

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 (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 share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
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31 March: From Hornsby Advocate Work on Galston Road, Galston Galston Road Outdoon Road will be desied of Cariston Road Outdoon Road, Hove Line Road, Bloodady Road, Here Line Road,

Galston Gorge will be closed for four days from Monday April 10 to Thursday April 13 from 9am to 5pm for maintenance between Montview Pde and Calderwood Rd. Work involves replacing signs and sections of asphalt, repairing guardrails and drains, removing vegetation and repainting road markings.

One lane will be open for emergency vehicle access at all times.

Motorists will be detoured via Old Northern Rd, New Line Rd, Boundary Rd,
Pennant Hills Rd, Pacific Hwy and George St.

31 March, Hornsby Police News

Hornsby police recovered a car that was stolen eight months ago being driven by a disqualified driver who had it hot-wired and were called to a house fire on Dangar Island this week. Here's a few of the crimes they investigated in the area recently:

Pennant Hills: A silver Mazda hatchback stolen from Turramurra on March 24 during a break and enter led police on a chase before it was terminated for safety reasons on Monday, March 27. Police responded to an aggravated break and enter

in Beecroft which, led them to believe a credit card used about 2.10am on Monday was linked to a stolen car that they saw on Pennant Hills Rd at that time. The car accelerated in excess of the speed limit and turned onto the M2 before going back to Pennant Hills Rd. Police believe a 25-year-old caucasian man wearing shorts, a dark coloured shirt and white runners was involved. The pursuit was terminated due to speed and dangerous driving. Police are reviewing CCTV footage from a Shell service station.

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Dangar Island: A house fire caused about \$15,000 damage and one person was taken to hospital with smoke inhalation on Sunday March 26. About 7.55pm a family in a two storey home were downstairs having dinner when they heard a bang in a bedroom upstairs where the curtains had been set alight. RFS crews

from Brooklyn and Dangar Island contained the fire. A lamp may have caused the fire.

Turramurra: A pool filter caught fire at a home on Burns Rd about 11.10am on Sunday, March 26. The homeowner was alerted to the fire by a dog barking. The resident used a garden hose to put it out but the fire scorched the home's brick exterior.

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30 March: NSW SES



With flooding expected across northern parts of the state in the coming hours and 3 flood rescues today....

We might just leave this here

If you are trapped in flood water. Call triple zero immediately.

30 March, CHANGES TO PARKING AT HORNSBY RAILWAY STATION



Please plan ahead if you are using the Hornsby Station commuter car park on George Street in March and April

From 5pm Wednesday 29 March to 6pm Wednesday 5 April there will be a reduced number of car parking spaces available in the George Street commuter car park.

Wednesday 29 March to Thursday 30 March approximately 90 spaces will be unavailable

Friday 31 March to Sunday 2 April approximately 140 spaces will be unavailable Monday 3 April to Wednesday 5 April approximately 90 spaces will be unavailable.

The temporary closure is needed for the safe delivery and installation of new overhead wiring structures for the remodeling of Hornsby Junction. Accessible parking will be maintained.

Where can you park:

Alternative commuter parking will be available at Ashley Street opposite the Hornsby RSL (please see map below). For more information visit <u>here</u> or call 1800

29 March, from Crime Stoppers NSW



When you call emergency services the number ONE most important thing for you to know is your LOCATION.

Without your location, Police, Fire or Ambulance services are unable to get help to you, or may be severely delayed in getting help to you, putting your life, or others lives at greater risk.

The Emergency + app allows you to call Triple Zero in an emergency and it provides you with a map of your location as well as coordinates, so you can pass that information onto Emergency Services quickly, getting help to you faster.

Download the app here.

28 March: Scam Alert



SMS SCAM ALERT! WhatsApp users are being targeted by a fake SMS, urging you to 'renew your subscription to continue using WhatsApp'. The link in the SMS takes you to a fake payment form offering different options to extend your WhatsApp purchase.

