



# Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 123 - 03 February 2014

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 Ku-ring-gai areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'). Unfortunately for the next 3 weeks there will be no Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer as he is on leave.

We add to this all the other stuff we find interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view. 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?

Please continue to email us anything you may know of, that others may appreciate: [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com). Thank you.

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**03 February, from Live Traffic NSW: PLAN AHEAD FOR THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS WITH MAJOR TRACKWORK AFFECTING TRAINS IN THE SYDNEY CBD [edited]**

If you're heading to the Randwick Races, Sydney FC A-League match or Mardi Gras Fair Day over the weekend plan your trip in advance while major trackwork takes place in the Sydney CBD. [Copied below - Ed]

### **T1 North Shore & Northern Line: Berowra to City via Gordon, Hornsby to City via Macquarie University**

Saturday 8 February 2.00am to Monday 10 February 2.00am

- Trains operate between Berowra and Wynyard only, due to City Circle trackwork.

### **T1 Northern Line: Hornsby and Epping to City via Strathfield**

Saturday 8 February 2.00am to Monday 10 February 2.00am

- Trains operate between Hornsby and Chatswood/North Sydney via Macquarie Park and between Epping and Central via Strathfield due to City Circle trackwork.
- Trains start and terminate at Central (platforms 4-14).
- T1 North Shore Line trains operate between Berowra and Wynyard only.

More trackwork

info: [http://www.sydneytrains.info/service\\_updates/trackwork/?period=1&lineId](http://www.sydneytrains.info/service_updates/trackwork/?period=1&lineId)

Special event buses info at: <http://www.transportnsw.info/en/transport-status/events/index.page?#>

Road closures and special event clearways info

at: [https://www.livetraffic.com/desktop.html#EVENT\\_459071](https://www.livetraffic.com/desktop.html#EVENT_459071)

There will also be special event clearways in place before and after Sunday's Mardi Gras Fair Day info

at: [https://www.livetraffic.com/desktop.html#EVENT\\_459672](https://www.livetraffic.com/desktop.html#EVENT_459672)

Visitors to Mardi Gras Fair Day info at: <http://www.transportnsw.info/en/transport-status/events/index.page?#>

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**03 February, from CareFlight: A tree lopper suffered critical head injuries**

**when he plunged 15 metres to the ground at Terry Hills, in Sydney's north, today.**

Ambulance paramedics called a CareFlight trauma doctor to help treat the man before flying him to hospital. CareFlight landed in an adjacent property minutes later, shortly before 11am. The CareFlight doctor said the 26-year-old man was cutting branches when the tree fell over, sending the man plunging to the ground. The doctor said if the tree had landed on the man he would have been killed. The paramedics and doctor treated the man for head and arm injuries. The doctor placed the man in an induced coma as a pre-hospital start to intensive care management, on a ventilator to control his breathing.

CareFlight flew the man to Royal North Shore Hospital where he was admitted in a critical condition.



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**03 February, from North Shore Times: A teen has been charged with the bashing of Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church minister Rick Smith.**

Canon Smith was assaulted while coming to the aid of a pizza delivery driver late last year. Following investigations of the incident, police arrested a 17-year-old youth at his home before taking him to the Chatswood Police Station yesterday

where was charged with affray and granted conditional bail to appear at Hornsby Children's Court on Thursday February 13.

Canon Smith, 49, intervened when a bunch of male teens approached the 17 year-old driver on Willoughby Rd in Naremburn at 9.25pm on Saturday November 9, 2013. Full story at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/north-shore/teen-charged-with-the-assault-on-naremburn-cammeray-anglican-minister-rick-smith/story-fngr8h9d-1226814793088>



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**03 February, from the Hornsby Advocate: HUNDREDS of complete strangers came together at a fundraiser on Sunday for the family of late Thonleigh teenager Daniel Christie.**

Internationally-acclaimed Sydney band Art vs. Science donated their time to perform on the night and gifts were donated for auction by the public in a show of support for the grieving Christie family.

