

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 <u>Kuring-gai LAC Facebook page</u> (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? Please email our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.
- → Please feel free to <u>share/forward this eNewsletter</u> with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
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27 March, from NSW Road Safety: When driving near buses, don't pull into the lane in front of them too closely, as buses can take a long time to stop. Remember, your driving can affect a busload of people. <u>Watch video.</u>



27 March: <u>#Lifehack</u>: Stopping at a red light reduces your chance of receiving a ticket by 100%

27 March: Hey Tosser! Fines Apply!



27 March, from NSW Road Safety:



This crash at 60km/h shows why you should always choose the safest car you can afford. Even though they both cost around 10K, the silver car has a five star used car safety rating and the red car has only two stars. In the red car you'd be lucky to survive, but in the silver car, you'd come out relatively unscathed.

Check out star safety ratings here.

27 March: Scene of Crime Officers (SOCOs) hunt and collect for vital clues to solve crimes.

It's not quite CSI but our Soco's detect and collect evidence to assist Police. That's the job of the State's Scene of Crime officers. They are an important part of the policing process. Thank You Soco's.



Naomi Condon and Michael Coonan.

Full North Shore Times article here.

27 March, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command: School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school.

Parking in a No Parking area - means you can stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a MAXIMUM of 2 MINUTES. You must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle. Infringement within a school zone is \$180.00 and a loss of 2 demerit points.

Parking in a No Stopping area - means you CANNOT stop in this area for ANY reason. Infringement within a school zone is \$325.00 and a loss of 2 demerit points.

Parking in a Bus Zone area - means you CANNOT stop or park unless you are driving a bus. Infringement within a school zone is \$325.00 and a loss of 2 demerit points.

For more information on infringements click here



23 March, from Neighbourhood Watch within NSW Police - Kuring Gai Local Area Command:

Neighbourhood Watch within NSW Police - Kuring Gai Local Area

Command and Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force had a good team turnout at today's Neighbourhood Watch Development Day. Thanks to NSW Police for organising. Very worthwhile sharing of documents, ideas and tips.



Pictured: Stan Wesley (Warrawee Valley eWatch), Ralph Stein (Berowra NHW), Carroll Howe (Turramurra NHW), Snr Cst Paul Cleary (Crime Prevention Officer with Kuring Gai LAC), David Beale (Gordon NHW), Wal Knowles (E. Killara NHW), seated: Julia Eagles (Coord NHW within Kuring Gai LAC), Mick Gallagher (Mt Colah NHW), not pictured: Gay Balasubramanian (E. Killara) — at University of Technology Sydney-Peter Johnson Building.

22 March: PYMBLE TO ST IVES Mona Vale Rd between Pacific Hwy and Kitchener St

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Clearways are in place:

- weekdays 6am-10am and 3pm-7pm
- weekends 9am-6pm, except southbound from Stanley St to Rosedale Rd which will be 2pm-6pm only.

Some changed parking conditions are also in place outside these times. Check signs before parking as vehicles left in clearways will be towed and fines apply.

21 March: Hornsby police did an audit of a local commuter car park and were astonished to see nearly 20 cars with property inside that made them a target for theft.

The property ranged from expensive sun glasses, CD's, GPS units to cash in the console. While these items seem inexpensive at first glance to a thief they all add up to a nice little bounty of goods. Lock it or lose it and out of sight, out of mind. Simple things to remember really and the only thing worse than losing some sunnies or CD's is the damage bill from broken windows or locks. For obvious reasons we won't disclose the car park location, although more car parks will be raided in coming weeks.



21 March, from Common Sense Media: Haters and trolls are people who go online, often anonymously, and write mean comments, sometimes with the goal of getting a response.

Chances are if your kids are online, they'll encounter both. Here are 5 tips for dealing with haters and trolls.

- 1. Don't respond.
- 2. Ignore them.
- 3. Delete, block or unfollow.
- 4. Report it.
- 5. Take screenshots.

Watch video and more info here.

