



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page [click here](#) (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 NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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7 November, NSW Road Safety



Today marks the launch of Bus Safety Week. In the last five years, pedestrians have made up more than half of the bus-related fatalities. Bus Safety Week promotes safety for pedestrians. Learn more about how to keep safe [here](#). Watch our animation to see how pedestrians, drivers, cyclists and passengers can all stay safe on and around buses.

6 November, NSW Police Force

Thanks to our White Ribbon brothers over in Canada for this great infographic. These are 6 things men can do actively stop street harrasment and be a SAFE bystander.

**6 Things Men Can
Do To Stop Street
Harrasment**



For details, click [here](#).

4 November, Crime Stoppers NSW



Are you planning to go out this weekend? There are things you can do to protect yourself against drink spiking.

- Never leave drinks unattended
- Buy your own drinks
- Watch your drink service closely
- Don't accept drinks from people you don't know
- Recognise out of character behaviour and report suspicious behaviour
- Refuse strong tasting drinks
- Don't drink or taste other people's drinks
- Tell someone where you are going and who with
- If you feel strange tell a friend and go to a safe place
- If you feel strange don't leave the premise with people you don't trust

MOST IMPORTANTLY! Look after your friends and monitor their behaviour!

If you suspect someone is a victim of drink spiking –

- Seek medical attention and ask for a urine test
- Report the matter to the police, it can be an official report or just for intelligence purposes
- Talk to someone or seek counselling

REMEMBER: If you see something, say something.

4 November, Looking to buy a dog online?

Don't be sold a pup by scammers...

There has been a large number of scam reports recently in relation to the online purchase of pets - French Bulldogs in particular.

Advertised in online classifieds and pretending to be within Australia or overseas, the scammers initially ask buyers to transfer the purchase price of the (non-existent) pet - often between \$2500 to \$3000. Once this has been transferred, the victims are then asked for further funds for shipping, customs fees, vet fees and quarantine fees and use these excuses as reason for delivery delays. Most communication is via email, although voice-over-internet services have been used in some cases to make incoming calls appear to be from local numbers.

Needless to say, the promised puppy never arrives, but the transferred money is long gone!

How to avoid

Conduct thorough research on the seller/breeders. One way to establish the credential of sellers/breeders, is get involved with the online pet communities and breeder forums.

Run a search on the exact wording of the online advertisement - this can help ascertain if there have been previous complaints made in relation to the seller.

Look for signs of fraud, such as continued shipping delays and ongoing requests for unexpected fees. The quarantine process of imported animals is lengthy, and a short delivery time is a sign of a possible scam. Stop paying unexpected fee requests immediately in order to stop further loss.

A valid import permit is required for importation from all countries, other than New Zealand.

For further information, click [here](#).

3 November, from the Hornsby Advocate: Charges over alleged sexual assault

A 23-year-old woman and her 31-year-old partner are behind bars tonight after both facing Hornsby Local Court today charged with the sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl.

Rachel Smith, 23 from Hornsby and Matthew Blazely, 31 also from Hornsby faced court this afternoon (Thursday). She was charged with commit act of indecency with person under 16 years, aggravated indecent assault in company, and five counts of aggravated sexual intercourse with person under 16 years. He was charged with aggravated indecent assault in company and five counts of aggravated sexual intercourse with person under 16 years.

For details, click [here](#).

3 November, NSW Ambulance

Is your URGENCY an EMERGENCY?

How does your call measure on the urgency gauge?

NOT URGENT | EMERGENCY

NOT URGENT	URGENT	EMERGENCY	
<p>Use self care for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">CoughSore throatHangoverGrazed knee	<p>Visit your local pharmacy or GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">HeadacheDiarrheaVomitingInfectionStomach ache	<p>Call healthdirect on 1800 022 222</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Unwell?Flu symptomsNot sure if you need medical attention?Need health advice?	<p>Call Triple Zero (000) or visit an Emergency Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chest painSevere blood lossHead injuryStopped breathing

What will your call be?

NSWAmbulance

Urgency or Emergency? “I treated a young patient who called Triple Zero (000) because they picked a pimple on their nose and then weren’t able to get it to stop bleeding.” – NSW Ambulance Paramedic, Matt. Here he explains why Triple Zero (000) should be saved for emergencies and serious conditions: Click [here](#) to find out.

1 November: Know the rules, Mobile phone road rules, Learner and provisional P1 (red Ps) drivers and motorcyclists

Learners and provisional P1 licence holders are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving or riding. This includes when waiting at traffic lights or stuck in traffic. You must be parked out of the line of traffic to use your phone in any way.

