

# Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

### eNewsletter # 282 - 06 March 2017

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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UNFORTUNATELY (?) OUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER IS TAKING A

#### HOLIDAY, SO NO CRIME UPDATE FROM HIM THIS WEEK, SORRY.

#### 06 March, from NSW Public Transport: Hornsby Station Update

From 5pm Sunday 5 March to 6pm Tuesday 14 March there will be reduced parking available at the George Street commuter car park. Alternative commuter parking will be provided on the grassed area at Ashley Street opposite the Hornsby RSL Club

More information here or call 1800 684 490

#### 05 March, from NSW Road Safety:

If you're overtaking, check your blind spots, make sure you have enough space to complete the manoeuvre and make sure you give sufficient warning to others.

Overtaking Road Rules here.



05 March: Police are pleased with overall crowd behaviour following this year's Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade.

Operation Rothbury, a high-visibility policing operation, was in place for the event that saw more than 1000 police out on patrol across the parade route and surrounding areas.

Full Media Release here.



### 03 March, from NHW within Kuring Gai LAC: SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR from NHW Australasia

Being part of a Neighbourhood Watch group means keeping an eye on what's going on in your neighbourhood. If you think something is suspicious then it probably is. Reporting suspicious behaviour is important - Call the Police Non Emergency Number 131 444

#### What is Suspicious Behaviour?

- Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place. Sometimes it can be confusing to know what to report and when to report it. Below is a list of examples of suspicious behaviours; if you see similar activities occurring, we recommend you need to report it to Police.
- A person carrying property; such as computer equipment, stereo, office equipment, or a locked bike, at an unusual time or location.
- Someone going door-to-door in an office building or residential area without proper identification; Or a vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly; This person may be looking for an opportunity to steal unattended property from unsecured offices or homes.
- Anyone forcing their way into a locked vehicle; This is highly suspicious especially at night and in isolated parking areas.
- Business transactions being held at a vehicle or a high volume of traffic

- going to and coming from a home on a daily basis; Someone could be conducting an illegal drug or stolen property sale.
- One or more people sitting in a parked car checking out the area; They may be lookouts for a crime in progress burglary/robbery or for planning a crime.
- Someone being forced into a vehicle; this may be abduction.
- A person showing unusual mental or physical symptoms; He or she may be injured in an accident, be under the influence of illegal drugs or prescribed medications, or need other medical or psychiatric help.
- Strange noises; gunshots, yelling, fighting sounds, dogs barking incessantly.

**Remember** – A quick and accurate description of events, vehicles and persons can make all the difference in stopping a potential criminal. Any type of activity or circumstance that seems unusual should be reported.

A person isn't suspicious, their behaviour is!

Report Suspicious behaviour to Police on 131 44 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. In case of emergencies telephone 000.

02 March, from NSW Road Safety: Pedestrian crossings allow people to cross the road safely.



02 March, from NSW Road Safety:



When you come to a **STOP** sign you must come to a complete stop before reaching the line, and then proceed when it's safe.

When you come to a **GIVE WAY** sign you must slow down and prepare to stop if necessary.

Intersections & Turning Road Rules here.

02 March, from NSW Road Safety: A driver turning left or right at an intersection must give way to a pedestrian crossing the road that the driver is entering.

However pedestrians should keep safe by obeying traffic lights, using available crossings, making eye contact with drivers before stepping out on to the road and not being distracted.

Watch video here.



5,762 Views

NSW Road Safety March 2 at 2:45pm · @

### 02 March, from NSW Road Safety: Do know the rules around keeping left?

### Lanes Road Rules here.



54,604 Views

NSW Road Safety March 1 at 9:12am - @

#### 01 March: SCAM ALERT!

Keep an eye out for scammers on popular accommodation booking websites. Agencies 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 to other accounts 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. If the site allows, you should also check on the renter's history and reviews.

Report any suspicious activity to the <u>Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting</u> Network (ACORN)

## 28 February, from Transport for NSW: Today, lets brush up on our knowledge of roundabouts

Watch Roundabouts Road Rules video here.



#### Road rules: roundabouts

Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community h...