The event was held just two weeks after the 18-year-old was farewelled at a touching ceremony at Hillsong Church in Baulkham Hills and a month after he was assaulted in Kings Cross. Full story at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/fundraiser-for-family-of-teenager-daniel-christie-supported-by-sydney-band-art-vs-science/story-fngr8i1f-1226816724994>



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### **03 February, from our neighbouring Ryde command: Assault of nine-year-old boy - Eastwood**

Police are appealing for witnesses following the alleged assault of a nine-year-old boy at Eastwood yesterday. About 4pm (Saturday 1 February 2014), the boy was jogging with two friends along Threlfell Street when he fell behind them by a short distance. As he jogged past bushes, a man allegedly grabbed the boy around the neck and shoulder. A short struggle ensued before the boy was able to escape and inform his friend's father of the incident. The boy was not injured.

Police from [Ryde LAC - NSW Police Force](#) attended and established a crime scene. Inquiries are continuing and investigators would like to speak to a man they believe may be able to assist with inquiries.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his late 30s to early 40s, of average height with a thin build, light brown hair cut in a flat top style, and a small goatee. He was last seen wearing a white round neck T-shirt and black three-quarter length pants.

Anyone with information is urged to contact **Eastwood Police on 02 9858 9299** or

**Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

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**31 January, from the North Shore Times: Sixteen-month-old girl Tabitha Slade dies after becoming entangled in blind cords**

THE gut-churning cries could be heard from the street as a mother found her 16-month-old baby choking on a blind cord yesterday. Neighbours on Hall Rd, Hornsby, said Tabitha Slade's mother Megan was "in hysterics" as she climbed into an ambulance with her daughter as her life slipped away about 2.30pm. Full story at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/sixteenmonthold-girl-tabitha-slade-dies-after-becoming-entangled-in-blind-cords/story-fni0cx12-1226814085054>



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**30 January:** Police from Wollongong Local Area Command are appealing for information to help locate a man wanted on arrest warrants. **David Matthews, 33, is wanted on two outstanding warrants regarding alleged fraud matters.**

Officers have conducted extensive searches to locate the man, but he has not been found. They are now appealing for information from the public in an attempt to locate him. He is known to frequent the Surry Hills, Redfern, and Sydney areas and may attend The Entrance or Berkeley Vale on the Central Coast. He may also be travelling interstate to Victoria or the Maryborough area in Queensland.



Matthews is described as being of Caucasian appearance with an olive complexion, 165-175cm tall, short black hair, brown eyes and of a medium build. He has a number of tattoos on his right arm, head and neck. If members of the public see Matthews, they are urged not to approach him but to **contact Triple Zero (000)** immediately. Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000



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**29 January, from the Police Dog Unit: A great way to cool off after a hard days work.**



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**29 January, from our neighbouring Brisbane Water command: MALE  
ARRESTED FOR POSSESS GRAFFITI IMPLEMENTS & GOODS IN CUSTODY  
– WOY WOY**

**POI: 24 old Hornsby male**

DETAILS: About 7:15pm Sunday 26/1/14 police were conducting a foot patrol in the Woy Woy area as part of the Australia day Operation. Police sighted the POI with 2 other young males rummaging through a back pack on the ground on Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy. As police approached they could see the POI was drinking alcohol in an alcohol free zone. Checks were conducted on all 3 males with further investigations ongoing re the other two males.

The POI was located with a number of assorted spray cans and had pain on his clothing and hands/body. He was also located with a scanner and a number of security keys identified as belonging to State Rail and a mobile phone suspected as being stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The POI was placed under arrest and conveyed to Gosford Police Station and charged with:



- 1 count Possess graffiti implement with intent to damage or deface
- 1 count Larceny
- 1 count Goods in personal custody suspected being stolen

To appear Woy Woy Local Court 4/3/14.

