

# **Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)**

#### Newsletter #110 - 04 November 2013

This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the Hornsby and Kuring-gai areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page (also known as '**eye**watch'). One important post on the Monday is the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.

We add to this all the other stuff we find interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-ofview. It could be local newspaper articles, roadwork warnings, crime prevention tips, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and relevant tit-bits gleaned from residents, or other Commands. Have you seen anything we should share with the community?

## Hornsby Police news, 4/11/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Vehicle offences

Time/Date: About 2pm on Wednesday the 30th

Place: Florence street, Hornsby.

Vehicle: Gold Mazda 323

Details: A highway patrol officer was attending to a motorist when a Mazda 323 has turned the corner near them. At this time a male passenger in the Mazda has allegedly leant out the passenger window uttering swear words at the officer. The Mazda was stopped nearby and both the driver and passenger were spoken to. It was then noticed the vehicle had several defects. The passenger was given an infringement for †arm protruding from vehicle € and he was warned about using offensive language. The driver of the Mazda received a defect notice for minor defects.

Incident: Pedestrian and car collision

Time/Date: About 8.10am on Tuesday the 29th

Place: Burdett st x Hunter st, Hornsby

Details: A car was turning at a green traffic light. At this time a pedestrian, a 21 year old male has walked onto the crossing against a red walk sign, the driver's side mirror has clipped the pedestrians arm. The car has stopped and the pedestrian was attended to. A witness has advised the pedestrian had a red walk sign and was wearing head phones at the time of the collision. The pedestrian suffered a fractured collar bone and was treated at Hornsby hospital. Inquiries are continuing.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 8pm on Wednesday the 30th and 7am on Thursday the 31st.

Place: Pacific highway, Wahroonga

Details: A Mitsubishi ute was parked in a car park at a motor inn. During the night unknown person/s have broken locks and stolen power tool and hand tools from the tray area of the ute. They were valued at over \$1,100.

Incident: Malicious damage

Time/Date: During the evening of Friday the 1st . Place: Brandon place and Roma road, St Ives.

Details: Several fences, a gum tree and a power pole had graffiti spray painted on them during the evening. The tags were Rusto, Rasia, Rastafa and NSF. Someone must know these tags. If you do please report it to the numbers listed below.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 1pm and 8.45pm on Sunday the 3rd

Place: Avery street, Normanhurst.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into a home in Normanhurst and stolen 2 Laptop computers a Casio Camera and an Ipod. They were valued at \$3,200.

Incident: Break Enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 1.30am and 8.15pm on Wednesday the 30th

Place: Pacific highway, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into a storage cage at a unit block by cutting the steel mesh with 10 cases of wine being stolen, they were valued at \$2,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 7am and 6pm on Friday the 1st

Place: Sherbrook road, Hornsby

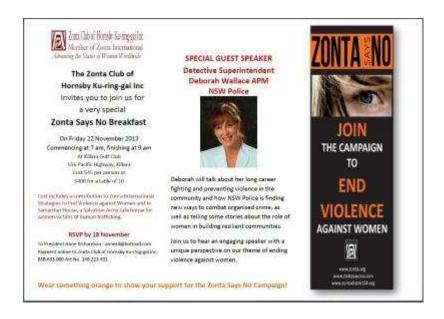
Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor front door by forcing the lock. Several rooms were ransacked, a large amount of electronic items were stolen. They were valued at over \$15,000.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**, **or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

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**04 November: Say No to Domestic Violence.** November 22 is White Ribbon Day, there will be several white ribbon breakfast events throughout Sydney. This flyer is for one being held at Killara, please see the flyer for information on how to

## be involved. Friday 22 November, 7-9am at Killara Golf Club. \$45. Contact annesil@hotmail.com.





**03 November:** For those who are planning their movements next weekend, this event is one not to be missed and is not limited to car enthusiasts. The **Sutherland LAC 'Cops n Rodders' Show**.

### The entertainment next Sunday 10 November 2013 at Boys'Town Playing fields, Woronora Rd includes:

- The CareFlight and Police helicopter will be making a grand entrance around 10am.
- The Police Mounted Unit will be attending and will showcase the brilliance of their horses
- Free vintage bus shuttle service between Loftus Tramway Museum and Sutherland & Engadine Railway Stations
- Nine Network Australia's 'Weekend Today' will be broadcasting Live! crosses around Australia from 7am.
- The V8 Supercar simulator will enhance patrons appreciation of the skills required to drive at high speed, while the Emergency Services mock rescue demonstration at 10.50am will demonstrate the dangers of driving while intoxicated and at speed.

and much much more! [We only included a third of the 'Menu' for space reasons - ed.]