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#### Road Rules Awareness Week 27 February - 05 March

Road Rules Awareness Week will provide an opportunity for all road users to become familiar with the road rules they are unsure about. Brush up on yours by visiting the Road Rules here.



28 February: Did you know the driver would foot the bill in this scenario? \$325 and 3 demerit points



28 February, from NSW Road Safety: Parking across a driveway or footpath can force people on to the road and in the way of traffic - including children in prams and people on mobility devices - and it's illegal.

You can learn about this and other parking rules here.





NSWPF & NHW Neighbourhood Watch Development Day, Wed 22 March @ Room 4.07, Level 4 702 Harris Street, Ultimo [NB: Change of venue - ed]

#### **REGISTRATION DATE EXTENDED - PLACES AVAILABLE**

The upcoming Neighbourhood Watch Development Day requires registration. If you're interested in being more involved, please come! <u>Email us here for the Registration Form.</u>

**NOTE**: Neighbourhood Watch is much more than the stereotype of an old lady at the net curtains. We see our role as educating the community in crime prevention, relating to all crime these days; such as Cybercrime, ID theft, Sexting, etc. Think outside the house! NHW is getting personal!

#### **Dates for the Diary:**

Friday 03 - Sunday 12 March: Seniors Week

Tuesday 21 March: Harmony Day

Wednesday 22 March: Neighbourhood Watch Development Day 8am-3pm

@ Room 4.07, Level 4 702 Harris Street, Ultimo. Registration necessary. Email us

#### for more info.

Sunday 26 March: Neighbour Day - This year the annual theme is: <u>The importance of social connection for the elderly.</u>

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

**Sunday 30th April:** "Emergency Service Program" - 10am -12pm, @ Hornsby Park, opp Police Station - Police Crime Prevention stall

**Sunday 7th May:** Festival On the Green 10am - 4pm @ St Ives Village Green - Police Crime Prevention stall

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

### From Crime Stoppers: IMPORTANT TIPS TO REMEMBER IF YOU ARE EVER IN AN EMERGENCY.

Stay focused, Stay relevant, Stay on the line.

- \*\*In a life or property threatening time critical EMERGENCY situation Call Triple Zero (000) and ask for 'police'\*\*
- When you dial 000, your call is connected to the Telstra Emergency Call service centre. Calls to 000 are recorded. You will be prompted by the Telstra operator "police, fire or ambulance?" Ask for 'police'.
- Your call will be directed to police.
- When connected to police stay on the line, stay calm, speak clearly and answer the questions.
- You will be asked to provide details of where you are, including street number, name, nearest cross street and locality. In rural areas it is important to give the full address and distances from landmarks and roads, any distinguishing property features and not just the name of the property. If travelling on the motorways or along rural roads, include details of towns or nearest exits passed through.
- Don't hang up until the operator has all of the information they need. If possible you will be asked to wait for a police officer at an arranged location.

Remember, the operator is asking you questions that are RELEVANT for your safety and police safety. It is important they get the information they ask for so they can get police to you as quickly as possible.

### From our neighbouring North Shore command, 06 March: Westfield, Chatswood. Sun 5th Mar 2017

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the female depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident in Westfield, Chatswood. If you know this person please call **Chatswood Police 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000**. Ref.# E 63379005

Please note: Images could be unidentified victims, potential witnesses or alleged offenders.



Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14 Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800

A simple copy and paste might save someone's life.

# From News Local, March 06: Police find 34 garbage bags of cannabis dumped in bush at Terrey Hills

POLICE are investigating the dumping of more than 30 garbage bags of cannabis at Terrey Hills, either on Friday night or on Saturday. A resident who walks in the area on a daily basis told police the bags were not there on Friday afternoon but were there on Saturday afternoon.

#### Full article and video here.

## Two tips for those going away at Easter, shared by one of our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers:

**Holiday Tip #1:** When going away and securing your car, don't use the remote control. Use the door key. This stops the tiny red flashing light from running down your car battery.

**Holiday Tip #2:** When going away and leaving your car, top up the petrol tank so it is full. This leaves no air in the tank and reduces the build up of water in your fuel.

#### From Crime Stoppers NSW: Online dating...

If you are looking for love online, don't let a scammer leave you broke with a broken heart too.

