



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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April 10, from NRMA Blog: We remind motorists that double demerits apply for five days in NSW from Thursday 13th of April through Monday 17th of April 2017 inclusive.

Please drive safely and take extra care on the roads.

[Complete blog here.](#)

April 10, from NSW Road Safety: The Wiggles - Buckle Up and Be Safe Video.



63,626 Views

NSW Road Safety with The Wiggles.
November 2, 2016 · 🌐

We have some exciting news to share!

Together with our friends The Wiggles, we want to remind you to make sure your little passengers are safe while in the car...

April 10: Hornsby Police news, 10/4/2017 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Middle range drink driving

Time/Date: About 1.45am Saturday 18th

Place: Burns Road, Wahroonga

Vehicle 1: Nissan

Person: 23 year old male

Details: A marked police vehicle travelling along Eastern Road has seen a Nissan stopped in the break down lane. The driver has looked at the police vehicle driving

past before driving off. Police have turned around and were now following the Nissan which again stopped in the break down lane of Burns Road. Police have stopped and spoken to the driver, who was now talking on his mobile (engine running). Police gave the driver a roadside breath test which was allegedly positive for alcohol; a subsequent breath analysis returned a reading of .147. The driver had his licence suspended by police and was charged.

Court: The male is to appear at Hornsby Local Court at a date yet to be set.

Incident: Stealing, arrest.

Time/Date: About 10.25am Friday 8th

Place: Hornsby Mall

Person 1: 18 year old male

Details: A lady (victim) and her husband were at the Java Lava Cafe about 10.15am. The victim has placed her handbag on the ground beside her while she talked. A male has then stood next to her, snatching the handbag, before running off along the mall. A number of males have seen this unfold and gave chase heading down Hunter lane towards the library. The posy of good Samaritans has tackled the alleged thief placing him under 'citizen's arrest'. The victim has now caught up and retrieved her handbag allegedly still being held by the male. Police have attended and arrested the male. The male refused to be interviewed and was charged.

Court: The male was charged and refused bail; he is to appear at the Hornsby local Court in late May.

This shows great intervention by members of the public who jumped the aid of someone else, good community spirit here.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 9am and 1.30pm Friday 7th

Place: Rosedale Road, St Ives.

Details: A home in Rosedale Road was broken into via a ground floor side window; a number of rooms were ransacked by the intruders. A small amount of jewellery was taken.

Incident: Stolen lolly machine.

Time/Date: Between 3pm Saturday 8th and 8am Sunday 9th

Place: Shop in Westleigh Shopping village.

Details: A lolly vending machine was stolen from the front of a business in Westleigh. The machine had an unknown amount of lollies and coins inside. A sweet tooth perhaps!

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: About 2am Sunday 9th

Place: Myra Street, Wahroonga

Person 1: Described as Caucasian, male, 20s, medium height, baseball cap and no shirt.

Details: A resident heard some noises out the front of their house and opened the front door to investigate. At this point the resident saw the male (above) running off up the street. A quick check showed 4 pairs of shoes had been stolen from the front porch. It seems the thief made good their escape doing a 'runner'.

Incident: Fire

Time/Date: Between 6pm Saturday 1st and 4pm Sunday 2nd

Place: Canoon Road Netball courts, Turramurra.

Details: An 'OTTO' bin was moved onto the netball courts and filled with rubbish. The bin was then set on fire causing an estimated \$5,000 damage to the playing surface.

Incident: Backpack stolen

Time/Date: Between 6.30pm and 8.30pm Thursday 6th

Place: Headon Park, Thornleigh.

Details: A male training for sports at the park has placed his backpack on the sideline. At some point it was stolen, the backpack contained a mobile phone, wallet and numerous credit and debit cards. It appears a credit card had been used 3 times soon after the theft.

Lastly in the past few weeks a number of unit blocks have had letter boxes opened either by a master key or by not being locked. Letters including credit card details have been taken. Mail theft from letter boxes is increasing in frequency all over Sydney. Mail theft and the associated fraud from stolen ID or cards have wide ranging implication for victims and all bank users. The victims have to re-establish their credit rating. The banks may reimburse the victims but these costs are passed onto other users.