21 March: Some parents dropping off children to school in St Ives this morning got a bit of a fright. A police car patrolling near St Ives Park public school (Acron Road) was flagged down by the group at drop off time. The officer was then lead to a 60cm snake laying still on the ground. The snake was later identified as a Brown Tree snake (Boiga irregularis) and was at that time deceased, it was removed by the officer. The snake looks to have fallen from a tree and had a distinctive bulge in its belly, presumably from over eating. The Brown Tree snake is venomous, but its venom is not considered fatal to adult humans. This snake being only 60cm would have been a juvenile as they grow to about 2m. Please be aware during this wet weather snakes and other creatures

like spiders can and do venture indoors. Picture is for reference only.





Sunday 26 March: Neighbour Day - REVIEW

'Chinwag Over the Virtual Fence' - a Closed Group discussion on Facebook Not overly successful... 3 chatted in the group and 5 chatted privately outside the group. Should we try again next year? Here's the posts for your interest:

- Most crime in our command is Break & Enters and Steal from Motor
 Vehicles. Would it surprise you to know that more than a third of Steal from
 Motor Vehicles are from unlocked cars? Please lock your car, even if it is on
 your drive, or in your garage. Please don't leave your keys on the hall table
 or kitchen counter. The keys are easily found during the B&E and the
 vehicle stolen at the same time.
- Do you know your neighbours? We recommend two either side, one infront and one behind. Watch out for one another. That's what leads to a feeling of community.
- The biggest problem in our command is mailtheft, leading to Fraud and Identify Theft. When did you review your mailbox security? Have you one of the round uncopyable unique keys called a tubular pin tumbler lock? At the recent Neighbourhood Watch Development Day, we heard from a council mailtheft expert, who told us about the two inadequate requirements

currently needing to be addressed by the developers of apartment blocks are:

- the mailboxes must be ergonomically placed for Australia Post, and
- each mailbox must have a lock. (The locks don't even have to be unique. Some blocks have mail boxes all with the same key!!!!)



- Is there someone in your street you would describe as Socially Isolated?
 We have a leaflet, "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated" that could be of use. You can easily download it from our website and pop round with a copy? Good excuse for a neighbourly visit?
- I have two neighbours away this weekend. I shall move any newspapers to hide them behind the wall. I shall park in their driveway. What things do you do to help keep a neighbour's home safe?
- I'll start with a warning 1. My neighbour was broken into on Friday between 8:30 and 11:30am. The crims came inbetween two houses to get round the back, where I believe they removed fly screens and jemmied the locked sash windows. Laptop, jewellery and a watch were stolen and a holdall was taken, so the crims could walk insignificantly to the Gordon train station.

Mt Colah Mingle, Hudson's Grocers, Mt Colah

Thank you to Tony, Mary, Mick and others. "I spent a very enjoyable hour at the NHW Mingle and we did mingle with a quite a few people."

March 25, from NSW Food Authority: Recall: Yummy Mini Tub Yoghurt Sultanas 24 March 2017

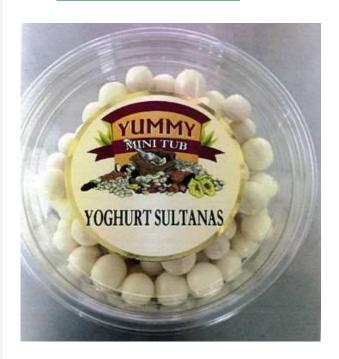
Yummy Snack Foods has recalled their Yummy Mini Tub Yoghurt Sultanas from

IGA's and independent supermarkets in NSW, QLD, VIC, SA and WA due to the presence of an undeclared allergen (peanuts).

Product details: Yummy Mini Tub Yoghurt Sultanas, 300g plastic container Best

Before 8/2/18

See: all current NSW food alerts



March 23, from news.com.au: Aussie mother's warning after she discovered her 8-year-old daughter was being groomed by an online predator through a music app.

A MELBOURNE mother has revealed the horrifying moment she witnessed her 8-year-old daughter being groomed by an online predator — who was posing as Justin Bieber.