How online dating scams work:

- You meet someone online through a dating or social networking website whom you seem to just 'connect' with.
- The person may have an appealing profile, claim to have similar likes and dislikes or have gone through similar experiences.
- Your online admirer will soon ask you to communicate through a private channel such as via email or webcam.
- After you have established trust and rapport, they will ask you for money to help cover costs associated with illness, injury, a family crisis or travel to see them.
- Alternatively, your admirer will secretly film a webcam chat between you and them, and then try to blackmail you into handing over money in exchange for the footage being kept private.
- Regardless of the approach, the scammer will typically ask you to send them the money via wire transfer.
- If you send them money, they will continue to ask for money to get out of other problems or to withhold the footage. Amounts requested may initially be small but tend to increase over time.
- If you send money to a scammer especially via a wire transfer it is almost certainly gone forever. Just as importantly, your heart may be broken and trust shattered

You can report scams to the ACCC via the 'report a scam' page on SCAMwatch or

by calling **1300 795 995**. If you met the scammer through a dating service or social media, you should also inform the dating service/social channel of your experience so that they can try and stop the scammer hurting others.

### Hornsby/Hornsby Heights January 2017 Crime Stats

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Email us here for the crime stats for your suburb.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 02 March: View online here

#### Teacher sex assault charges

Police in early-morning arrest of man, 40, after report he 'befriended' student, 14

A KU-RING-GAI schoolteacher has been charged with the sexual and indecent assault of a 14-year-old girl, following a report he had "befriended" her. Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School teacher Daniel James Gillen, 40, was arrested at a home in Toukley, on the Central Coast, at 6.30am last Thursday. Wyong Local Court documents confirmed the Year 9 maths teacher was charged on 14 counts including "seven counts of aggravated sexual assault to a person under the age of 16, and of five charges of indecent assault of a person under the age of 16". Full article page 2.

#### Streetwatch page 8:

**DURAL**: A man, 52, was charged with assault and other offences after a near miss with another car driving along New Line Rd about 9.20pm on Wednesday February 22. Both cars were travelling in the same direction when the near miss occurred and they then both drove to a nearby fast food restaurant car park. The 52-year-old from Galston got out of his car and allegedly pushed the other driver in the chest causing him to fall over. People in the car park saw the incident and a 17year-old came to the aid of the man on the ground. The teen spoke to the 52-year-old who then allegedly punched the front windshield of the 17-yearold's car twice, causing significant damage. The man who was pushed over called police and while on the phone, the 52-year-old allegedly punched him on the left side of his face. Police

arrested the man, who allegedly refused to submit to a breath test. He was charged with common assault, destroy or damage property, refuse or fail to submit to a breath test and breath analysis. He will face Burwood Local Court on April 4.

**TURRAMURRA**: A Turramurra driver was charged with high range drink driving on Sunday, February 19 after a random breath test on the Pacific Hwy in Roseville about 3:45am. Highway patrol police pulled over a silver Honda Civic being driven by a 21-year-old woman. She allegedly admitted to consuming a number of drinks at a hotel in Woollahra throughout the evening before deciding to drive home. She was submitted to a breath analysis which returned a reading of 0.161 grams, equating to a high range prescribed concentration of alcohol. As a result the female was issued with a licence suspension and her licence confiscated. She is due to face Hornsby Local Court next month, charged with high range drink driving.

**HORNSBY**: Hornsby police remind all drivers that it is illegal to perform a three point turn or a U-turn across unbroken lines. Police have received reports that at various schools in the area parents or carers, while picking up or dropping off their children are performing U-turns over unbroken lines. Not only is this illegal its also highly dangerous for children and parents.

**DURAL**: At about 2.40pm on Thursday, a 45-year-old man from Hurstville and a 48-year-old man from Sans Souci entered the Bunning Warehouse at Dural. While inside the store a loss prevention officer allegedly saw them walking up and down the aisles picking up several items. Both men then left the store without making an attempt to pay for the items they had collected. The loss prevention officer stopped the men and called police. Both were issued with a field court attendance notice for shoplifting and are due to appear at Burwood Local Court on March 20.