These laws encourage learner and P1 drivers and riders to concentrate on developing their vehicle control and hazard-perception skills. Mobile phone use can distract novice drivers and riders from the driving task.

From 22 January 2016, learner and P1 drivers and riders penalised for illegally using a mobile phone (four demerit points) will exceed their demerit point threshold and face a three-month licence suspension.

For details, click [here](#).

**1 November, From The Hills LAC - NSW Police Force, WE NEED YOU!
ASKING THE COMMUNITY IF THEY CAN BE A SUPPORT PERSON.**



Are you a responsible adult? Over the age of 18 years? Are you possibly available at any time - days/ nights upon a call?

The Hills Police are updating their 'support person' list which is currently out of date and are calling on members of the community to see if they can be readily available to be called upon to be a support person for someone under the age of 18 years.

For details, click [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Crime Stats for Gordon for September 2016

INC_CATEGOR	FURTHER_CL	ADDRESS	PREMISE_TY	START_DATE	START_TIME
ASSAULT	ASSAULT CO	RAVENSWOOD AVE	RESIDENTIAL	11-09-16	830
BREAK AND	BREAK/ENTE	PEARSON AVE	RESIDENTIAL	09-09-16	2120
MALICIOUS D	MALICIOUS D	PACIFIC HWY	BUSINESS/CC	04-09-16	740
MALICIOUS D	MALICIOUS D	MT WILLIAM ST	OUTDOOR/PU	22-09-16	900
MALICIOUS D	GRAFFITI	PARK AVE	LAW ENFORC	25-09-16	336
MALICIOUS D	MALICIOUS D	WERONA AVE	RESIDENTIAL	22-09-16	900

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 17 November: Ku-ring-gai Council 9-3:30pm. FREE Child car seat safety check day. Bookings essential: 9424 0798.

Wednesday 23 November: Waitara Public School Community Expo 2:45-4:30pm @ Waitara P.S. - crime prevention stall and kids activities

Wednesday 23 November: FINAL East Killara NHW AGM 7:30pm @ E Killara Uniting Church.

Thursday 24 November: Gordon NHW meeting 6pm @ Gordon Bowling Club - "Personal Safety"

Friday 25 November: 'Walk the Talk' program and Info Expo 7:30-11am @Hornsby Mall. 7:30 walk starts, 9-11am Info Expo held - crime prevention stall

Wednesday 30 November: Family Services Info Expo 11-2pm @ Hornsby Mall - crime prevention stall

Monday 27 March 2017: Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 8pm @ Turramurra Uniting Church.

Saturday 07 October 2017: Community Picnic @ St Ives Village Green as part of NHWA's NHW Week.

The NBN - DID YOU KNOW? One of our volunteers found out the following and we thought we should share it with you. It may affect you or someone close to you.

In layman's terms, the NBN has no power supply and it cannot detect where you are on the network. The implications of this are:

- a wired phone that would normally work during a power failure, will no longer work.
- in an emergency, the call receivers don't know where you are calling from.

- the caller's number cannot be detected and displayed.

[More information available here.](#)

2 November, 8 Home Security Mistakes to Avoid

When it comes to home security, are you making these 8 mistakes?

Click [here](#) for details.

From the North Shore Times, 3 November

Baby in car with driver who blew .216 in RBT

Jessica Rapana

A MOTHER caught drink driving four times over the legal limit had her nine-month-old baby in the car.

The 35-year-old from Roseville was stopped by police for a random breath test on Barcoo St, Roseville about 4.20pm last Friday.

The woman allegedly told police she was on her way to pick up her other child from day care.

After returning a positive breath test, she was taken back to Chatswood Police Station where she returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.216 – four times the limit.

Her licence was immediately suspended and she was charged with high range PCA. She will appear in Hornsby Local Court on December 1.

Meanwhile, a 68-year-old man was also allegedly caught driving four times over the limit on Mona Vale Rd in St Ives last Thursday about 8pm.

He returned a reading of 0.226 and was charged with high range PCA.

He will appear at Hornsby Local Court on November 24.

HORNSBY

1 A 28-year-old man is expected to be charged after smashing a glass door at a Hornsby pub last weekend. The man allegedly headbutted the glass door at the Railway Hotel in Hornsby. The incident allegedly happened after the man and his girlfriend, who was intoxicated, were escorted from the premises. The man was later arrested by police after he was found at a nearby taxi rank.

