

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 Kuring Gai Police 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. Click here to join our distribution list.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? Click here to email Gordon NHW. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

16 March: Neighbourhood Watch volunteers pictured here at the St Ives Food & Wine Festival, St Ives Village Green on the Sunday 01 March. Thank you to all those who gave their time. It was a difficult gig in the heat! Around 50 people signed up for the weekly eNewsletter, joining in with St Ives E-Watch #2 (a Neighbourhood Watch group connected purely via email). Please contact Snr Con Paul Cleary, our Crime Prevention Officer for more information about

Neighbourhood Watch in your area, and the next Crime Prevention event happening in Kuring Gai LAC. **Phone Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799.**



Pictured: Rob Sawyer (St Ives E-Watch#2 coordinator), Mario Dimovski (NHW volunteer, St Ives), Wal Knowles (<u>East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area</u> <u>25/26</u> coordinator), Chris Zvirblis (NHW volunteer, St Ives)

16 March: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) Neighbourhood Watch newsletter for March 2015 (page 1 of 2).

This newsletter advertises the upcoming NHW meeting at 8pm Monday 30 March 2015 at the Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave.

Snr Con Paul Cleary, our Crime Prevention Officer, Kuring gai Local Area Command, NSW Police Force will present 'The importance of photographing, identifying and measuring your valuable items'.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA GORDON 3 / 4

MONDAY - 30 MARCH 2015 AT 8.00 PM

LOUNGE AREA OF THE UNITING CHURCH. TURRAMURRA AVENUE TURRAMURRA

SNR CONSTABLE PAUL CLEARY

Crime Prevention Officer Kuring gal Local Area Command, NSW Police Force WILL PRESENT

"THE IMPORTANCE OF PHOTOGRAPHING, IDENTIFYING AND MEASURING YOUR VALUABLE ITEMS"

By taking these steps it is much easier for the police to identify stolen property and for you to have your property returned to you.

PLUS FURTHER UPDATE ON LATEST SCAMS

More Tips will be shared on how to avoid the latest scar Remember; if it sounds too good, then it is too good to be true ~ STAY ALERT and say NO All Welcome

PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2014
This meeting opened at 803pm in the iconge area. Coffee, tea, cake, and biscuits were available before the This meeting opened at 8:03pm in the lounge area meeting. 14 people including the committee attended

PRESENTATION. Senior Constable Paul Cleary spoke about recent scams briefly and then about trends in local crime. One recent trend is the increase of crystal methamphetamine (ice) in the area and the problems this is crime. Di causing.

Paul's main presentation was based on questions from the audience. He spoke about homeless people in various suburbs and that although some may require or accept help others in aleas such as Brooklyn are quite content with their lifestyle. Some attendees mentioned an apparently homeless saly in Turramina who regularly feeds birds near the station. Paul said that poke carril trienview with comparishs about horseless people unless they're creating a disturbance. He recommended requesting help from an appropriate charity group.

Storage cages (in the garages) in some unit blocks have been targeted recently as people often store valuable goods there and the cage construction is flintsy and it's generally easy to enter the supposedly secure area under unit blocks and break into these cages. It is recommended that a strong paddock is used for the cages.

Email NHWGordon for your copy.

16 March: Police from Hawkesbury LAC - NSW Police Force are investigating a report of a man impersonating a police officer in North Richmond on Friday.

About 3.35pm (Friday 13 March, 2015), a 20-year-old woman was driving west along Bells Line of Road when a dark blue Ford sedan with a flashing light on the dashboard appeared behind her.

Click here for full Media Release.

Tips for the public when they are suspecting a person is impersonating a

police officer:

- Always ask for official police identification. A police officer's badge will have a coloured backing and have a separate photo identification card.
- If you suspect someone is impersonating a police officer, contact the police station the officer belongs to in order to verify their identity.
- Always source the phone number independently rather than calling a number provided by suspicious individuals. People can also call verified police phone numbers, such as the Police Assistance Line (131 444), Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000) or of course Triple Zero (000) in case of an emergency.
- Any officers executing a search warrant should provide you with a copy of the warrant outlining all the details, including your rights. Search warrants will always be videotaped and an independent officer will be present; any concerns should be directed towards the independent officer.
- Always look for the officer's arms and appointments. All officers should be in possession of a police radio.