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**29 January, from Rotary Club of Turrumurra:** The Rotary Club of Turrumurra would like to acknowledge and congratulate **Mr Roger Norman**, who was honoured at the Ku-ring-gai Australia Day Celebrations with the award for Outstanding Service to the Community (individual). This award acknowledges the outstanding contribution of Roger as not only a Rotarian, but his selfless commitment to **combating Graffiti** in our local community.

We are all very proud of Roger and his commitment to Rotary and the Community.



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**29 January, from the Traffic & Highway Patrol command: Driver Distraction  
Fail ! (taken @ Pacific Hwy Gordon today)**



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**29 January, from our neighbouring Northern Beaches command: FOUND  
WHEEL CHAIR.....LOST OWNER.....**

Do you know the owner of this wheel chair? The Wheel chair pictured was found in Fisher Road, Dee Why in November. It is a 'Glide RBT' purple and black in colour. All retirement and nursing homes within a 1km radius have been visited with no owner located. If you have any information in relation to this wheel chair, please contact **Dee Why Police Station on: 9971 3399**



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**28 January: Police have established a crime scene following a bank robbery in North Sydney early this afternoon (Tuesday 28 January 2014).**

About 12.40pm, a man entered a bank on the Pacific Highway in North Sydney and demanded money from staff. Staff members handed him cash before he fled the scene on foot. The man did not present any weapons, nor was anyone injured, during the robbery.

Officers attached to Harbourside Local Area Command were called and immediately attended the scene. There, they were joined by specialist forensic staff and detectives from the Robbery and Serious Crime Squad. Police spoke to a

number of witnesses and conducted an extensive search of the surrounding area, but the man has not been found. Investigations are continuing and police would now like to speak to a man who may be able to assist with their inquiries.

The man is described as being of **Caucasian appearance, aged between 40-50 years old, about 170cm tall, having a medium build and a fair complexion.**

While the investigation is in its infancy, detectives will explore whether there are links between today's robbery and other incidents in recent weeks. Anyone with information that may assist the police investigation is asked to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. Information can be provided anonymously and will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



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### **From the North Shore Times Jan 31: SUPERINTENDENT MOVING ON**

HIS role as Kuring Gai's commander has been the most satisfying of **Superintendent Jeff Philippi's** 29year policing career. After working within the command for the past two years, Supt Philippi has now farewelled the Kuring Gai community to take up a post in Mt Druitt. He enjoyed being among the community after his previous role as Police Prosecutions operations director.

"Coming back into an operational command, working closely with the community on issues impacting on people's lives, lets you contribute in a different way," he said. "Also, to have a real respect for what our police do every day, to re-engage in that and support them in what they are doing. "(To) help them through the hard times and thank them for their efforts in the good times, it's just been very rewarding, I must say."

Supt Philippi said he had focused his role on working with his team on core issues

within the community.

“The domestic violence network is having a positive contribution to victims, to encourage them to seek help for themselves and their family members and dealing with offenders so that appropriate orders are made.”

Another major focus had been improving emergency management – including bushfire preparation and zoning with the RFS, SES and Ku-ring-gai Council.

“We have been developing firm concepts in relation to evacuation so we can build confidence in the community about our ability to respond,” he said.

Supt Philippi praised the 155 officers, admin and volunteer staff in the command.

“You couldn’t find more dedicated people”.



Superintendent Jeff Philippi met with locals at a barbecue held for Homeless Persons Week last year.



## THANKING JEFF

■ Ku-ring-gai Cr Chantelle Fornari-Orsmond will present a motion at Tuesday's council meeting to send Supt Philippi a letter of appreciation. She said, "I have found Supt Philippi to be very hands on, extremely committed and passionate about both his personal role in the community and that of the fine officers under his command. He has served our community very well and we owe him a debt of gratitude."

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**From our neighbouring Northern Beaches command: BIG SPIDER!**

**POTENTIALLY BIG PROBLEM.**

Our friend below was seized at a recent search warrant. He is the size of about two hands. He eats small birds...for breakfast. What if he got out and found a mate?

What if they bred like cane toads?