Full article here.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 13 April: ***Learner Drivers - Get 20 hours Off Your Logbook***
Courses are booking FAST and spots are LIMITED, so call the club on 9477 2310 or book online here.

Wednesday 19 April: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety

Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

Thursday, 20 April: Cost \$10. 10.30 and 11.30am - Elder Abuse is Not What it

Seems @ 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon. Bookings.

Sunday 30th April: "Emergency Service Program" - 10am -12pm @ Hornsby

Park, opp Police Station - Police/NHW Crime Prevention stall

Sunday 7th May: Festival On the Green 10am - 4pm @ St Ives Village Green -

Police/NHW Crime Prevention stall

Thursday 25 May: FREE Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers 6:30-

8:00pm @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings essential. Info

Wednesday 28 June: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety

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Wednesday 23 August: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety

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Saturday 07 October 2017: Community Picnic @ St Ives Village Green as part of

NHW Australasia's NHW Week.

Wednesday 01 November: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety

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24 March: Police are searching for a man after a hotel room was booby trapped in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

About 3pm on Wednesday 22 March 2017, emergency services were called to a hotel room on Campbell Street, Bondi, following reports of a fire. Once at the location, the fire was extinguished and it was discovered the room had been booby trapped. No one was injured and the room was made safe. Officers from Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command commenced investigations into the incident and would like to speak to a man who they believe may be able to assist with their inquiries.

The man, who is named as 27-year-old Thomas Hunt is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 175-180cm tall with a thin build. He has blue eyes and a shaved head. He is also described as having a chipped front tooth.

Police hold concerns for the welfare of Mr Hunt and anyone with information is urged to come forward.



NSWPF have a series of Crime Prevention videos.

This is a still from the "Protect Yourself from Mail Theft" video. It informs us that Mail Theft is *the* current crime that you can easily do something about to avoid becoming a victim.



For more, please visit the Crime Prevention section of the NSWPF website here.

23 March, from the Hornsby Advocate: Charity donations and cash taken during robberies in Wahroonga

Wahroonga

1 Seven Wahroonga shops on Railway Ave were targeted in a spate of burglaries on Sunday night. Three stores lost hundreds of dollars, while four others showed signs of an attempted break-in. McFarland's Gourmet Meat butcher Grant Druce said a thief took around \$300-400 from his store, including a charity tin which was on the counter. Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime prevention officer Senior Constable Paul Cleary said police believed the burglaries occurred between the hours of 4.30pm on Sunday and 5am on Monday. "We sent forensics around to look for fingerprints and DNA that may have been left at the scene and we are reviewing CCTV in the area."

Dural

4 Castle Hill Fire and Rescue were called out to check the safety of a house in Dural after a car ran into it. The call came just before 1.30pm on Saturday after a car hit the house in Caber Close.

Statewide

6 NSW Police detected 35 drivers who tested positive to drugs during a "national day of drug testing" on Monday March 20. NSW Police Highway Patrol with the assistance of local area commands across the state, spent a day pulling over trucks and other vehicles and testing drivers for drugs. Throughout the day officers tested a total of 2841 drivers, including 1799 truck drivers. Of the drivers tested, 35 drivers — including 20 truck drivers — returned positive readings.

North Shore

7 The man known as the North Shore Rapist — who hunted and sexually assaulted eight women and teenage girls 20 years ago — can be named after he lost an attempt in the Supreme Court to put a permanent suppression order on his identity. Graham Kay, 65, is a high risk sex offender who will continue to be electronically monitored for the next three years after Justice Ian Harrison last

week granted an application by the state to extend a Corrective Services supervision order. Since being released form jail after serving 18 years, Kay had been living in obscurity working mostly as a labourer at a Sydney fruit market.

Full article here.

From Ku-ring-gai Council:

Thursday 25 May: FREE Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers 6:30-8:00pm @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings essential. <u>Info.</u> These workshops provide information about:

- Completing the learner driver log book.
- Recent changes to the GLS.
- The new RMS Safer Drivers Course.
- The current laws and restriction for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising learner drivers and young driver road safety issues.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.