**Fast Lane page 10:** Parking and traffic changes in Mills Ave, around Asquith Park are being considered to improve traffic flow. Hornsby Council is rebuilding Mills Ave and plans to include a pedestrian refuge at the eastern end and install 90 degree angle parking, rear to kerb along the northern side of Mills Ave. The council also proposes to upgrade the bus stops to be a 20m long Bus Zone and removal the "traffic calming" on Lords Ave to create more on street parking.

From the North Shore Times, 02 March: View online here

#### Rapist in law fight to stay nameless

A SADISTIC sex offender back on the streets after serving 18 years for the rapes

of eight young women on the north shore successfully applied in court to have his name suppressed because he fears for his safety. The rapist, who cruised the northern suburbs in his car looking for unsuspecting victims between 1995 and 1996, said he feared he would be attacked if he was named and photographed. The 65-year-old has served a 20-year sentence with 18 years non-parole for a series of vicious attacks on women and teenage girls, following them from train stations or ambushing them outside their homes and holding a knife to their throats as he sexually assaulted them. The rapist, who can only be identified as JD, is fighting an application to have him kept under strict supervision for another three years and requiring him to wear an electronic tracking device. Justice Ian Harrison allowed a temporary suppression order until the case returns to court next month.

### From our neighbouring North Shore command, March 02 [edited]: Break and Enter – Roseville

Sometime between 7:00am and 5:15pm Tuesday 28th February unknown person/s have gained entry to a premise on Nola Road Roseville. The unknown person/s have gained entry by cutting a hole in a ground floor door at the rear of the property. After gaining entry the unknown person/s have searched through cupboards and drawers before locating a safe in the main bedroom of the property. The offender/s have managed to make off with the sizable safe containing almost \$10,000 worth of jewellery, cash and personal documents.

Police are appealing to anyone that may have noticed any suspicious activity at the stated location during the given times and dates could they please contact **Chatswood Police on 9414 8499.** 

# From Viral Thread: Woman Tweets Warning After Finding Lost iPhone That'll Make You Change Your Security Settings ASAP

One Twitter user raised a very important point in a thread posted on her account. Using the handle @afronomics, the college student described her experience of trying to locate the owner of a phone left behind in a public bathroom on campus.

Click here for full article.

# Bert Fulks blog Shared by Apply First Aid Northern Beaches: X-Plan: Giving your kids a way out

"Recently I asked these kids a simple question: "How many of you have found yourself in situations where things started happening that you weren't comfortable with, but you stuck around, mainly because you felt like you didn't have a way out?"

Full blog here.

# Shared from For Every Mom: A Pediatrician Just Laid Out How to Protect Your Child From Sexual Abuse—And She's Begging You to Listen

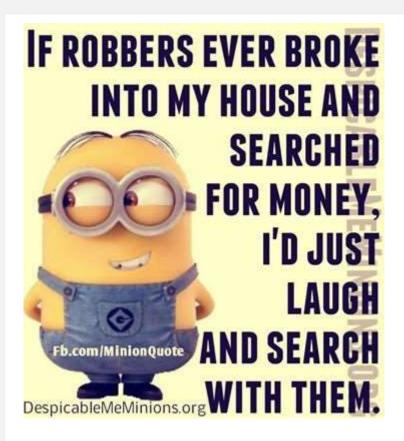
"Recently, a good friend of mine shared a Facebook post by one of *her* friends, who happens to be a pediatrician. The post was on something that should be of interest to ALL parents: child sexual abuse; specifically, when it happens, where it happens, and WHO victimizes our kids and <u>how to talk to your kids about it</u> and PREVENT it."

Full article here.

## From Ku-ring-gai Council, 27 February: Waste investigators to focus on dumping in Ku-ring-gai

With the help of a state government grant, Ku-ring-gai Council has hired two waste investigators to track down dumping culprits.

Full Media Release here.



Thank you to Stan, one of our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.

#### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS**

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799 Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Kuring-gai LAC Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723** 

Local Police Facebook page: Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers website or phone: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously Report suspicious activity asap

### Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

#### **Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450**

NSW Police website for all your crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

#### Neighbourhood Watch within the Kuring Gai LAC website

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#### Our mailing address is:

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby c/o Crime Prevention Officer, Ku-ring-gai NSW Police PAC - Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ferry Road Hornsby, NSW 2077 Australia

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