Warning, **CLEAR YOUR MAIL BOX DAILY.**

Also consider upgrading your letter box lock to a more secure type.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above

incidents to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

END

April 08, from Quakers Hill command: Offences whilst riding bicycles - How many did you know??

NSW GENERAL DRIVING OFFENCES "BICYCLES"

As at 1 July 2016 : NSW GOVERNMENT Transport Roads & Maritime Services.
The information on this sign is intended as a guide only, and is subject to change at any time without notice. It does not replace the relevant legislation.
*Increased fines and demerit points apply for these offences when committed in a school zone.

LAW	DESCRIPTION	Penalty			
		Fine Level	Fine \$	Demerit Points	Double Demerit Points
Rule 119	Bicycle rider on left of roundabout not give way to vehicle	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 141 (2)	Cyclist pass/overtake left of left turning vehicle	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 151 (1)	Ride bicycle more than 2 abreast on road	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 151 (2)	Ride bicycle more than 2 abreast in marked lane	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 151 (4)	Ride bicycle more than 1.5m from another	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 245 (a)	Not sit astride bicycle rider's seat	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 245 (b)	Not ride bicycle with hand on bars	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 245 (c)	Ride bicycle in incorrect position	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 245-1 (1)(a)	Ride bicycle negligently	1	\$433	-	-
Rule 245-1 (1)(b)	Ride bicycle furiously	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 245-1 (1)(c)	Ride bicycle recklessly	1	\$433	-	-
Rule 246 (1)	Carry more persons on bicycle than permitted	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 246 (2)	Passenger on bicycle not sit on passenger seat	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 246 (3)	Ride bicycle with passenger not seated on passenger seat	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 247 (1)	Not ride in bicycle lane	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 247A	Rider not enter bicycle storage area correctly	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 247B (1)(a)	Enter bicycle storage area not give way to vehicle	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 247B (1)(b)	Enter bicycle storage area not give way to vehicle (lights)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 247B (1)(c)	Enter bicycle storage area not give way to vehicle (arrows)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 247B (2)	In bicycle storage area not give way to vehicle (multi-lane)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 248 (1)	Bicycle rider cross road on children's/pedestrian crossing	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 248 (2)	Bicycle rider cross road on marked foot crossing	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 249	Ride bicycle on pedestrian part of separated footpath	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 250 (1)	Ride bicycle on footpath (12 yrs or older)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 250 (2)	Bicycle not keep left (shared/foot path)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 250 (2)(b)	Bicycle not give way (shared/foot path)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 251	Bicycle not ride to left of oncoming bicycle on path	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 252 (1)	Disobey no bicycles sign/road marking	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 253	Bicycle rider moving into path of driver/pedestrian	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 254 (1)	Ride on bicycle that is being towed	1	\$325	-	-
Rule 254 (2)	Hold onto moving vehicle while riding bicycle	1	\$325	-	-
Rule 255	Ride bicycle too close to rear of motor vehicle	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 256 (1)	Rider not wear bicycle helmet/fitted/fastened	1	\$325	-	-
Rule 256 (2)	Passenger not wear bicycle helmet/fitted/fastened	1	\$325	-	-
Rule 257 (1)	Tow bicycle trailer with person in/on trailer	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 258 (a)	Ride bicycle without working brake	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 258 (b)	Ride bicycle without working warning device	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 259 (a)	Ride bicycle without visible front white light	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 259 (b)	Ride bicycle without visible rear red light	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 259 (c)	Ride bicycle without visible red reflector	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 260 (1)	Proceed before allowed (red bicycle crossing light showing)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 261 (1)	Proceed before allowed (yellow bicycle crossing light showing)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 262 (1)	Not cross intersection safely (bicycle crossing lights)	1	\$108	-	-
Rule 262 (2)	Not finish crossing road safely (bicycle crossing lights)	1	\$108	-	-

April 07: BREAKING NEWS: New study reveals not speeding is the #1 way to avoid a speeding ticket.