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After the positive feedback, here are the original eight tips from the draft '**Our 20**

## **Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours':**

**Tip #1.** IDENTIFY YOUR 6 IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS—2 TO YOUR LEFT, 2 TO YOUR RIGHT, ACROSS AND BEHIND YOU. Make an effort to get to know them and swop contact details.

**Tip #2.** SUGGEST AN ARRANGEMENT WITH NEIGHBOURS FOR WHEN ANY OF YOU ARE ON VACATION, eg for The local newspapers, garbage bins, mailboxes, parking in spaces, etc.

**Tip #3.** JOIN IN WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. They are your eyes and ears when you aren't at home.

**Tip #4.** INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION. Where should you park? What information is available there? When is it manned?

**Tip #5.** LOOK FOR YOUR LOCAL POLICE ON FACEBOOK. <like> them at [www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC](http://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC).

**Tip #6.** STORE YOUR NEW EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR LANDLINE AND MOBILE PHONES: **Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799, Gordon Police Station: 9418 5399, Crime Prevention Officer (CPO): 9476 9723.**

**Tip #7.** LOOK AT YOUR HOME, GARDEN, SHED, & IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD AS IF YOU WERE A BURGLAR. What gives you cover from being seen? Where is the quick get-away? Have you sensor lighting?

**Tip #8.** INVITE A LOCAL FRIENDLY TEENAGER TO TRY AND GET INTO YOUR HOME. Can they climb up to balconies? Can they fit through gaps?

Have you any suggestions for our 20 Favourite Tips? Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

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**Gordon East Public School** has agreed to be the new home for our Gordon Neighbourhood Watch banner. Thank you for display us GEPS! Hopefully it will act as a deterrent with its message of "If I don't see you my neighbour will!". Despite the banner being on the fence most of the holiday, the school did have an incident and are asking if anyone might have information please. The cricket pitch was mowed right down to the earth and 'Round Up' applied. This has left a considerable amount of damage to the fairly new grounds, including a dead area with several dead footprints leading away from it. Do you know anything that may help? Please phone Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000.

**Our comment:** Reminder. There is a reward for any information leading to an arrest via Crime Stoppers. This can even be received anonymously through a local TAB office!

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Thanks to Dave'sWordsofWisdom.com

EVERYONE MAKES **MISTAKES**  
IN LIFE, BUT THAT  
DOESN'T MEAN THEY  
HAVE TO **PAY** FOR THEM  
FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.  
SOMETIMES **GOOD**  
PEOPLE MAKE **BAD** CHOICES,  
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN  
THEY'RE **BAD** PEOPLE.  
IT JUST MEANS  
THEY ARE **HUMAN..!**

[www.Daveswordsofwisdom.com](http://www.Daveswordsofwisdom.com)

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### **From NSW Fair Trading Jan 30: NSW leads national crackdown on fake testimonials**

Online deceptions involving bogus testimonials have resulted in significant consumer detriment, according to an inquiry by national and state-based consumer protection agencies. Full Media Release

at: [http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About\\_us/](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/)

[News and events/Media releases/2014 media releases/  
20140130 national crackdown fake testimonials.page](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2014_media_releases/20140130_national_crackdown_fake_testimonials.page)

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**Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai PCYC Futsal? Phone: 9477 2310 or 1300 858 116**



**FUTSAL 2014**  
HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI PCYC  
94 George Street  
Phone: 9477 2310 or 1300 858 116  
E-mail: [hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au)

Want to get ready for the Winter Soccer  
Season?

OR

Just looking to have some fun and keep fit?



A new futsal competition will be starting at the beginning of Feb 2014.

Futsal is a variant to indoor soccer with one more player on the field. It is ideal for developing close quarter soccer skills or just to enjoy during the off-season.

The Hornsby PCYC will have several age groups ranging from Under 8's to Under 18's.

For more information or to register a team or player contact Alex at Hornsby PCYC.

*Love this futsal*

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**Counterfeit Bank Notes Detection Guide.** Could you spot a Counterfeit banknote?