This is a phishing scam that uses the popular WhatsApp service as the hook to steal your credit card information. WhatsApp announced in 2016 that it no longer charges a subscription fee.

If you receive a suspicious SMS, you can report it to the ACMA by forwarding the message to 0429 999 888.

If you've clicked on the link and submitted your credit card details, we recommend you immediately contact your financial institution to seek their advice.

For advice about the steps you can take to protect your identity online, visit Stay Smart Online here.

28 March: NSW Road Safety

Texting while driving may seem harmless, but taking your eyes off the road even for two seconds can have serious consequences. Get your hand off it, it's just not worth it.

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THE INTERNET'S MOST COMMON PASSWORDS:

- 123456 1111111
- passwordq2w3e4r5t
- 123456789 google
- qwerty
- 7777777
- 12345678



Do you have one of the most common passwords on the internet? Insecure passwords like '123456' and 'qwerty' can put your personal information at risk. For tips on creating and remembering strong passwords, head to here

28 March, from PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai

Learner Drivers - Get 20 hours Off Your Logbook

Program will be run on the the following dates below:

- Thursday 23rd March 2017
- Thursday 13th April 2017

Courses are booking FAST and spots are LIMITED, so call the club on 9477 2310 or book online <u>here</u>



Dates for the Diary:

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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

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

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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30 March, from the North Shore Times

Car parking a nightmare: Frustration grows as commuters forced into streets surrounding rail station

Rebecca Parish

PARKING around Turramurra station has been branded a "nightmare", with one resident laying the blame firmly with Ku-ring-gai Council.

Growing population and a lack of parking has residents and business owners frustrated, so much so that if North Turramurra's Craig Badings can avoid driving to the station, he will.

"Most days my wife, a teacher at the local Bush school, drops me off ... However, every now and then I have to drive to the station and park, a journey which has become a nightmare," he told the North Shore Times.

Mr Badings has commuted from the station for seven years but said the situation had worsened in recent times because of new development.

He said parking options around Turramurra station included Rohini St and the short-term parking on Gilroy Lane. However, most long-term spots filled up by 6.45am, forcing many to park in the surrounding streets, he added.

"Turramurra is a rapidly growing area," he said.

"I am all for the density developments along the transport corridors ... But I'm afraid the council has stuffed up royally."

The situation is not set to get better any time soon though as Ku-ring-gai Council progresses the Turramurra Community Hub Masterplan. Construction on the project is anticipated in 2020-21, by which time targets of 4000 extra dwellings in the local government area will need to have been met.

"The question needs to be asked where is the commensurate infrastructure to help residents in that area," Mr Badings said.

While Ku-ring-gai Council admitted the Turramurra town centre was "tired and fragmented", a council spokeswoman said the masterplan aimed to provide a blueprint to reactivate the area

"Car parking in the Hub will include additional car parking for the new facilities ... as well as car parking for the existing strip shops on Pacific Highway and in William St," she said.

The lack of parking is also a problem for business owners, such as Ray White Turramurra and Wahroonga principal Greg Windel.

Mr Windel said not only did his staff members struggle to find parking spaces in the area, but many had to move their cars every two hours because they were forced to park in the short-term spaces. "I think there's been a lot of redevelopment on the north shore ... and I think the community centres are probably lagging behind," he said.

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HELP TRACK DOWN FAULTY MACHINES

NewsLocal has partnered with Samsung to help track down six models of top-loading washing machines manufactured from 2010 to 2013, which are the subject of a safety recall. More than 84 per cent of the affected machines have been identified so far. Samsung will refund the purchase price or replace the faulty machines. Models numbers of the affected machines are If you are one of the first 200 to locate a washing machine which is subject to the SW75V9WIP/XSA; SW65V 9WIP/XSA; recall you may also be eligible to claim SW70SPWIP/XSA; a \$50 gift card reward. * SW80SPWIP/XSA; To report a machine or for more information: WA85GW GIP/XSA; WA85GWWIP/XSA newslocal.com.au/samsung-recall *Conditions apply

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From Ku-ring-gai Council: Information session in April on elder abuse

Ku-ring-gai Council tackles the sensitive subject of the abuse of older people at this discreet info session on Thursday 20 April.

