



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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12 December, from the Hornsby Advocate: A teenage girl was approached

walking home by a man in a white van near Hornsby train station

[Full article here.](#)

12 December: Here's some crime and incident stats from the weekend 9 to 12 December 2016.

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal Motor Vehicle	Other
Suburb						
ASQUITH						Middle range PCA 23 Y/O Male -119
BEROWRA						
BROOKLYN						
COWAN						
GALETON						
GORDON		1				
HORNSBY	1	4	1			
HORNSBY HEIGHTS						
KILLARA	1					
MT COLAH						
MT KURRING GAI						
NORMANHURST						
PYMBLE						
ST IVES	1		2			
THORNLEIGH		1				
TURRAMURRA			2			
WAHROONGA	2	2			Stolen boat	
WATARA						
WARRAWEE						
WEST PYMBLE	1					
WESTLEIGH						
Date range	9/12 to 12/12					

Berowra: Mid range PCA 23yr old male 0.119

Gordon: Mal Dam

Hornsby: B&E, Mal Dam 4, Steal

Killara: B&E

St Ives: B&E, Steal 2

Thornleigh: Mal Dam

Turramurra: Steal 2

Wahroonga: B&E 2, Mal Dam 2, Stolen boat

W. Pymble: B&E.

12 December, from Crime Stoppers: Careless lock-ups leave Aussie homes at risk [edited]

In the lead up to the Christmas holidays, research by Crime Stoppers has found that only one in five Australians really worry about home security when going away

on a long holiday. There is even less concern when homeowners go away for a weekend...

- **Make sure you have quality locks on all external doors and windows**
- **Remember to lock up at all times; the quality of a lock doesn't matter if it is not locked!**
- **Doors and their hardware occasionally need maintenance; a poorly maintained door makes it easier for a burglar to enter your house**

For further information about how to safeguard your home from burglars contact: **Australian Security Industry Association Limited (ASIAL)** for further strategies on how homeowners can minimise risk of a break-in.

[Click here for the full Media Release](#), with the year's stats and some good crime prevention advice.



12 December, from the Daily Telegraph: Elderly motorists face tough test to keep their licence to drive

ELDERLY drivers will be put under the microscope as a powerful NSW parliamentary committee considers an overhaul of the laws allowing them to keep their licences.

[Full article here.](#)

08 December, from the Hornsby Advocate:

Lanes on Pennant Hills Rd will be closed from Sunday December 11 to 16 between 9pm and 5am as work continues on the NorthConnex project between Murray Farm Rd and Hannah St at West Pennant Hills. One lane in each direction will remain open at all times.

06 December, from White Ribbon: From "asking permission is a sign of weakness" to "boys will be boys" - David Wong explores the cultural norms that teach guys toxic attitudes about women and consent. [#consent](#) [#respect](#) [#vaw](#)

7 Reasons So Many Guys Don't Understand Sexual Consent

1. "Forcing Yourself On Women Makes Them Love You"
2. "Asking Permission Is A Sign Of Weakness"
3. "Women Like To Be Pursued, And Thus Always Play 'Hard To Get'"
4. "Everything Women Do Is Intended To Stoke Male Hunger"
5. "Sexual Assault = Guy In An Alley With A Knife"
6. "All Sex Outside Of (Heterosexual) Marriage Is Wrong"
7. "Boys Will Be Boys"

[Full article by Cracked here.](#)

06 December, from ACCC: SCAM ALERT!

Going on holiday this Christmas period? The [ACCC Consumer Rights](#) is warning the public to keep an eye out for scammers on popular accommodation booking websites such as Airbnb. Scamwatch has received over 150 reports of this type of scam in 2016 with a reported loss of \$80,000! Scammers will often advertise property in great locations for unusually cheap prices - THIS IS A WARNING

SIGN. When booking, they'll often direct you away from the official payment channel and ask for wire transfers or money orders. Any request for payment to be made via a method other than through the approved payment methods stated on the actual site, should be ignored.