This is closely followed by not speeding, and you guessed it, not speeding.

April 07, from Stay Smart Online: Preparing for the Easter break?

Look out for these scams.

SCAMS TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS EASTER

Fundraising email
scams



Contact the charity directly
to check legitimacy

Easter e-cards
containing malicious
software and viruses



Don't open any emails if
you don't recognise the
sender's name

Fake online holiday
and accommodation
deals



Contact the business
directly to confirm the deal



April 07, from NSW SES: We are receiving reports of people dressed in NSW SES uniform approaching members of the community at home asking for money.

The NSW SES does not go door to door asking for donations during large operations or at all. You have the right to ask any of our members for their NSW SES identification card should they approach you. If someone approaches your home in a NSW SES uniform and they can't produce an SES I.D. call the [NSW Police Force](#).

April 07: Latest Crime Prevention video. Protect Your Car - Vehicle Security

Watch video at the NSWPF webpage on [Crime Prevention Tips](#).

Latest Issue: Protect your car - vehicle security



Fact Sheet

- English
- Arabic
- Chinese (simplified)
- Chinese (traditional)
- Croatian
- Greek
- Hindi
- Italian



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Come along and meet your local emergency services

FREE BBQ, face painting, family games and prizes.

Sun 30 April 10am-12noon at Hornsby Park.

Neighbourhood Watch is helping the local police with a crime prevention stall.

How about coming along and joining us? Just 1 hour of your time and we can introduce you to all the best crime prevention information and our new ideas on how to share it with the community. [Email us here.](#)

Do you know what to do in an emergency?

Come along and meet your local emergency services and find out. Plus enjoy a FREE BBQ, face painting, family games and prizes.

When: Sunday 30 April, 10am-12pm

Where: Hornsby Park, (in front of Hornsby Aquatic Centre), 203 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby (accessible event)

Cost: Free

Call Fiona on 9476 9715
or Jian on 9847 6994
for more information.

    
For more information visit:
hornsby.nsw.gov.au



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 PCYC 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

Saturday & Sunday 06 & 07 May: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical Cleanout 9-3:30 @ St Ives Showground. [Info](#).

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](#)

Tuesday 30 May: Volunteers Expo 11am - 2pm in the Hornsby Mall. NHW Crime Prevention stall plus NHW recruitment info. [Join in or more info here](#).

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

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

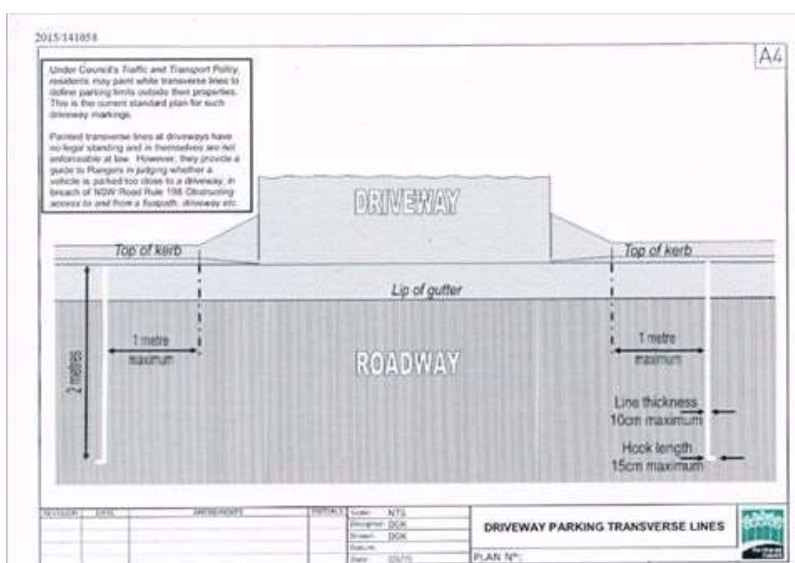
From our neighbouring Neighbourhood Watch: Ryde District Neighbourhood Watch Team at West Ryde Easter Parade & Fair Information stall on Saturday 8 April 2017.