Further details:	https://www.facebook.com/events/108506522652921	

**31 October, from the PCYC:** The Hornsby Kuring gai PCYC is having a golf day, details are on the flyer. All inquiries to the PCYC Hornsby.



#### 31 October: The following is a male who is wanted for warrants.

If you see him please don't interact with him but **call 000** at the time he is seen, or other times call the following numbers.

Any information given to police will be treated with confidentiality. Please call **crime stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Hornsby Police 94769799.** 



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31 October: Hornsby Police are investigating a Fraud incident that occurred in Westfield Hornsby. About 4.50pm on Monday the 28th, a male person

attended a clothing store within the shopping complex. The male then used a ruse to get cash from a staff member. The ruse has been used in very similar incidents all over Sydney, police think by the same male. In this incident, a male allegedly attended a store and spoke to a staff member. The male advised he is married to a frequent customer who the staff member knew shopped there. The male allegedly said his car broke down and the NRMA was coming fix it, he needed \$125 to pay the NRMA and would repay the money in an hour. The staff member agreed to loan the money on the pretext of getting it back soon after. The male never returned. Police believe the male depicted in the photo may be able to assist them in their inquiries into the matter.

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31 October: Hornsby Police are investigating a number of shop stealing incidents during the last few weeks. On the 4th of October at the Target store in Westfield Hornsby about \$1,000 worth of PawPaw ointment was allegedly stolen by 2 offenders. On the 26th of Oct at Coles Turramurra it is believed the same 2 persons who are alleged to have attempted to steal a basket of items. They were stopped by store security where the offenders have dropped the items and run off. Again on the 28th of October it is believed the same 2 people attended the Chemist Warehouse in Turramurra, where it is alleged they have taken a number of Vitamins and Perfumes. They were chased from that store and were last seen in Coles at Turramurra. Hornsby Police are investigating these 3 incidents and believe the male and female depicted may be able to assist with their inquiries into

the incidents.

It is believed they may use the rail network to travel.

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31 October: Halloweeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee is here.

Here are some safety tips for you and your children to make this as safe as possible.

#### Simple tricks to have a ghoulishly good #Halloween #playsafestaysafe

Police have issued tips to help children play safe and stay safe as goblins fill the streets over Halloween. Commander of Operational Programs, Chief Superintendent Bradley Shepherd said with trick-or-treating becoming a more celebrated activity each year it is important parents follow some simple guidelines to ensure their children's safety.

"We recommend that parents accompany their children when they are visiting houses and, where possible, visit homes of families or neighbours who you're familiar with," Superintendent Shepherd said. "It's important to recognise and respect the fact that not everyone celebrates Halloween – stick to houses which have decorations. It's safest for kids to trick-or-treat in daylight and for them to stay together in groups. Younger children should be supervised by a parent or young adult. The prospect of dressing up and eating lollies is sure to excite and distract, so it's vitally important extra care is taken around driveways and that they stick to the footpath." Superintendent Shepherd added that Halloween is a great opportunity for parents to be reminded of summer safety guidelines. "Halloween traditionally heralds the 'darker half' of the year, but in Australia the jack-o'-lanterns come out near the start of summer. If you're a parent who will be going trick-or-treating with your children, make sure your house is securely locked and turn on security devices. Also, don't leave pets in vehicles – the temperature inside a car can double in a matter of minutes."

Make Halloween a treat with these takeaway tips for kids:

- Carry a mobile phone when trick-or-treating in case you need to make a phone call.
- Wear light coloured clothing so you can be easily seen.
- Don't get into vehicles with people you don't know.
- Don't enter a stranger's home, even if they invite you.
- Don't jaywalk and only cross at designated lights and crossings.
- Stick to familiar well-lit areas and don't take short cuts.
- Tell people where you are going and what time you will be home.
- Stay together with your friends.
- Keep pranks good-natured, safe, and legal.
- Call Triple Zero (000) in the event of an emergency or life threatening situation.

30 October: Kissing Point Road, Turramurra is currently closed between Boyd

Ave and Catalpa Cres due to an accident involving a car and a bicycle at 8.10am. Local diversions are in place whilst police conduct investigations.

Unfortunately, as a result of this accident, the male push bike rider has now passed away. Our sympathies and thoughts go out to his family, witnesses to the accident and emergency responders who tried to save the life of the rider.