[Find out more here.](#)

06 December: The NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said the latest crime data released today by the Bureau of Crime and Statistics Research (BOCSAR) highlight the innovative and proactive efforts by officers to drive down crime across NSW.

Commissioner Scipione said the crime figures are reflective of the hard work the NSW Police Force puts in every day to ensure public safety and prevent crime. Of the 17 major offences monitored by BOCSAR, covering the 24 months to September 2016, eight recorded a downward trend, eight remained stable and one offence recorded an upward trend: Steal from retail store up 6.4 per cent...

[Read full Media Release here.](#)

05 December, from Crime Stoppers: Leading up to Christmas, incidents of Mail Theft typically start increasing.

Especially as our ONLINE purchases increase and cards come through the mail with money inside. Here are some tips to help reduce this type of crime.

1. Make sure you lock your letterbox!
2. Clear your letterbox out daily.
3. Arrange to pick up important items such as credit cards directly from the bank
4. If you are going away, arrange for a friend or relative to clear your mail or have it held at Australia Post (for a reasonable fee).
5. Make sure you track parcels and packages that are being delivered to you.
6. Tell friends and family who typically send money in the mail to arrange a direct bank deposit or another method to get their gift to you.

Crime Stoppers NSW collects information which may help Police solve a crime. If you have information regarding Mail Theft, you can [report online here](#) or call **Crime**

Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7).

**IF YOUR MAIL GETS
STOLEN, THIEVES
CAN CREATE A
FALSE IDENTITY.**

IN YOUR NAME.

HERE ARE FOUR EASY WAYS TO STOP THEM:





1

Is your mailbox secure?
Locking your letterbox with a non-master key lock is a great way of securing your mail from theft.

2

How often do you clear your mailbox?
Do it daily. Overflowing mailboxes are a criminal's paradise.

3

Are you getting a new credit card?
Arrange to collect it in person.

4

Are you going on holiday?
Have a friend or relative clear your mail daily. Australia Post also offers a Mail Hold service for a reasonable fee. They'll hold your mail at the post office until you return from your trip. Find out more at auspost.com.au or call 13 POST (13 76 78).



05 December, from the AFP: What NOT to pack in your carry-on bag!

We've all been there – you're late for your flight so you throw everything you'll need in your bag and head out the door. But think twice before you pack any of these prohibited items in your carry-on bag. It'll create more delays and you'll definitely end up missing your flight. Not to mention some of these items are illegal so how about we not possess them at all.



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Creating Safer Communities

Did we share this one with you?

Our East Killara Neighbourhood Watch group's finest hour is highlighted in an article in the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Journal for August 2016. (Yes. Our elves are a tad late, sorry.) Read how committee members helped catch a thief!

[Here's the link to the August NHWA Journal](#), where you scroll to their story on page 14: **"Police arrest safe breakers with assistance from East Killara Neighbourhood Watch"**.



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From Hornsby Council, Dec 08: New laws for boat trailers

Hornsby Shire Council has joined other councils across Sydney to enforce new laws that make it illegal to park boat trailers on residential streets for an unlimited time. Boat trailers are now banned from parking on residential streets for more than 28 days and offending trailers will be impounded.

[Full Media Release here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate, Dec 11: Sexting a legal risk for teenagers

Many teens think “sexting” is a social norm and don’t know they risk being charged with a range of child pornography offences. Should the law change?

[Full article here.](#)

From NSW Road Safety: When wig-wag lights flash on buses, you need to slow down to 40km/h and look out for children. [#bebusaware](#) [#TowardsZero](#)



[Watch video here.](#)

From the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner: From drones to virtual reality, our eSafety gift guide will help you choose the right tech toy this Christmas:

[eSafety Christmas Gift Guide here.](#)



From the ACCC Consumer Rights: Remember your consumer rights when shopping this holiday season.

When you buy something from an Australian business (in-store or online) it comes with automatic guarantees that it will work and do what you asked for. But, there are exceptions....