Please note: The NHW within Kuring-gai LAC's Kids Photo Booth was loaned out for the first time and apparently was a great success! Huge **THANK YOU to Mt Colah NHW's Tony Brewer** for the work he has done, making it topple-proof and more portable.



Shared by Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12: Our April newsletter mentioned the growing problem of illegal parking across the driveways of residents near the train station(s). This document is the Ku-ring-gai Council standard for marking your driveway edges. As it says, "...they have no legal standing and in themselves are not enforceable at law. However, they provide a guide to Rangers in judging whether a vehicle is parked too close to a driveway, in breach of NSW Road Rule 198..."

Maybe you'd like to mark your driveway edges, now that you know the standard?



Email us for a copy of the standard, or for our [Illegal Parking flyer](#) to pop under an offender's windscreen wiper.

From Gordon NHW Area 24/12/25/26: Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24 newsletter for April 2017.

You can contact the Gordon NHW Area 24 committee via their email: NHWGordon@gmail.com.



Neighbourhood watch

AREA 24 COORDINATOR: Julia Eagles	9499 7412
AREA 12 COORDINATOR: Bruce Edwards	9449 3018
AREA 25/26 COORDINATOR: Wai Knowles	9496 4736
TREASURER: Eva Ford	0403134435
---> Email us via NHWGordon@gmail.com	
HORNBY POLICE STATION	9476 9799
CRIME STOPPERS (Suspicious behaviour)	1 800 333 000
POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (PAL)	131 444
NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE	1 800 707 125

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CARING

Gordon/Killara/E Killara Areas 24/12/25/26 NEWSLETTER April 2017

You've probably already noticed the change... yes, East Killara Neighbourhood Watch group Area 25/26 have joined with us for newsletters and meetings. Welcome to our new readers! Please check out what we've been up to & take heed of current warnings on mail theft! And NHW Australasia invites you to google their [NHWConnect App](#) and... connect! *Julia, Bruce + Ushi*

Report from the Neighbourhood Watch Security & Safety Roadshow held on Wed 05 Oct 2016 at the Town Hall, Pymble: Thank you to Ku-ring-gai Council, NSWPF & the many NHW volunteers, who joined with others from around the command to make this event a great success for the inaugural NHW Week. We are grateful to the many speakers and contributors, especially the K9 Nose Time sniffer dog display. Everybody, you missed good information and a good time! And to the volunteers who made and painted this kids photo booth for use by NHW within the NSWPF Kuring-gai command. What a hoot! Thanks also to Uniform Exchange, who helped create 12 sets of Police dress-ups for ages 2-12. With hats, badges & hand-cuffs they were perfect for entertaining the kids whilst we gave out crime prevention advice to the parents. 200 NHW cookies, goodie bags, Strandbags RFID raffle prizes, colouring-in, videos... the works! The Roadshow finances were discussed at the Gordon NHW AGM, with \$43 expenses reimbursed to Julia & \$30 to Amanda Norris.



Report from our AGM: Held Thur 24 Nov 2016 at the Gordon Bowling Club. 11 attendees. Bank balance reported as \$4924.27 plus interest. Huge thankyou extended to Snr Cst Paul Cleary and Tim Brown for their comprehensive presentations about the many aspects of 'Personal Safety'. Paul spoke about local crime & recent arrests. He reminded us to always lock our homes, cars and mail boxes! Also, ensure any garage remote control is secure. Tim offers Self Defence workshops for all the family. Phone: 0411 411 289. Julia Eagles shared news of the NHW groups within the NSWPF Kuring-gai command. Working together as a team, our volunteers join other NHW group volunteers supporting the local police with crime prevention stalls at community events. You would be very welcome! East Killara NHW Area 25/26 was welcomed to join in with us for meetings & printed newsletters, coordinated by Wai Knowles. The NHW within NSWPF Kuring-gai command's website was discussed & money from the Area 23 merge was approved for hosting a new .org url. Committee to review quotes in 2017. We thanked Ursula for many years help, as Coordinator, Treasurer & good neighbour.