1. Is it plastic?
2. Look for the Coat of Arms
3. Look for the Star
4. Check the clear Window
5. Feel the Dark Printing
6. Check the print quality
7. Look for the Microprinting
8. Look at the banknote under UV light

8 steps and common myths explained. Leaflet to download

at: <http://banknotes.rba.gov.au/assets/pdf/counterfeit-detection-guide.pdf>

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**SCHOOL ZONE**

8-9<sup>30</sup> AM  
2<sup>30</sup>-4 PM  
SCHOOL DAYS

**40**

## School Zone Parking Offences

END  
SCHOOL  
ZONE

**60**

Penalties that apply to illegal parking on all roads in School Zones – from 1 July 2013

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Stopping</b></p> <p>Means that under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies. Aus Road Rule - 167</p>	<p><b>Penalty \$304 + 2 demerit points</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Parking</b></p> <p>Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. ARR - 168(1)</p>	<p><b>Penalty \$169 + 2 demerit points</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bus Zone</b></p> <p>Means that you must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus. ARR - 183(1)</p>	<p><b>Penalty \$304 + 2 demerit points</b></p>

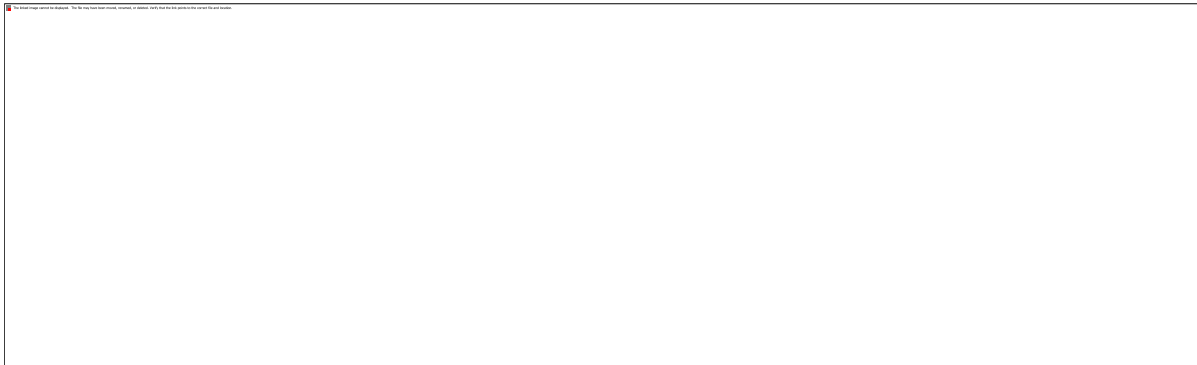
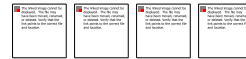
**Help keep our kids safe!**

**Obey these parking signs at all times.**

**There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with speeding and parking offences in School Zones. The following offences carry the following fines and demerit points from 1 July 2013:**

<b>Double Parking in school zone - \$304 + 2 demerit points</b>	You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. Always stop or park legally and safely at the edge of the road or in a parking area. ARR - 169
<b>Stop on or across a driveway or block access to a property in school zone - \$169 + 2 demerit points</b>	You must not stop or park your vehicle on or across a driveway, or block access to a property. ARR - 188(2)
<b>Stop on path or nature strip in school zone - \$169 + 2 demerit points</b>	You must not stop or park your vehicle on a footpath or nature strip in a built up area. This includes stopping with two wheels on the road and two on the path or nature strip. ARR-197(1)
<b>If you stop in, on or near an intersection in school zone - fine from \$236</b>	Unless a sign allows you to park there, you must not stop or park your vehicle: ARR - 170(1-3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 20 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection with traffic lights;</li> <li>• Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights including roundabouts.</li> </ul>
<b>Stop on/near pedestrian/marked foot crossing / children's crossing - \$405 + 2 demerit points</b>	You must not stop or park your vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing to drop people off or pick them up. ARR - 171(1)





03 February 2014

Yahoo! Mail accounts breached, change your password: **SSO Alert Priority High**

On 30 January 2014, Yahoo! confirmed that user names and passwords for its Yahoo Mail accounts were stolen in a cyber attack. Australian Yahoo Mail users are likely to be included.