[Click here for Consumer Guarantees info.](#)

From Hornsby Council, Dec 12: Be careful of asbestos at Westleigh site

Hornsby Shire Council is warning the public that some asbestos has been found on the Westleigh site that was purchased from Sydney Water this year. The site is closed, however members of the public are continuing to visit for mountain biking and other recreation, so they need to be aware of the potential risk.

[Full Media Release here.](#)



Thanks to UK Cop Humour [tho it's no laughing matter - Ed]

From Hornsby Council: Littering from vehicles

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has launched a new system that allows the public to report littering offences from vehicles. The new reporting system enables a person to register and report littering offences either directly through the EPA's website or via a mobile app that can be downloaded from the website.

If you witness a littering offence occurring and wish to report the matter, the [reporting system and further information can be found here.](#)

From the NSW Police - Fairfield Local Area Command: Fairfield Police seeking help in finding owners for stolen tools.

In July 2016 Police attached to Fairfield Local Area Command began investigating

the sale of stolen tools via the website Gumtree. As a result of these enquiries one person has being charged with Recklessly Deal with Proceeds of Crime and a large amount of power tools have been seized. Police are seeking assistance in identifying the owners of these seized tools. If you or someone you know has had tools stolen we invite you to view the attached photographs. If you recognise any of the tools to be yours please email FAIRFPROPERTY@police.nsw.gov.au quoting the barcode number in the picture and we will try and arrange it's return to you.

[View the Fairfield Police Stolen Tools photo album here](#) (179 photos). NB: You don't need to be a Facebook User to access this photo album. Please share with all your mates.



Thanks to the heads up from the Hornsby Advocate.

Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 18 March 2017: Harmony Day event at Gordon Baptist Church, Park Ave - crime prevention stall. More info to come...

Wednesday 18 January 2017: First aid course for young people 845am-4:30pm @ Gordon Library Meeting Rm 2 \$90. [Info](#). **Contact: 9424 0994**

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

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

From the Hornsby Advocate, Dec 08:

BEROWRA

1 An unlicensed motorcycle rider on a borrowed bike was taken to hospital after two separate police chases reaching speeds of about 180km/h on Saturday afternoon. Highway patrol tried to pull over an orange motorcycle on the Pacific Highway at Berowra for an RBT but it accelerated to about 180km/h in an 80km/h zone. The bike continued through the intersection of Berowra Waters Rd at about 150km/h while lane splitting cars. It then headed on to the M1 motorway where it made a number of dangerous manoeuvres such as overtaking cars in the breakdown lane. The pursuit was terminated there. Later on Pennant Hills Rd in Normanhurst a different highway patrol unit tried to pull the bike over and it accelerated to about 130km/h in a 70km/h zone. The pursuit was terminated after the bike ran a red light at Osborne Rd. About a minute later police came across the rider beside the bike, with an injured left leg, at the intersection of Phyllis Ave, where he had hit a car after failing to stop at a red light. A 23 year-old from Merrylands who had an expired learners licence was arrested and told police the motorcycle was a friend's. He went to hospital and police will wait for the result of blood tests before laying charges.

TURRAMURRA / WAHROONGA

2 A 93-year-old woman was woken by a bang about 2am on Saturday at her home in Tanderra St. When she went outside the next morning she saw her letterbox worth about \$120 had been blasted to pieces. Someone also blew up a \$300 glass and metal letterbox which was dislodged in Apps Ave sometime between 4pm on Sunday and 8pm on Monday. Between 7.15pm on Saturday and 9.25am on Sunday a timber mailbox on Bobbin Head Rd was blown up by a small bomb also at 2am.

WAITARA

3 A pedestrian was run over at the intersection of Waitara Ave and Alexandria Pde by a Nissan Xtrail driven by a 36-year-old man about 8am on Tuesday. A 25-year-old man crossing the intersection was hit when the driver failed to see him until the last minute. He hit the brakes but still ran over the man's foot. An ambulance took the younger man to Hornsby Hospital with soft tissue injuries. The driver was given a ticket for not giving way to a pedestrian.