**29 October: From the SES:** Things are starting to get very busy across the Region as the severe weather starts to hit us. We have a few units already out completing jobs with more continuing to come in.

A Severe Weather Warning is current for damaging winds in the Metropolitan area as well as a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for the Central Coast area.

If you require SES assistance please phone 132 500.

More information can be found on the BoM website, http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings/

#### 29 October: SCAM ALERT.

WOW they are persistent, Please look at the link into recent scams, These low life humans are targeting people again. Mainly the elderly where they prey on their vulnerability and isolation. Either via a cold phone call, or through an email. The scams involve telling the person they have a computer virus or similar. They then advise the computer can be 'cleaned' then requesting to either send money overseas via Western Union or depositing into a specific bank account. The other scam involves something like a tax refund or similar where the promised refund etc is usually a greater return for your 'minor' investment. Please be aware these do NOT stop happening, They raise their heads all the time but there has been a slight increase in reports recently. Please be warned and please warn others. If you have vulnerable or elderly people in your lives talk to them and let them know about this.

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Consumers/Scams/Recent\_scams.page?DC Sext.ref=HomePageClick%3AScamandAlerts



#### From the recent 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch groups meeting last week:

#### **Graffiti - How to report it**

If you witness the graffiti crime, or are the property owner, then graffiti should be reported to the Police via the Police Assistance Line (PAL) for non-urgent minor crime 131 444. They can take a description of any decipherable tags over the phone. However there is no need for photos. http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/when\_do\_i\_call\_pal\_131\_444

And anyone can use the **NSW Government Graffiti Hotline** for reporting graffiti to government agencies, eg council property, electricity, transport, etc in order to fast track the removal. You can log private property with them too. Phone: 1800 707 125. (No photos) <a href="http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/cpd/protectcommunity/graffitivandalism/graffiti hotline.html">http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/cpd/protectcommunity/graffitivandalism/graffiti hotline.html</a>

**Ku-ring-gai Council** (thru Kevin Sutherland) request all residents report graffiti on council property via **VandalTrak** as the preferred method of reporting. <a href="www.VandalTrak.com.au">www.VandalTrak.com.au</a> uses GPS and a photo to record the offences and create a database of tags. VandalTrak has a FREE App. Please note: The Police and Neighbourhood Watch cannot publicly endorse any product or service, which includes VandalTrak.

From the Hornsby Shire Council website: If you come across graffiti on **Hornsby Shire Council** property, phone Council's **Graffiti Hotline 1800 199 282** as soon as possible.

Hornsby Shire Council and Ku-ring-gai Council both have **FREE Child Restraint Safety Check Days**. The days generally run as 15 minute appointments from 9:30am to 3:15pm.

The next date for Hornsby is: Monday 25 Nov at Thornleigh Indoor Sports Stadium (The Brickpit). Bookings essential by phoning 9847 6856.

http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/noticeboard/latest-news/free-child-restraintsafety-check

The next date for Ku-ring-gai is: Friday 22 Nov at Wade Lane Carpark, Gordon. Bookings essential.

<a href="http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services\_facilities/For/Children/">http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services\_facilities/For/Children/</a>

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The Roads & Maritime Services website allows you to enter a suburb to find authorised fitting stations in your area: <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=authrestraintfitting.form">http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=authrestraintfitting.form</a>

The people Hornsby council use are at the SAN hospital every Wednesday afternoon, by appointment only. Email <a href="mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com">NHWGordon@gmail.com</a> for more details.

**They say:** Consider having your burglar alarm monitored.

**Our tip:** Request that the burglar alarm monitoring company have on file that when *multiple zones* are being triggered in your home (ie it is not likely to be accidentally triggered and more than likely to be an intruder), the Police should be phoned immediately. Unless you have that on file, they will waste time phoning your home phone, then contact person 1, and so on, to get your instructions.

From NSW Fair Trading: Building or renovating your home? Before you hire a tradie make sure you check their licence and your consumer rights. Do a FREE licence check at: http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About\_us/
Online\_services/Home\_building\_licence\_check.page

You should always check your tradesperson is licensed before you hire. In NSW licensing protects you in the following ways:

- · you deal with a legitimate business
- · the tradesperson has the right qualifications for the job
- Â- you enjoy better consumer protection
- · you help to keep the shonks out



Did you know? The Rural Fire Service has a new app? It's called My Fire Plan.



Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary source of information: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC">https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC</a>

From F3 Freeway Traffic on 30 Oct: Minibus Fire



#### From Geelong LAC: CAN YOU ASSIST REGARDING THIS RECENT THEFT?

The sculpture pictured was stolen from Metropolis Gallery, 64 Ryrie Street, Geelong between the 09-Sep-2013 and 17-Sep-2013. Any information to Constable Yvette WILLIAMS, Geelong Uniform Police 52 253 100 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



**Thanks to NSW Fair Trading: New bylaws** allowing pets in units, curbing smoking on apartment balconies and preventing the installation of noisy timber and tiled floors are among the changes in the biggest overhaul of strata laws in more than 50 years.

Announcing the long-awaited reforms, Fair Trading Minister Anthony Roberts noted that 30 per cent of people in NSW either live or work in strata and there are now more than 72,000 strata plans - ranging from two-unit duplexes to massive mixed residential and commercial blocks. In 20 years, half the state's population will live in apartments or townhouses.

Full article at: http://smh.domain.com.au/real-estate-news/nsw-strata-law-revolution-20131103-2wuy4.html



## Scheduled Roadworks (thanks to the LIVE TRAFFIC App and Ku-ring-gai Council)

Roseville, Boundary Street at Archer Street. Downer EDI, on behalf of RMS, will carry out road maintenance on Boundary Street at the corner of Archer Street. Work is scheduled to be completed in two night shifts between Monday 4 November and Wednesday 13 November, except Saturdays, weather permitting. For additional information contact Downer EDI on 1300 776 069.

#### Glenorie - Ben Bullen Rd.

**Berowra Waters Ferry**. Berowra Waters Rd to Bay Rd. Routine Ferry Maintenance Tu 11 Jun to Tu 10 Dec. Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time. The Berowra Waters Ferry will be out of service on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm.

**Gordon Area 24/12** have distributed their November 2013 **newsletter**, which includes an advert for their up-coming meeting on **Thursday 28 November 7pm at Gordon Bowling Club.** If you would like a copy (because you're not expected to read this pic!) please email <a href="MHWGordon@gmail.com">NHWGordon@gmail.com</a>.



**Are you interested?** Please RSVP to Natasha Doggett 9476 9775 or email: <a href="mailto:dogg1nat@police.nsw.gov.au">dogg1nat@police.nsw.gov.au</a>



#### So what is the 'North Shore' Discernment Assembly? And do I want to go?

"Over the last few months we've met with people from all across the "North Shore" to listen to their stories about their lives in the North Shore. We've met with people from all walks of life.

We're all coming together on the **13 November 2013** to decide as a group what we want to take action on to make the North Shore an even greater place to live, for everyone.

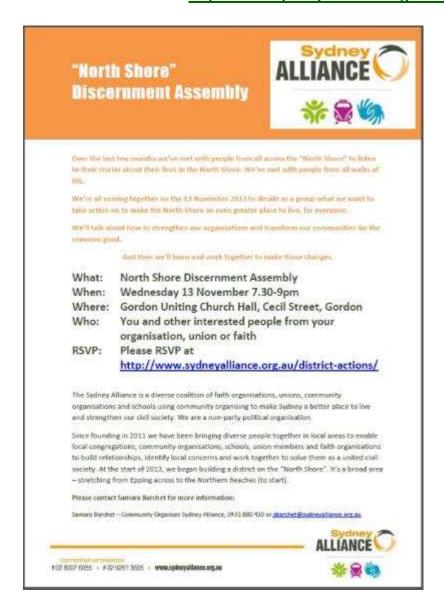
We'll talk about how to strengthen our organisations and transform our communities for the common good.

And then we'll learn and work together to make those changes."

What: North Shore Discernment Assembly When: Wednesday 13 November 7.30-9pm

Where: Gordon Uniting Church Hall, Cecil Street, Gordon

Who: You and other interested people from your organisation, union or faith RSVP: Please RSVP at http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/district-actions/



We're guessing that something's about to change at the junction of McIntosh Street and Werona Avenue, Gordon.



Looks like new ramps for pushchairs and the disabled.



Looks like a new island or refuge? And there's a new shape to the junction (marked on the road to the right of that approaching car).

#### Another use for the Coles App? Report those abandoned shopping trolleys!

Select 'services' and 'trolley collector', then fill in the details and choose whether it's a Coles, 1st Choice, Bunnings, Kmart or Target trolley. The App automatically uses your GPS location to determine the address. Photo of trolley can be attached.