Yahoo states that affected users should have already been prompted to change their password.

We advise anyone who uses Yahoo Mail to also change their password as a precaution.

Yahoo has currently provided limited information about the attack.

It has stated its own systems were not breached, and that user names and passwords were stolen from a third-party database. There are estimated to be more than 270 million Yahoo Mail accounts worldwide, but it is not known how many accounts could be affected by this attack.

In addition to changing passwords, Yahoo is encouraging users to use “second sign-in” (two-factor) authentication as an additional layer of security for their accounts.

Yahoo has also stated that it has implemented, “additional measures to block attacks against Yahoo!’s systems.”

Yahoo also offers [advice on its website](#) about safeguarding your account.

More information

Stay Smart Online has previously discussed [setting passwords](#), including [what makes a strong password and why it’s important](#). You can also read [about two-factor authentication](#) on our site.

The information provided here is of a general nature. Everyone's circumstances are different. If you require specific advice you should contact your local technical support

provider.

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

This facebook page can be accessed without being signed into facebook, or even a facebook person!

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### Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW and Ku-ring-gai Council



**THORNLEIGH** Pennant Hills Rd *between* Durry Ave *and* Pacific Hwy

Date: Thu 30 Jan 2014  
- Thu 27 Feb  
2014

Impact:



**Scheduled  
lane closures  
for this week**  
Sun to Fri (8pm  
to 5am) Both  
directions  
affected

- Advice: Check signage  
Reduce speed
- Other Info: Maintenance  
work will be  
carried out over  
10 nights (except  
Saturdays).  
Motorists are  
advised to expect  
minor delays as  
partial lane  
closures will be in  
place.
- Traffic controllers  
will be on site  
and will provide  
access to  
properties as  
required. Some  
bus stops will be  
relocated.

**TURRAMURRA** Fox Valley Rd *between* Lucinda Ave *and* Ada Ave

- Date: Tue 10 Dec 2013  
- Tue 11 Feb  
2014
- Impact:
- Scheduled  
road closures  
for this week**  
Mon to Sun (8pm  
to 5am) Both  
directions closed
- Diversions: Detour via  
Lucinda Avenue,  
Pacific Highway  
and Ada Avenue.
- Advice: Check signage  
Allow extra travel  
time



**Scheduled  
road closures  
for this week**  
Mon to Sun (8pm  
to 5am) Both  
directions closed



**ROSEVILLE CHASE** Babbage Rd *between* Eastern Valley Way *and* Park Ave

Date: Mon 3 Feb 2014 -  
Mon 10 Feb 2014

Impact:



**Scheduled  
lane closures  
for this week**  
Sun to Fri (8pm  
to 5am) Both  
directions  
affected

Advice: Check signage  
Reduce speed

Other Info: Maintenance  
work will be  
carried out on  
one night (except  
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required.

**Roseville Chase, Allard Avenue (between Babbage Road and Lockley  
Parade) and Normac Street:** Road resurfacing scheduled for two days from 3  
February 2014, weather permitting.

**Pymble, Yarran Street / Cross Street / Cultowa Road:** Road resurfacing  
scheduled for two nights from 24 February, weather permitting.

**For further information, see:**

<https://www.livetraffic.com/>

[http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Projects\\_and\\_initiatives/Council\\_initiatives/Roadworks](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Projects_and_initiatives/Council_initiatives/Roadworks)

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**Ku-ring-gai Council and Hornsby Shire Council (along with other local councils) have  
produced a 'Seniors Road Safety Calendar 2014'. Each month comes with a message.**

## February's is: 'School Zones'.

- Most school zones operate from 8am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4pm on gazetted school days. Increased fines and demerit points apply.
- Slowing down and parking legally around schools, helps keep children safe.