WESTLEIGH

5 \$19,000 worth of cash and jewellery was stolen from a home in Honeycup Close between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Monday. A window lock was forced and four rooms ransacked where cash, jewellery, \$700 in foreign currency and coins were taken.

WAHROONGA

4 A Nissan was broken into on Millewa Ave with unused doctors scripts, a staff parking permit and the registration papers to the car stolen between 9pm on November 30 and 7am on December 1. Other documents in the car were found scattered further up the street. A GPS worth \$250 was taken at a similar time from a Honda CRV parked in Woniora Ave.

HORNSBY

6 Three cars - a Ford Focus, a Nissan Xtrail and a Mitsubishi - had their numberplates stolen from a unit complex on Galston Rd sometime between Sunday night and Tuesday morning.

Parking changes

HORNSBY

7 A \$3600 racing bike and other bicycles were stolen from the underground carpark at a unit complex in Pound Rd between 5pm on Saturday and 11am Sunday. A Giant brand TCR advanced pro, with a white frame was locked by chain to a bike rack but was stolen with a number of other bikes stolen at the same time.

A plan to introduce parking restrictions on streets around Waitara Park, so the carpark there can be opened up for recreation, is open for comments.

Hornsby Council proposes to add three hour parking restrictions on Waitara Ave so they can remove about 90 parking spaces from within the park.

Hornsby Council said this will “free up park land that is needed for recreation use”

Comments on the plan are open until Wednesday, December 14..

Thanks to Cop Humour Australia [tho again, it's no laughing matter - Ed]

Looking at your posts, you all have very nice Christmas trees with lots of presents underneath. This means you've done your Christmas shopping! Some of you might even share that you're going away on holiday over the next few weeks, and might even post where you're headed to. You never know who is reading your posts and might take the opportunity to pay your house a little visit whilst you are away and relieve you of your property. This is a Cop Humour Australia Social Media Safety and Security Message. Be careful what you post online this Christmas, don't come home to an empty house!



From the North Shore Times, Dec 08: Man charged over fatality

A TURRAMURRA man has been charged following investigations into the death of a man, who was struck by a car while changing a tyre in North Parramatta in June. The accident occurred at James Ruse Drive, near the intersection of Pennant Hills Rd, on June 3 shortly before 11am. The victim, a 19-year-old Wentworthville man, died at the scene. Following extensive investigations, officers from the Crash Investigation Unit charged the 41-year-old driver last week with negligent driving occasioning death. He is due to appear at Downing Centre Local Court on January 25.

LINDFIELD

2 Police attended Bayswater Rd in Lindfield after receiving reports that a vehicle had hit a parked car and was blocking traffic on Saturday night. About 1.30am police spoke with the driver of the vehicle and allege he smelt strongly of alcohol and was slurring his words. Following a positive breath test, the man was taken to Chatswood Police Station for a breath analysis. He returned a positive reading of 0.121, a mid-range prescribed concentration of alcohol, and he was charged and his licence was suspended. He is due to face Hornsby Local Court later this month.

KU-RING-GAI

Calls for more talk about traffic plan

Councillor says ratepayers should have their say

Rebecca Parish

KU-RING-GAI councillors have approved a strategic traffic plan for Turramurra, despite concerns residents had not been fully consulted.

St Ives ward councillor Christiane Berlioz argued Turramurra residents had no idea council was making a "major decision" for them at Tuesday night's meeting.

Cr Berlioz said the plan, which was approved in principle, was built on misinformation about traffic conditions collated by transport engineers.

"You cannot beat local knowledge ... and yet we haven't been to local residents yet," she said.

"The residents who are

going to put up with this (extra) traffic day and night."

The plan included a series of intersection modifications and improvements as well as a proposed \$10 million bridge over the railway linking Ray and Rohini streets.

Four residents attended the meeting to speak about the item, with a long-term Ray St homeowner raising concerns about the start and finish location of the proposed bridge.

He was also concerned as he said the changes would see traffic near his home increase fivefold.