Elder abuse can take many forms and includes financial coercion, emotional, sexual and physical abuse of elderly people, either in their own home or in care.

According to the World Health Organisation, elder abuse can occur "within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust and which causes harm or distress to an older person."

Experts in aged care say the problem is a growing one, but many older people are reluctant to speak out. Often the abusers are close family members.

One developing issue is 'inheritance impatience', where family members or carers will use a variety of methods to access the finances of the older person in advance of their death.

Staff from the Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit will be running the session, highlighting the signs of abuse and what people can do to stop it.

The Elder Abuse Helpline is a free and confidential statewide service, part of the NSW Government's strategy on ageing.

The Helpline provides information, support and referrals relating to the abuse of older people and callers can remain anonymous. The Helpline's number is 1800 628 221.

The Council's info session, which costs \$10 per person, will take place in Council Chambers at Level 3 818 Pacific Highway Gordon on Thursday 20 April from 10.30am to 11.30am. Morning tea will be served from 10am

Book here.

From Hornsby Council Hornsby trolleys to be locked in place

There will soon be far less shopping trolleys littering the streets of Hornsby, with

Westfield and their retailers agreeing to install appropriate trolley control solutions to ensure that trolleys are maintained within the shopping centre boundary.

The preferred option at this stage is a wheel-locking mechanism, similar to those that have been installed on trolleys at Westfield in Chatswood and Bondi.

The wheels will lock at every entrance and exit of the centre, including the mallfacing entrances.

"The illegal removal and dumping of trolleys has become a major concern and Council has been working hard with Westfield and the retailers to find the best solution," Hornsby Shire Mayor Steve Russell said.

"Westfield has always been a responsible corporate citizen and this is another example of them listening to the community and cooperating with Council to achieve the best results."

Westfield Regional Manager Jason Knott said similar wheel-locking systems are being trialled at other Westfield centres.

for full article, click here

Asbestos Awareness Session

This Asbestos Awareness session has been specifically designed and tailored for the home owner to improve awareness in the community of the risks of asbestos when undertaking home maintenance and/or home renovations.

These asbestos awareness sessions are being held pursuant to an enforceable undertaking between Northern Sydney Local Health District ABN: 60 834 171 987 and SafeWork NSW dated 28 June 2016.

Venue: Beatrice Taylor Hall

Location: 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby

Time: Wednesday 5 April, 6.30pm

Cost: Free

Contact: Scott Weir Phone: 9462 9439

Crime Stats for Feb 2017 - Gordon							
INC_CATEGORY	FURTHER_CLASS	ADDRESS	START_DATE	ESTAR			
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	PACIFIC HWY	21-02-17	1030			
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CECIL ST	11-02-17	1930			
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	PACIFIC HWY	04-02-17	1900			
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	CECIL ST	19-02-17	1730			
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	GRAFFITI	PARK AVE	19-02-17	317			
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	ST JOHNS AVE	04-02-17	1000			
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	PACIFIC HWY	10-02-17	1800			
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	PARK AVE && PACIFIC HWY	17-02-17	1100			
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	PACIFIC HWY	24-02-17	1700			
STEALING	STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	PACIFIC HWY	27-02-17	1000			
STEALING	STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	PACIFIC HWY	26-02-17	1310			

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

Tip#5: It can be a relief to talk to someone who cares: Lifeline Crisis Support 13 11 14. Lifeline.org.au

Tip#6: Red Cross Telecross Service 1300 885 698 gives those alone a daily call. It gives the confidence to remain independent via daily human contact. redcross.org.au/telecross

Tip#7: If you live on your own, request details of the Next Of Kin Register from Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799.