15 March, from Stay Smart Online: Scammers Use Facebook Tags to Spread Malware

If you use Facebook, watch out for suspicious posts tagged with dozens of names. This new scam is called 'malicious tagging' and it's tricking victims into downloading malware.

Click here for full information, including how the scam works.



14 March, from our neighbouring North Shore command, via North Shore Times. Do you know anything?

Police are searching for vandals who wrote graffiti or tags over a professionally painted mural and damaged an outdoor table at Artarmon Public School last weekend. The damage to the mural requires an artist to repaint some sections. **Contact Chatswood Police on 9414 8500** if you can help.

14 March, from NSW Fair Trading: Builders and tradies, catch up with the latest edition of Foundations - our quarterly e-newsletter.

In this March edition, we took a look at the new contract requirements that commenced 1 March, went behind the scenes with our Building Inspectors and introduced the updated Consumer Building Guide and home building contracts.

Click here to view it, and to subscribe.

14 March, from Stay Smart Online Alert Service: Apply March security updates to Adobe Flash Player: Alert Priority High

Adobe has released a <u>security bulletin</u> featuring updates to address vulnerabilities in its widely-used Flash Player software.

Click here for full alert information.

14 March, from Australian Federal Police: How do you report a crime?

Facebook is, unfortunately, not the place. But here are the right options to go for:

- In an emergency, call **Triple Zero (000)** for immediate police assistance.
- For child exploitation offences, you can report them to us via our website, or to the ACMA Hotline: <u>Click here.</u>
- For offences that will be dealt with by state police, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. If you're unsure, they'll point you in the right direction.
- Scams should be reported to SCAMwatch: <u>Click here</u>.
- Offensive online content should be reported to the ACMA: <u>Click here</u>.
- Cybercrimes, including online fraud, should be reported to ACORN, the government's new reporting tool for these offences: <u>Click here</u>.

Commonwealth offences can be reported to us at: <u>Click here</u>.

Folks, this post is definitely one to share.

12 March: OFFICE OF STATE REVENUE SCAM ALERT

The OSR is now aware of four scams targeting the community:

Land tax scam
Payroll tax scam
Fraudulent speeding fines scam
Phone scam demanding upfront payment of \$400

All four scams are fake. People should not respond to unsolicited emails or phone calls without first verifying they are legitimate. OSR is advising people not to click on anything or disclose any personal or banking details - basically just delete the emails or hang up.

For more information, click here.

12 March, from the Hornsby Advocate: Police alerted after man seen urinating near children's facilities in Wahroonga

POLICE have been alerted after two incidents in Wahroonga where a man has been observed urinating near children's facilities.

The first incident occurred on Monday afternoon after a man was seen relieving himself near the top gate of a preschool in Fox Valley Rd when children were being picked up. A man with a similar appearance was seen about 4.30pm yesterday urinating at a park at the Lucinda Ave/Fox Valley Rd roundabout. The man is in his mid to late 50s, about 172cm tall, with a solid build and a beard, wearing green shorts, work boots and a hat. It is believed he was driving a vehicle with a cab and a back van section. While the man didn't approach or make contact with children in the area, parents at the preschool and nearby primary school have been warned. Anyone with information is asked to call **Hornsby Police on 9476 9799**.

Click here for link to article.

11 March: Police are renewing their appeal for witnesses to apparent acts of indecency to come forward. [edited]

In December 2014, police attached to the Ryde Local Area Command Pro-Active Team executed a search warrant at a residential premises in a Sydney suburb. As a result, police seized a GoPro camera and a number of electronic storage devices. The storage devices depicted apparent acts of peep and pry, voyeurism and 'up-skirting' conduct, along with acts of indecency, an indecent assault, and aggravated break and enter offences.

'Some of the images include "up-skirting'; peep and pry where people have been filmed in their own homes showering; women travelling on trains where another passenger has allegedly licked the back of their heads; and the reactions of women to an act of indecency,' • Det Insp Puffett said.