The issue was first brought to the council in 2013 by the Roads and Maritime Services after the council ap-

proved changes to the Turramurra Local Centre Traffic Management Plan.

RMS requested the council further undertake a traffic assessment and in June this year, councillors voted to have a separate report, the Turramurra traffic and transport study, prepared.

Cr Berlioz questioned the report and said the plan mainly assisted the highway.

"We are not here to look after the highway," she said.

"If you think traffic engineers always get it right ... These people are not infallible."

Councillors David Armstrong, Elaine Malicki and Berlioz voted against adopting the plan.

Lockdown to tackle book theft

Lifeline shed to close overnight

Alex Rozier

SUSPECTED thefts from Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury's book shed in Gordon have forced the crisis support charity to lock up the donation spot overnight.

However the facility has received more donations since the robberies, according to chief executive Wendy Carver.

Lifeline first noticed the stolen books a couple of months ago. Gordon Police advised them to keep the shed closed overnight.

"I was surprised and disappointed," Ms Carver said, "and as I processed it I was a little angry. If people need our books we would willingly give it to them."

The charity relies on donations for its book drives, where they charge \$2 a book. The profit from those is a funding pathway for Lifeline's volunteer operations.

"We prefer to operate on a basis of trust – as we've always done in the past – but police have suggested that, for a while at least, we lock our shed overnight and ad-



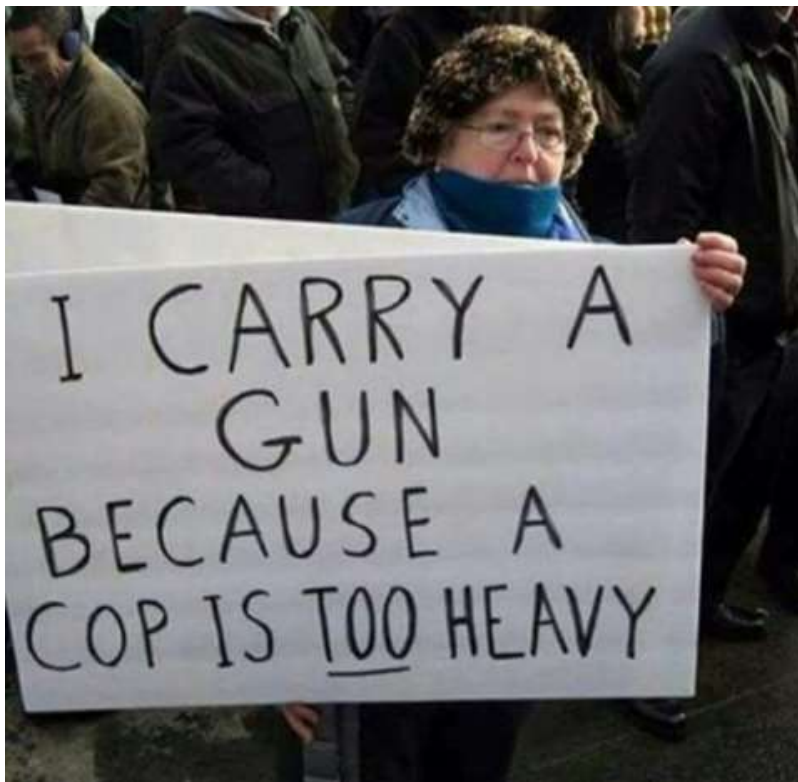
Lifeline's Wendy Carver at the Gordon Book Shed.

vise our generous donors to drop off their books during daylight hours," Ms Carver told the *North Shore Times*.

Ms Carver said the community had been very supportive with donations since the thefts. The charity held a pre-Christmas book fair at their depot in West Lindfield last Saturday.

The book depot is located on the corner of Polding and Ignatius roads, West Lindfield. In Gordon, the Lifeline Book Shed is directly behind their office at 4 Park Ave, Gordon.

If you have any inquiries, please call 9498 8805.



Thanks to Law Enforcement Today

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) **000**

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, 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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