Tip#8. Try the Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre 9988 4966— Neighbour Aid Friendly phone calls, Companionship home visits, Social Support, Shopping Bus, Transport to essential appointments. Ask about their Mahjong dates. Centres based at St Ives, Berowra & Galston. knc.org.au PTO Contd. overleaf... This list was compiled by those involved with Neighbourhood Watch within the NSW Police— Kuring-gai Local Area Command. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799.

Tip#9: NSW Elder Abuse Helpline & Resource Unit 1800 628 221. EAHRU provides information, support and referrals relating to the abuse of older people in

NSW. Anyone can make the call. elderabusehelpline.com.au Email us here for your copy of this or others in the 20 Tips series. We are working on scams....

Public Warning from NSW Fair Trading: Do not deal with Autoline Sydney and Advant Automotive 29 March 2017

NSW Fair Trading is warning consumers not to deal with Avant Automotive Pty Ltd, which trades as Autoline Sydney and Advant Automotive.

NSW Fair Trading has suspended motor dealer licence number MD058561 following the issue of a Notice to Show Cause on the dealership, which is located at 7-9 Parramatta Road, Concord.

NSW Fair Trading has received a number of complaints from consumers relating to the sale of consignment vehicles and the alleged failure of the dealership to pay consignment money to customers.

One complaint related to the company purchasing and taking possession of a Lamborghini for \$143,000. The consumer was promised payment within seven days but has not received the promised amount.

NSW Fair Trading Commissioner, Rod Stowe, said that investigations are continuing into the activities of these businesses.

"If consumers have consigned a vehicle for sale with Avant Automotive Pty Ltd trading as Autoline Sydney and Advant Automotive, and it has not yet been sold, they should collect their vehicle immediately," Mr Stowe said.

If a consumer has purchased and signed a prescribed Form 5 notice and paid in full for the purchase of a vehicle prior to 11.00am on 23 March 2017, please contact the business to arrange collection of the vehicle.

Customers who have dealt with Avant Automotive Pty Ltd trading as Autoline Sydney and Advant Automotive, and are not satisfied with their interaction, are urged to contact NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20 or visit <u>here.</u>.

Think UKnow Australia: The disturbing YouTube videos that are tricking children There are reports of young children viewing videos of popular cartoons which unfortunately contain disturbing or inappropriate content. If your child likes to watch videos, it is important to know what sites and apps they are using and how to keep them safe. Like all things, there are both risks and positive aspects of viewing videos online.

Have a look at our YouTube For Parents Factsheet for tips to keep your kids safe Read more here.

March 29, VOLUNTEERS EXPO, Hornsby Mall Tues 30 May 11am to 2pm



Would you like to volunteer with Neighbourhood Watch?

We are looking for help with crime prevention stalls at community events, but also for the busy elves that work behind the scenes.

- Are you on Social Media? We are looking for help with Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Or maybe you have computer skills and can help us with a spanking new website, where Neighbourhood Watch within the NSWPF Kuring-gai LAC acts as a conduit to all the various crime prevention information available out there on the internet?
- But wait, there are more jobs.... Please contact us about the numerous ways you could help us. There's an opening waiting especially for you!

 NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Think UKnow Australia

"The four Ps: Parents. Principals. Police. Paedophiles. If you think you wouldn't like any of those groups to see that photo or video you have on your phone, don't post it online."

This article has a pretty important message. Our child protection officers work hard to keep children safe from abuse. Last year, the AFP received more than 8,600 reports of online child exploitation.

Check here.

Metford's Bill Hackney has been named the NSW Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer of the Year.



A local Neighbourhood Watch pioneer has been named New South Wales' Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer of the Year.

Metford's Bill Hackney was presented the award at a ceremony in Sydney last week, where he managed to take out the gong over a 27-year Neighbourhood Watch veteran from Eastwood-Ryde.

"There's something like 12 groups under him and he does 15,000 newsletters a month – he's a legend," Mr Hackney said.

"I refer to him as Yoda and I'm just a young Skywalker." Read more here

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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Our mailing address is:

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