13 14 44 Police Assistance Line (PAL): Use this number to ask the police a question, or to report a minor crime that has already been committed (eg Break & Enter, Motor Vehicle/Vessel Theft, Lost Property, Malicious Damage, Stealing, Minor Motor Vehicle Crashes). You will need to be the property owner or victim to report the criminal incident.

Summary of Police Reports for our Residential Area (Sept 2016 - Feb 2017):

Type	Location	Date	Time
OTHER STEAL	STANHOPE RD	12/09/2016	1200
ASSAULT COMMON	ARNOLD ST	23/09/2016	730
GRAFFITI	PARK AVE (Law Enforcement)	25/09/2016	336
OTHER STEAL	WERONA AVE	12/10/2016	1700
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	ARNOLD ST	13/10/2016	901
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	ROSEBURY RD (Outdoor Public Place)	29/10/2016	1400
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	NELSON ST	2/11/2016	1600
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	SPRINGDALE RD	25/11/2016	2000
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	ARNOLD ST	12/12/2016	1530
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	ARNOLD ST	21/12/2016	2230
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	WERONA AVE (Outdoor Public Place)	23/12/2016	1730
STEAL FROM DWELLING	STANHOPE RD	11/01/2017	800
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	WATTLE ST	26/01/2017	1200
BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	SPRINGDALE RD	1/02/2017	945
MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	ELVA AVE	13/02/2017	530
GRAFFITI	PARK AVE	29/02/2017	317

Plus in the Gordon CBD: 5 Malicious Damage to Property, 1 Actual Bodily Harm, 4 Common Assault, 3 Steal from Retail Store, 1 Steal from Person, 7 Other Steal, 2 Break/Enter & Steal, 4 Break/Enter/Intent to Steal and 1 Offensive Behaviour.

Car Parks: 2 Malicious Damage to Property, 1 Common Assault and 1 Steal from Motor Vehicle at Wade Ln Car Park, and 2 Steal from Motor Vehicle and 1 Mal Dam to Prop at Gordon Car Park, Killara: A lot of Killara streets are outside our NHW area – if you'd like the crime stats for Killara (or any other suburb), please contact NHWGordon@gmail.com.

QUICK QUESTION: How do you feel about the commuter parking situation in the roads around the railway stations? Please contact us if you're interested in a parking permit system for residents: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

ILLEGAL PARKING: Please contact us for your copy of an 'Illegal Parking' flyer that can be placed on offending vehicles. It details the 3 parking road rules that are commonly broken – driveways, mail boxes and intersections and polite words requesting they don't do it again.

NELSON ST MAIL BOX: A letter has been written to council on behalf of the community regarding the illegal parking adjacent to Nelson St Mail Box. Proper signage has been requested.

CURRENT WARNING: Please be aware of *Mail Theft*, potentially leading to *Identity Theft* or *Fraud*. From 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Mailboxes':

- Tip#1.** DO KEEP YOUR MAILBOX LOCKED. Remember, a lock is not a lock unless you use it.
- Tip#2.** DO EMPTY YOUR MAILBOX EACH DAY.
- Tip#3.** CONSIDER A POST OFFICE (P.O.) BOX. Especially for credit cards, cheque books, etc.
- Tip#7.** REDUCE AND REMOVE UNWANTED JUNK MAIL.
- Tip#8.** ASK A FRIEND/NEIGHBOUR TO CLEAR YOUR MAILBOX WHILE YOU ARE ON HOLIDAY.
- Tip#18.** IF YOUR MAILBOX ISN'T SECURE, MAKE IT SECURE, THRU YOUR STRATA MANAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE), OR THRU A LOCAL TRADESMAN. Time for a new mailbox?
- Tip#19.** BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR & COLLECT THE MAIL FOR THOSE NEIGHBOURS WHO MAY BE INCAPACITATED OR SOCIALLY ISOLATED.
- Tip#20.** KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS. Connecting with the community builds a safer community. It allows more people to watch over your home or mailbox. GOOD NEIGHBOURS ARE THE BEST WATCH DOGS! Get your copy from NHWGordon@gmail.com.



