential	Break, enter & steal	22/7/2019	Wednesday	1300-1610
Churchill Rd	Recidential	Bresk, enter & steel	22/7/2015	Wednesday	0000-1619
			August 2015	17-0-0-1	
Koola Ave	School	Steal	12/8/2015	Wednezday	1130-1240

Email us for your own copy.

**DOING DRUGS WITH PAUL DILLON Parental peer pressure and alcohol:** What if your child says "You're the only one who does that"?

**Click here** for link to Blog.

What are you doing for Halloween? Just a balloon will do.

From CrimeFeed, 14 October: OHIO FAMILY'S 'GRAPHIC' HALLOWEEN **DECORATIONS SPARK NEIGHBORHOOD UPROAR** 



Click here for full article.

#### From the North Shore Times, 16 October: Stricter laws for agents

REAL estate agents will be under stricter controls when new property sale laws come into affect on January 1. Recent amendments to the Property Stock and Business Agents Act mean that agents must provide written evidence of their estimated selling price to the vendor and this estimate must be stated in the agency's agreement. The amendment will also see the prohibition of advertisements saying "offers over" or "offers above". Agents will be required to keep a written record of every statement of price they make to buyers, prospective buyers, vendors and prospective vendors. Forfeiting commission or a penalty of \$22,000 will apply for transgressions.

#### ONE FROM THE ARCHIVES

## 13th May 2013, If you have neighbours who are causing issues, read this! DEALING WITH A NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE?

Police are contacted regularly to resolve disputes between neighbours for various reasons. Some of the most common disputes are about fences, trees/plants, noise, children's behaviour, dogs and invasion of privacy. Often the best way of resolving disputes is to approach your neighbour directly and to discuss the problem politely. However, if this does not work or you don't feel confident enough to face your neighbour on your own, it may be appropriate to contact your local Community Justice Centre (CJC). CJC can help resolve disputes through mediation. The service is free, convenient and confidential. Police will take action if they detect an offence has been committed, otherwise they will refer you to CJC. For further information contact **CJC on 1800 990 777** or visit their website here.

**From Hornsby Shire Council:** The NSW Noxious Weeds Act 1993 requires the management of noxious weeds to ensure that people, livestock, our gardens and our bushland are protected from these weeds. Section 12 of the Act requires that an occupier of land must manage the noxious weeds on that land. Occupier includes the owner, resident, tenant or lessee.

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

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

#### **OCTOBER - Mental Awareness Month**

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

**Tuesday 20 October:** KYDS/Ku-ring-gai Council Info Evening - Teens & Screens: Problematic Internet Use. 6:30pm at Council Chambers, Gordon. <u>Bookings</u>.

**Wednesday 21 October:** East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 7:30pm at Killara Uniting Church meeting room.

**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.

**Saturday 24 October:** Bicycles for Change. 11-3pm at St Ives Showground. Donate a bike.

**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.

**Sunday 01 November:** Normanhurst West Public School Gala - Kuring-gai Police stall & goodie bags.

Monday 09 November: 'All Areas' NHW meeting. Please email your suggestions

and concerns - click here.

Thursday 12 November: Ku-ring-gai Council Helping your learner driver workshop. 630-830pm at Council Chambers. Bookings: 9424 0798. Info.

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?

View the Live Traffic NSW website <u>here</u>.

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

## This month's App is the App for Domestic Violence - AURORA (which means 'hope')

"A few times I tried to grab the landline but he would get there before me and rip it out of the wall."

#### Who is the app for?

The Aurora domestic and family violence app is for people experiencing domestic and family violence or for those worried about their relationship. It is also a valuable resource for those worried that a friend or family member is experiencing domestic and family violence.

#### What is on the Aurora app?

The app contains useful and potentially life-saving information including

- emergency contacts,
- information on the sorts of behaviour considered to be domestic and family violence
- vital information and links to support services available in NSW.

Importantly, the app also allows the user to message their trusted friends and family members or call emergency services immediately.

#### Is it safe?

The Aurora app has been built with numerous safety features that allow women to

use it discreetly and seek assistance without risk of "tipping off" a perpetrator and endangering themselves. It was developed in consultation with NSW Police and experts from the domestic violence sector.

Everyone has the right to live safely in their own home free from fear and abuse.



More information on the Aurora App <u>click here</u> and <u>download iPhone version</u> or <u>download Android version</u>.

**NSW Domestic Violence Line: 1800 65 64 63**. Trained female caseworkers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The caseworkers have experience with the special needs of Aboriginal women, women from different cultures, rural and remote areas, and same-sex partnerships (both female and male). Interpreters are also available

#### **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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