Thursday, 20 April: Elder Abuse is Not What it Seems Cost \$10 (includes morning tea). 10.30 and 11.30am - @ 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon. Bookings. Bookings close 18 April.

This information session will take a closer look at elder abuse, and what it can look like. Elder abuse can occur "within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person.* This can take the form of physical, psychological, emotional, sexual and financial abuse.

If you would like to know more about this subject, or are worried about someone close to you who may be at risk, we invite you to join us in Council Chambers for this informative, discreet session.

Morning tea will be served from 10am.

This seminar will be presented by the Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit staff.

*World Health Organisation 2009.

From <u>Neighbourhood Watch Australasia</u>: One man. One bike. 100 kilometres every day for 6 weeks.

Would you cycle 4,000 kilometres in 6 weeks? The President of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia is doing just that. Bernie Durkin is donning the lycra and cycling across the country to promote the importance of our country's safety. Bernie wants to encourage the public to go online and use NHWConnect — a new community safety and awareness app. The app will allow the community to connect with one another, prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime and work together towards safer and more inclusive neighbourhoods. Now in New South Wales, Bernie is over halfway through his ride from Perth to Sydney. He left Perth on the 25th February and is expected in Sydney on the 8th of April. You can track his progress here.

Crime Stats for February 2017, St Ives [requested by one of our readers - ed]:

CATEGORY	FURTHER CLASS	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME	DAY OF WEEK
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	TOOLANG RD	1/02/2017	1008	WEDNESDAY
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	YARRABUNG RD	1/02/2017	1330	WEDNESDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	MONA VALE RD	2/02/2017	800	THURSDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	MONA VALE RD	2/02/2017	800	THURSDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	HUNTER AVE	3/02/2017	30	FRIDAY
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM	MEMORIAL AVE	3/02/2017	1530	FRIDAY
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON		3/02/2017	1848	FRIDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	MONA VALE RD	6/02/2017	1830	MONDAY
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	MAUNDER	7/02/2017	1	TUESDAY

		AVE			
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER INTENT STEAL	CATHERINE ST	10/02/2017	810	FRIDAY
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	OXLEY AVE	10/02/2017	1600	FRIDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	SHINFIELD AVE && PILDRA AVE	10/02/2017	1700	FRIDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE		MEMORIAL AVE && MONA VALE RD	10/02/2017	2145	FRIDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	STURT PL	11/02/2017	1200	SATURDAY
STEALING	OTHER STEAL		16/02/2017	1348	THURSDAY
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	KILLEATON ST	24/02/2017	1810	FRIDAY
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	&& WARRIMOO AVE	24/02/2017	1950	FRIDAY
STEALING	STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	MONA VALE RD	25/02/2017	845	SATURDAY
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	CARMEN ST	28/02/2017	2220	TUESDAY

Email us here for the February crime stats for your suburb.

March 23, from the North Shore Times: Fake doctor Shyam Acharya worked out of Royal North Shore Hospital as well as Manly, Hornsby, Gosford and Wyong

The fake doctor at the centre of a NSW Health controversy worked out of Royal North Shore Hospital in 2012, Northern Sydney Local Health District has confirmed. Shyam Acharya, also known as Dr Sarang Chitale, worked shifts at RNSH between November 4 and 17 almost five years ago. Mr Acharya fled the country just days before he was due to front court charged with falsely representing himself as a doctor. He is still on the run.

Full article here.



Shyam Acharya impersonated Indian Doctor Sarang Chitale & worked in the NSW health system

APP OF THE MONTH

One of our members has shared this <u>Glympse</u> mobile phone App. Great idea to watch your kids returning home from school maybe? It gives realtime positioning on a map.

Glympse is a fast, free, and simple way to share your location in real-time. We put you in control. You set who sees you and for how long. Send a Glympse to let friends and family know you are on your way. Request a Glympse from a colleague who is always running late. Set up a Glympse group for your family reunion. It's safe, flexible, and easy. Select a contact, set a duration, and hit send. You can even set a destination or customize a message. Whether on mobile, tablet, or desktop, anyone can receive a Glympse, no software or setup required.