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[Email Gordon NHW Area 24/12](#) for a copy of their April 2017 newsletter. Thank you to Savills Cordeau Marshall for the generous printing of this and previous newsletters.

WARNING from Starts at 60: 'Fake invoice' scam hitting Aussie emails today
MailGuard has warned about emailed invoices purporting to be from Eway.

[Read full article here.](#)

From the NRMA Blog: An NRMA Member recently [asked](#) us if it was an

offence to flash your vehicle's headlights to warn oncoming traffic about police checkpoints ahead.

We consulted our legal experts, who gave the response below.

[Read the full article here.](#)

Register of penalty notices from the NSW Food Authority for this week:

Chargrill Charlies at Wahroonga is on the Name & Shame list.

[Register of Penalty Notices here.](#)

From ThinkUKnow Australia: Wish your kids would talk to you more?

Actress Reese Witherspoon uses Snapchat to stay in touch with her kids. "They won't call me back, but they'll Snapchat me back". Give it a try! Having a go at the apps your children use can help you connect with them.

[Full interview with Reese here.](#)

VOLUNTEERS EXPO: Tuesday 30 May from 11am to 2pm @ Hornsby Mall

Yes, we'll have crime prevention information available for you on the day, but the main purpose of this event is to tempt you into volunteering with Neighbourhood Watch. Why would I join in?

Neighbourhood Watch within the NSWPF Kuring-gai Local Area Command is launching a new way of helping the community. In the future we will be able to offer crime prevention assistance with any crime, for any person, any where. It is going to get exciting. NHW becomes the conduit for all the information. For example - Scams. Our aim is to identify where all the best information is on the Internet and provide you with the links: How to avoid scams, how to report scams, what to do if you've been scammed. Think 'TripAdvisor' for crime prevention info.

Sounds like we need people with computing skills... Please come along and have a chat with the guys. Or [email us here](#) to see how you can get involved.

From the Hornsby Advocate April 05: Hornsby police called to a cliff fall, car crashes, break-ins, thefts and other crime in the area this week

Hornsby: police helped a man who fell more than 10 metres from a cliff, charged a man with mid-range drink driving after another motorist pulled the keys from the ignition of his car after he allegedly drove erratically and are investigating a crash that put two elderly people in hospital. Here's a few of the crimes investigated in the area this:

Thornleigh: A man, 31, was charged with mid-range drink driving after a motorist took the keys out the ignition in his car at a set of traffic lights on The Esplanade about 2.25am on Friday, March 31. The Hornsby man's Ford sedan was allegedly swerving across lanes in an erratic fashion and other drivers who noticed this called police. When the Ford stopped at traffic lights a driver ran up and pulled the keys out of the ignition. Police arrested the man after he returned a positive breath test and at Hornsby station he blew .149. His licence was suspended and he will face Hornsby Court at a future date. Hornsby police commended the person who intervened to potentially prevent an accident.

Westleigh: A 55-year-old man survived a cliff fall of between 10 and 15 metres about 2.15pm on Friday, March 31. A resident in Barkala PI heard cries for help at an embankment in the rear of their yard. When they investigated, they saw a man who had clawed his way up from a cliff. He had a yellow complexion with cuts all over his body and was very faint. Emergency services were called and he was taken to hospital with cuts and non-life-threatening injuries. Police questioned him but he had no recollection as to how he ended up at the cliff face.

Pennant Hills: Police are calling for witnesses to a car crash that put two 70 year olds in hospital on Sunday, April 2. About 10.30pm emergency services were called to Pennant Hills Rd and Railway St where a car and a four-wheel drive collided. The female driver and male passenger in the car, both in their 70s, were trapped for a while before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where the woman was stable and the man was in a critical condition. The driver of the 4WD, a man in his 50s, was not injured. Witnesses to the crash are urged to call Crime

Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Waitara: At least nine mailboxes have been broken into at a unit complex on Orara St during March and April with various items stolen from them.

Hornsby Heights: A 41-year-old female driving a Toyota Camry failed an RBT about 8.30pm at Galston Rd on Friday, March 31. She allegedly blew 0.106 at Hornsby Police station. Her licence was confiscated, she was charged with mid-range drink driving. She will face court at a later date.