**Our suggestion:** If your calendar doesn't show school term dates, then at the start of each year, go to the website and make a note. Here's the link for 2014:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=21&viewType=yearView>

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## From the Hornsby Advocate, Jan 30: EVIDENCE MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS THROWN

POLICE say a fire that destroyed a Hornsby motorcycle business on Monday and killed a guard dog was started by a molotov cocktail. [edited]



Picture: BILL HEARNE Emergency services officer attempts to revive a guard dog at the Hornsby repair shop.

More than \$350,000 in damage was done to the business and half of the 25 bikes on site were destroyed.

Detectives from Ku-ringgai Local Area Command are investigating the fire, after a smashed bottle was found on the floor which was believed to contain a molotov cocktail. Anyone who witnessed the incident should phone **Kuring-gai detectives on 9476 9799.**

**1 DURAL** A safe containing cash and jewellery worth more than \$60,000 was stolen from a property in Dural on Tuesday night. Between midnight and 2.30pm someone jumped the gates to the Zha property on Mitchell Rd. They broke into the house through a bedroom window and locked the family dog in a room. They somehow removed the safe, which was bolted to the ground, and taken it along with wedding rings, Rolex watches and \$5000 in cash. Police said two people would be needed to lift the box. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**2 WAHROONGA** A woman, 72, was lucky to sustain no injuries after her car hit a power pole and brought down live wires. About 11am on Saturday the woman was driving on The Chase Rd near Eastern Rd when witnesses reported her Toyota Corolla swerve in the lane. It then hit the pole, knocked it down and brought down the wires. The street was closed off and diversions were put in place. She was taken to The San as a precaution.

**4 WAHROONGA** Four bikes worth more than \$13,000 in total were stolen from a Wahroonga home last week. Some time between 5pm on January 21 and 11.30am on Sunday, the garage door of the property on Cyrus Ave was forced open. Two race bikes and two mountain bikes were taken. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**5 ASQUITH** Laptops worth \$4300 were taken from a business in Asquith on Saturday night. Netcad Computer Store on the Pacific Highway was broken in to between 4pm on Saturday and 10.30am on Sunday. A link on a gate had been cut and the shop was entered through a shutter door. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.



**6 WAHROONGA** Damage totalling more than \$1000 was done to Wahroonga Public School last week.

Between January 20 and Tuesday, black texta and blue house paint was used to damage the toilet, hall and canteen buildings. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**7 WAHROONGA** A watch and mobile phone worth \$4000 were taken from a Mercedes in Billyard Ave at Wahroonga on Tuesday night. Some time between midnight on Tuesday and 7am on Wednesday the property was entered and the car was broken in to. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**10 GALSTON** A car had to be towed out of the Galston Gorge on Sunday night after it was steered into a rock wall. The Mitsubishi Maxima was heading west towards Galston about 8.50pm when the driver swerved to avoid an animal. The driver did not sustain any injuries.

**8 HORNSBY** A car was broken in to and damaged for \$1 worth of change. The Toyota Hilux had a window smashed and locks damaged between January 19 and Tuesday. It was parked on Rosemead Rd at Hornsby and only had loose change inside. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

**3 HORNSBY** A man who claimed to have been king hit by a security guard was found to have fallen down stairs outside a pub in Hornsby on Saturday night. The man, 41, was refused service at The Hornsby Inn about 9pm and asked to leave. He argued with a security guard before using offensive language. He then fell down some stairs before he got up and hit the guard in the head with a bag. Emergency services were called and a review of CCTV footage did not support the man's claims.

**9 WAITARA** Police continue to warn residents about mail being stolen after two incidents last week.  
The first was in Waitara Ave in Waitara when a bank statement was taken.  
The second was on Bridge Rd at Hornsby where a man was seen hanging around letterboxes.  
Use good quality locks and report suspicious activity.  
Witnesses should phone

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## **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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