GORDON

2 A unit was ransacked last week, after an offender cut a hole in a ground-floor flyscreen and climbed through an open window. The offender entered the unit, on Dumaresq St, between 12.30pm and 3.30pm last Wednesday. The offender allegedly then ransacked several rooms in the unit, stealing a large amount of jewellery. A woman and child were home at the time, but were not harmed. Investigations are continuing.

TURRAMURRA

6 Police are investigating after a pursuit on the Pacific Highway with a motorcycle this week.

Highway officers tried to stop the Honda motorcycle after they noticed it travelling at more than the speed limit. The motorcycle allegedly sped up and a police pursuit ensued. Due to the high speed, police terminated the pursuit. The registration was noted and investigations are continuing.

From The Hornsby Advocate, 3 November

A 68-year-old man who allegedly blew more than four times the legal limit for alcohol and had the keys to his car taken by concerned drivers at traffic lights allegedly told police he should still be driving because he “hadn’t hit or killed anyone”.

Police arrested the man about 8.30pm on Thursday after they were called by concerned drivers on Mona Vale Rd, St Ives, who described his “poor manner of driving” and followed him for almost half an hour.

Police said the man’s silver Hyundai i30 was eventually stopped by another motorist who snatched the keys from the ignition when he stopped at traffic lights on the Comenarra Parkway in Turramurra.

The man allegedly admitted he was driving and had consumed six glasses of wine at his son’s home.

He also allegedly said he should not be at the police station because “I still should be driving – I haven’t hit anyone and I haven’t killed anyone”.

The road was wet at the time he was arrested.

The man, of Cherrybrook, allegedly blew 0.226 at Hornsby police station, where he was charged with high-range drink-driving and had his licence suspended on the

spot. He was granted conditional bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court on November 24.

AREA-WIDE

1 Theft from mailboxes at unit complexes in the Wahroonga, Waitara and Hornsby areas continued this week. Thieves are taking anything with personal details, like credit and debit cards, or bills. These are then sold to organised criminal gangs. The locks installed at many unit complexes have low levels of security. All unit and homeowners are advised to install good quality locks to reduce the chance of lock tampering. Hornsby Police urge residents to remove any and all mail daily. The mailboxes are being forced open in the early hours of the morning.

DURAL

3 NSW Ambulance paramedics were called to a Dural address over the weekend to treat a child injured in a cycling accident. The boy, believed to be about 11 years old, suffered a deep laceration to his upper leg after he fell off a pushbike at Wollemi Place, Dural, shortly after midday on Saturday, October 29. He was taken via ambulance to The Children's Hospital at Westmead for further treatment.

HORNSBY

2 A 28-year-old man is alleged to have headbutted a door at a pub in the early hours of Saturday morning. The man and his girlfriend were at a Hotel on Station St about 12.44am on Saturday when, due to the woman's level of intoxication she was asked to leave. The man is alleged to have head butted the front glass door, smashing it, and cutting his head in the process. The man left the scene and police were called. He was found by police at the taxi rank and arrested. He is yet to be formally interviewed with charges expected to be laid.

WAITARA

5 Police patrolling the Pacific Hwy in Waitara allegedly saw a 25-year-old man jump on the bonnet, roof and boot of a Toyota Camry parked there, before he ran from the scene. The man appeared moderately affected by alcohol and was arrested after a short foot pursuit about 11.50pm on Wednesday, October 26. When police caught the man he allegedly said he told the owner he was going to jump on the car. The car had recently been bought by a local car yard. Inquiries continue.

TURRAMURRA

6 A police pursuit of a Honda motorcycle was terminated due to high speeds on the Pacific Highway, about 12pm on Sunday. Highway patrol officers saw a motorbike allegedly travelling above the 60km/h speed limit in Turramurra and activated their lights and sirens. The rider is alleged to have accelerated away from police. The cycle's registration was recorded and inquiries with the registered owner will follow.

HORNSBY

7 Power tools worth more than \$1100 were stolen after the front window of an Alfa was smashed sometime between 3pm on Tuesday October 25 and 4.30am Wednesday October 26 in Muriel St, Hornsby. A backpack containing power tools including drills, batteries and hand tools was stolen.

Funny of the week:

Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you, but not in the one ahead. - Bill McGlashen.

Dumbest Criminals compiled by Wendy Lewis: Love Thy Neighbour?

A woman taking a nap was woken by the sound of her back door slamming. She jumped up and ran downstairs to find the door open and her VCR missing from the top of her TV.

The woman next door had a drug habit and the victim's suspicions were aroused when she found some keys on the kitchen table that didn't belong to her. When police knocked on her neighbour's door there was no answer, so they tried the keys - perfect fit!

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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