'The images were taken in Carlingford, Epping, Beecroft, **Normanhurst and Thornleigh** areas between October and December 2014. 'We have released two images of females; we believe they may have witnessed one of these incidents, or could have been a victim. **We are hoping they may come forward and speak to police**,' Det Insp Puffett said.





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

10 March: Police are appealing for information after two children were approached at Normanhurst yesterday.

Police have been told it was about 6pm (Monday 9 March 2015), a boy and girl, aged eight, were riding bicycles along **Redgrave Street** when a man wearing dark-coloured clothing started following them. The children said they stopped after about 200m. This continued to **Nicholas Street** before the boy's mother met the children and the man left. Officers from Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police
Force canvassed the street and spoke with local residents. Police have commenced an investigation and are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

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



Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) has announced its 2015 Community Funding Programme.

Have you any project ideas for our command? Email suggestions please

to Gordon NHW.

Click here for more information.

East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meetings for 2015: Wednesday 22 April and Wednesday 21 October. Please pencil-in the dates in your diaries and come along to the East Killara Uniting Church Hall at 7:30pm for some great advice and FREE give-aways.

From Ku-ring-gai Council:



Click here for information on the campaign.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 19 March: Workshop for supervisors of learner drivers, 6:30pm Ku-ringgai Council Chambers Bookings essential ph: **9424 0798.**

Saturday 21 March: Activate Lindfield Community Day, 11am-3pm, Woodford Ln car park. Click here.

Tuesday 24 March: Our CPO is giving a Crime Prevention seminar with Ku-ringgai Council as part of Seniors Week: "Beat the Crims! One in, All in - Cops & Community!" 10:30-12, Council Chambers, Gordon. Bookings thru council.

Wednesday 25 March: FREE Safer Senior Drivers presentation. 10-12noon,

Hornsby Shire Council Chambers. **Bookings essential**: 9847 6856.

Saturday 28 March: Ku-ring-gai Big Swing Festival, 5-10pm, St Ives

Showground. Click here.

Sunday 29 March: Mt Colah Mingle Day, 2:30-5:30pm, Mt Colah Community

Centre. NHW will have a stall.

Monday 30 March 2015: 8pm Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Turramurra Uniting Church. Speaker: S/C Paul Cleary (CPO)

Monday 13 April: 'All Areas' NHW meeting. 6pm, Gordon Police Station. All welcome!

Tuesday 14 April: SES Membership Info night. 7:30pm, HQ, Golden Jubilee Fields Complex.

Wednesday 22 April: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting

Sunday 04 May: 10-3pm St Ives Festival on the Green. NHW will have a Crime

Prevention stall there!

Wednesday 03 June: 5:30 for 6pm, Hornsby Police station. Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee meeting.

Monday 22 June: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential**: ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or email

Monday 28 September 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Monday 21 September: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young

Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential**: ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or email

Wednesday 21 October: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

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

NB: THIS FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE ACCESSED WITHOUT BEING SIGNED INTO FACEBOOK. Scroll down to see more information going back in time.

From NSW Food Authority, 16 March: RECALL EXTENDED

RL Adams Pty Ltd has extended its recall of egg products sold in independent supermarkets including IGA, fruit and veg stores and butcher shops in NSW, QLD and NT. The products are being recalled due to eggs being dirty (potential for microbial contamination).

The extra recalled products (in addition to the recalled Mountain Range products previously advised) are:

* Darling Downs Fresh Eggs, half dozen, dozen and 30-egg packs in 300g, 350g, 500g, 600g, 700g and 1500g (moulded recycled paper cartons), 'best before' dates

between 26/03/15 AE and 22/04/15 AE

Consumers should not consume these products.



Click here for more info.

From the Hornsby Advocate, March 12:

Council deems kerbside scavenging 'unsafe'

TURNING other people's trash into treasure from kerbside waste collection piles has been called an 'Aussie tradition'. But Hornsby Council has instead said it is 'unsafe'• and 'not supported' because of safety issues and the mess it creates for its garbage collection service. The council's waste management manager Narelle Bowly said scavengers were discouraged. 'People don't know what they are searching through and it becomes a safety issue for themselves; you don't know what people stack in their piles of rubbish and how they have stacked things,' she said. 'We don't accept needles and fire extinguishers but people still put them out. 'Residents take great care to stack up all their items but scavengers come along and spread out the pieces, which then poses a risk to others.'•

Donating working or usable items to charity or listing them for free on classifieds was preferred, Ms Bowly said.

Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, has advised us that 'THEFT FROM FINDING' (as it is referred to) is an offence.

From the Hornsby Advocate, March 12:

WESTLEIGH A number of break-ins occurred in Westleigh and Thornleigh overnight on Friday, some while the occupants were sleeping. Purses, phones and sunglasses were stolen. CCTV has shown three youths wearing hoodies in the vicinity of the break-ins. Police are urging residents to ensure their windows and doors are locked at night and when they are not at home. Anyone with information is asked to call Hornsby police on 9476 9799.

MT COLAH A 59vear-old motorist was lucky to escape serious injury after his Ford Fairlane hit the back of a truck in the northbound lanes of the M1 at Mt Colah about 5am on Friday. The man was treated at the scene by paramedics. The car sustained major front end damage and was towed from the scene. Police said the truck failed to stop after the accident. Inquiries are continuing.

TURRAMURRA A
disgruntled motorist
threw a coin at another car,
smashing its window about
6.45am on Friday. Police said
the incident was sparked when
a car, driven by a 38-year-old
woman, pulled out in front of a
black two-door ute in Rohini St,
Turramurra. After throwing the
coin the ute driver did a U-turn
and took off down Eastern Rd.
Police inquiries are continuing.

6 HORNSBY A 20-year-old man was arrested after he allegedly tried to steal a T-shirt and a box of underwear, valued at \$110, from David Jones at Hornsby on Sunday. He was issued with a criminal infringement notice for shoplifting.

7 BEROWRA A blue Mazda Bravo dual cab parked on the Pacific Highway, Berowra, was stolen between 8.20am and 6.45pm on Sunday. HORNSBY A 45-year-old woman was charged with stealing, goods in custody and two outstanding warrants after she was allegedly caught shoplifting at Coles Hornsby on Monday.

HORNSBY Hornsby
Baptist Church was broken into on Sunday night. Access was gained through a front window, with the offender rummaging through several rooms but nothing was stolen.

From the North Shore Times, 13 March:

Full-time 'no parking' signs will be installed in front of two properties along Cowan Rd, St Ives. Ku-ringgai Council's traffic committee recommended the measure in response to dangerous traffic conditions. The committee also discussed a proposal for a clearway on Mona Vale Rd, St Ives, on condition that Roads and Maritime Services consult with the community and council.



Click here for more information.

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) - SNIPPETS from the recent Information Day.

NHWA are developing a mobile phone App.

NHWA have NHW newsletter templates to download: Click here.

NHWA have community brochures to download from their website: Click here.



Thanks to Hip2Save.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW.

GALSTON Galston Rd between Montview Pde and Calderwood Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 13 Apr 2015 - Fri 17 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled road closures for this week

Mon to Fri (9am to 4pm) Both directions closed

Alternative routes include Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary

Diversions: Road, Pennant Hills Road, Pacific Highway and George Street. Allow an

extra 20 minutes travel time.

Check signage Advice:

Use alternative route

Replacing asphalt surface, road maintenance and line marking.

Other Info: The road will be closed to all vehicles expect one lane will remain open for

emergency vehicles at all times.

HORNSBY George St between Pacific Hwy and Burdett St

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 9 Mar 2015 - Thu 9 Apr 2015

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Impact: Sun to Thu (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Thu to Fri (9.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Fri to Sat (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Check signage Advice:

Exercise caution

Other Stop/slow conditions will be implemented to allow motorists to travel in

Info: both directions past this road work.

HORNSBY Pacific Hwy at Leonard St

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Wed 11 Mar 2015 - Wed 18 Mar 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Reduce speed

Advice: Exercise caution

Other Info: Asphalting and line marking requiring one night shift to complete.