More info here.

NOTE: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We are simply sharing what is in the market place. We suggest you do your own research.

From NSW Fair Trading: A New Era for Strata Owners: get involved to improve the way you live.

Strata laws in NSW have been modernised to suit the way we live, today and beyond. Getting renovations approved is now simpler and there are online options for meetings and voting. Your strata community will need to review its rules (called by-laws) and consider any updates, such as the decision to allow pets and on what terms. There are new model by-laws to help with this process.

Whether you own, manage or live in a strata property, find out <u>how else the new</u> laws affect you here.

From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for the Socially Isolated":

Tip #14. Don't tell burglars you live alone. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "We can't come to the phone right now... " even if you live alone. If someone is at the door, call out loudly to your imaginary room-mate that you will answer it, "Don't worry—I'll get it!" Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate.

Tip #15. Don't give out date of birth, credit card or bank account details, ever!

Tip #16. Don't leave door unlocked when expecting a visitor. Wait until they arrive.

Tip #17. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO STRANGERS! If they require your help in an emergency, offer to phone on their behalf.

Tip #18. If you are a carer, leave notes for the next carer out-of-sight, never on the front door.

Tip #19. Don't sign anything. But, if you have... use any cooling-off period to discuss issues with trusted friends or family.

Tip #20. Keep emergency numbers as easy dial/memory on your phone. Keep the phone by the bed, along with a torch for emergencies. Report anything suspicious.

<u>Email us here</u> for your copy of this or others in the 20 Tips series. We are working on scams....

From the North Shore Times, 23 March: Car thieves stay away from north CARS in Ku-ring-gai are as safe as houses, an analysis of NSW crime figures shows. Drivers on the north shore can sleep easy knowing their vehicles are the least likely to be stolen in Sydney. And they are also the cheapest in Sydney to insure. Analysis provided to the North Shore Times by Finder.com.au, showed an average of 30.6 car thefts were reported in the Ku-ring-gai local government area per 100,000 people in the year to September 2016.

Full article page 4 <u>using the online viewer</u>.

From NSW Food Authority, this week's Name & Shame list includes <u>Oliver</u> <u>Brown at Hornsby</u>.

Weekly update to our list of alleged breaches of NSW food safety standards:

- 40 premises added

29 premises publication period expired
 See the full list from the <u>Register of Penalty Notices here</u>.

March 21, from our neighbouring North Shore command (based at Chatswood Police station): Artarmon Train Station. 5.50am SUN 12th Mar 2017

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the person depicted in the images below regarding an alleged incident at Artarmon Train Station. If you know this person please call **Chatswood Police 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000.**Ref.# E 63630004

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



HEY TOSSER! PUT IT IN THE BIN

Hey Tosser! did you know litter damages our natural environments, harms wildlife and sea creatures, can injure people and makes our spaces less safe and healthy? So when your toss your cigarette butt or your coffee cup, you're hurting the environment. In fact, a global study found that by 2050 it's likely that 95% of all

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The Hey Tosser! campaign has been developed to change littering behaviour in NSW and with an immediate goal to reduce the volume of litter in NSW by 40% by 2020. NSW is almost halfway there – with a 19% litter reduction since the start of the campaign in 2013–14, but there is still a way to go.

Some easy ways to help reduce litter:

- Report littering from vehicles [See EPA webpage on <u>How to Report Littering from a Vehicle here</u> ed],
- Keep a bag in your car to collect rubbish and butts,
- Butt your cigarette out and then put it in the bin,
- Encourage others to pick up their litter,
- Put your rubbish in the bin or take it with you,
- Help your local council with local litter projects,
- Speak to your friends and family and encourage positive behaviour.

<u>Neighbourhood Watch within NSW Police - Kuring Gai Local Area Command</u> is encouraging everyone to get on board. <u>Visit 'Hey Tosser!'</u> for more information about littering in NSW.



Thanks to Wayne Martin

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 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

Neighbourhood Watch within NSWPF Kuring Gai LAC - Facebook page

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