#### From the Hornsby Advocate 31 Oct:

A CYCLIST has died and a young learner- driver is assisting police after a man came off his bike and slid under an oncoming vehicle. At 7.55am on Wednesday, the man, 45, of Frenchs Forest, was riding as part of a pack of six cyclists on Kissing Point Rd at South Turramurra.

Ku-ring-gai police duty officer Inspector David Hogg said a driver began to reverse out of a driveway, which caused traffic to slow down.

"The cars were stopped to let the car reverse out," Insp Hogg said. "The bike rider has come around the corner and swerved to avoid the cars. He crossed to the other side of the road, came off the bike and slid under a car, which was travelling in the opposite direction. He was going down the hill and has just slid right under the car going up the hill in the opposite direction," Insp Hogg said.

Witnesses rushed to perform CPR on the man. A NSW Ambulance spokeswoman said the man had severe head trauma and had suffered cardiac arrest as a result of the accident. He was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition but died as a result of his injuries.

Police inquiries are continuing but Insp Hogg said at this stage they did not expect to lay any charges against the 17-year-old driver, from Carlingford.

"The driver and her supervisor were taken to Hornsby Hospital for mandatory blood and urine testing but that is just a standard procedure, and at this stage of inquiries

#### Recently renovated?

**Our Tip:** Why not walk around the house with a video camera, recording the objects and contents in each room, opening each cupboard and each drawer to see inside? Include the shed, garage, garden ornaments, roof, cellar etc. In this manner you have a record of all your possessions, and an easy method of recalling what was in each room and where. It can assist with the annual job of reassessing the value of your contents insurance, or in the unfortunate event of a burglary.

#### Thanks to the Hornsby Advocate 'Street Watch' 31 Oct:

TURRAMURRA Cigarettes worth more than \$5000 were stolen after thieves broke into a bottle shop at South Turramurra through the roof. Between 8pm on Monday and 6.30am on Tuesday they climbed onto the roof of the Little Bottler on Kissing Point Rd and removed tiles before disabling the alarm and entering the shop. They tried to access the ATM but were unsuccessful. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

WAHROONGA An 18year-old Wahroonga man will face court on three offences of possessing a prohibited weapon after a Crime Stoppers tip-off. Police searched a property in Isis St, Wahroonga at 2.30pm on Tuesday and spoke to a young man. They found a flick knife. butterfly knife and metal knuckle dusters. The illegal weapons were confiscated and he will face court next month.

5 WAHROONGA Dozens of bottles of wine were stolen from a garage that was left open overnight in Wahroonga on Friday. Between 12.30am and 7am the door was left open to the property on Campbell Dr. Thieves took 24 bottles of champagne and 25 bottles of wine. Police were not supplied with a value of the stolen items. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

7 GALSTON The Galston Gorge was closed in both directions on Tuesday night following a head-on collision during heavy rain. Around 6pm a Mazda was heading down Galston Rd near the bridge when he hit a patch of oil on the road and lost control, veering into the path of a Commodore heading towards Galston. No one was injured

10 WAITARA Jewellery, a laptop and tablet were stolen from a home at Waitara on Friday. Between 8am and 1pm the ground floor door of a property in Wentworth St was forced open. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

but both cars had to be towed

from the scene.

6 WARRAWEE Valuables more than \$1800 were taken from a Warrawee home on Saturday night after a window was forced open. The property on Blytheswood Ave was robbed between 7pm and 8.30pm after the ground floor window was forcibly opened. Thieves took jewellery and an iPad.

BROKLYN A \$1000
outboard motor was taken
from the back of a ute parked
in Brooklyn on the weekend.
The car was left in the public
carpark on Dargar Rd between
7.30pm on Saturday and
8.30am on Sunday. The 3.7kilowatt Yamaha engine was
under a tarpaulin in the back
Witnesses should phone
Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**Did you know?** The recent paint job of the Bunnings wall in the alleyway from Wade Lane through to the Pacific Highway at Gordon was done especially with anti-graffiti paint costing \$50,000. Yes, that would be the same wall that had graffiti back on it a week later!

**From Ku-ring-gai Council:** Partial road closure of Henry St, between Cecil St and Ravenswood Ave, Gordon from 4pm Friday 08 November to 8pm Saturday 09 November. The purpose of the closure is to allow Ravenswood School for Girls to hold the Ravenswood Spring Fair. Access will be maintained for local residents and emergency vehicles.

#### **Important Contacts**

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799 Hornsby Police Station 292 Pacific Highway, 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

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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