PENNANT HILLS Beecroft Rd between Albert Rd and Pennant Hills Rd SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 16 Mar 2015 - Tue 31 Mar 2015

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Impact: Mon to Thu (8pm to 2pm) Northbound affected Thu to Fri (9.30pm to 5am) Northbound affected Fri to Sun (9pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Advice: Check signage Exercise caution

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd between Trebor Rd and Railway St SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 2 Mar 2015 - Wed 1 Apr 2015

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Wed (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected Impact:

> Thu (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected Fri (9:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected Sat (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Check signage Advice:

Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Other Info: Two of three lanes will close in both directions for survey work.

PYMBLE Pacific Hwy between Livingstone Ave and Bloomsbury Ave SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Thu 19 Mar 2015 - Wed 25 Mar 2015

2 of 3 southbound lane(s) closed.

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Impact: Thu to Fri (10pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected

Fri to Sat (10pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Mon to Tue (10pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected Tue to Wed (10pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Check signage Advice: Exercise caution

WAHROONGA Pacific Hwy between Woolcott Ave and M1 Mwy (F3 Fwy)

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Mon 16 Mar 2015 - Fri 10 Apr 2015 Date:

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Wed (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected Thu to Sat (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Reduce speed

Exercise caution

NorthConnex survey investigation works.

There will also be related works at:

Pacific Highway between Woonona Avnue and Pennant Hills Road,

Other Wahroonga; and

Info: M1 Motorway (F3 Freeway) between Pennant Hills Road and Edgeworth

David Avenue, Wahroonga.

There will be no work between April 2 and April 7 due to the Easter long

weekend.

WEST PYMBLE Ryde Rd at Lady Game Dr

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 1 Mar 2015 - Fri 20 Mar 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (9pm to 5am) Southbound affected

. Check signage

Advice: Reduced speed limit (40km/h)

Other Info: 1 of 3 lanes will be closed southbound.

Click here for Live Traffic NSW website.

To make you smile

A reader's friend was the victim of a Break & Enter. Irreplaceable family heirloom jewellery was stolen. An insurance claim was made. Rather than buy new jewellery, the owner had an always-wanted nose job!

Our reminder: Always set the burglar alarm when you leave your home. It's not an alarm, if it's not activated!

We have had recent burglaries in the Kuring Gai command where homes were broken into and the burglar alarms weren't activated.

From Ku-ring-gai Council, 11 March: Feral rabbit control program gets underway in Ku-ring-gai

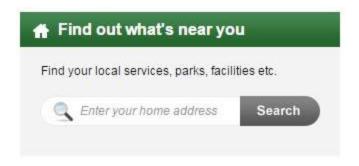
The program will begin this week and continue until the end of April in Ku-ring-gai's reserves and parks. The suburbs affected are **Pymble**, **Turramurra**, **Wahroonga**, **St Ives and Killara**.

Click here for full Media Release.

Did You Know?

On the Ku-ring-gai Council website you can enter your address and 'Find out what's near you'. <u>Click here</u> and look in the bottom right corner of the web page to enter your address and get information such as;

- your councillors
- garbage collection dates (so useful if you forget which bin it is this week)
- local events
- parks, playgrounds
- local groups, clubs and classes
- and more...



From Hornsby Council: Meet your neighbours in Mount Colah

If you're a resident of Mount Colah, get out and meet your neighbours while also enjoying great food and stalls at the Mount Colah Mingle.

WHEN: Sunday 29 March, 2.30pm-5.30pm

WHERE: Mount Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close

COST: Free

Reader writes: One of our readers was recently concerned about food storage at a local cafe.

Our response: Contact the local council.

Click here for Hornsby Shire Council:

How do I raise concerns about a food premises?

Council investigates complaints regarding food premises.

If you have concerns about a food premises you can ask Council to investigate using the following link - Request a food safety investigation

Click here for Ku-ring-gai Council:

Report a food business

Contact us if:

- you think food from a business has made you or someone you know sick
- you notice a hygiene problem at a food premises
- · you find foreign material in food

The original food packaging, uneaten portions or receipts may also help our investigation.

Looks like people need more... training!



Thanks to Cop Humour Australia.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799 Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ridge Road (ex- Pac 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

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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