Turramurra: Two tyres worth about \$500 were slashed on a Volvo parked on Timaru St between 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 29 and 8.30am on Thursday, March 30.

Asquith: A Hyundai sedan was broken into and a dash cam stolen on Jersey St north between 5pm on Sunday, April 2 and 8am on Monday, April 3.

Hornsby: \$500 worth of food was stolen from a stand-alone kiosk in Hornsby Westfield about 7.40pm on Saturday, April 1. CCTV footage shows two females in the kiosk forcing open a fridge.

Hornsby: A box trailer and an unregistered quad bike worth about \$2500 in total was stolen from the front of a home in Bellbrook Ave between 10pm on Saturday, April 1 and 11am on Sunday, April 2.

Hornsby: A shop in Westfield had a 3kg crystal stolen between 10.15pm and 10.40pm last Thursday.

[Article here.](#)

From Service NSW: If you get an email about RMS and E-Toll, be extra careful it's not a scam.

The team at Roads and Maritime Services [NSW Roads](#) have warned of malicious scam emails which incorrectly state that they are from Roads and Maritime Services E-Toll. These emails look real but ask you to download a zip file. **Don't!** Other clues include in the sender email ends in dot ru or dot ca addresses.

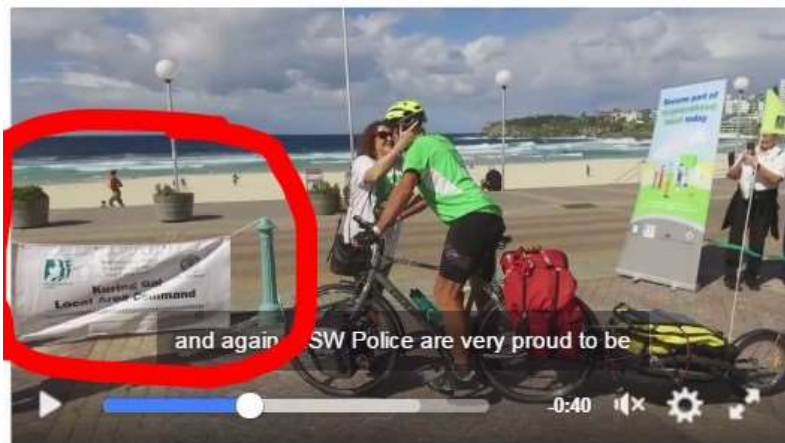
Dear Valued Customer,
Important changes are coming to your RMS E-Toll Account from 1 April 2017.
To find out more on these changes please refer to the attachment.
Thank you for choosing E-Toll.
Regards,
The E-Toll Team
Roads and Maritime Services

SCAM

April 04: Congratulations to Neighbourhood Watch President, Bernie Durkin, who finished his solo bicycle ride across Australia at Bondi Beach this morning.

Eastern Suburbs LAC - NSW Police Force welcomed Mr Durkin who cycled from Perth to Sydney to promote the importance of keeping Australia safe. Chief Superintendent Brad Shepherd was among the greeting party and was encouraged to see the community supporting Neighbourhood Watch.

For more information, visit <http://www.nhwa.com.au/ridetoconnect2017/>
For the new NHW Australasia CONNECT App, please [click here and register](#).



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Congratulations to Neighbourhood Watch President, Bernie Durkin, who finished his solo bicycle ride across Australia at Bondi Beach this morning.

[What a great banner in the background! - Ed]

April 04: SCAM ALERT! Beware of unsolicited phone calls from suspects who claim to be calling from legitimate IT companies.

The scammer will allege that your computer is infected and in need of urgent repair. The victim will be guided to allow remote access to their computer for the fake technician to assess the issue. **DO NOT GIVE THEM ACCESS!** They could potentially infect your PC with a Cryptolocker virus which renders your device unusable and requires payment to be removed. They also have the ability to steal your personal information. If you believe you have been the target of this scam or similar, you can report to your local Police Station or online via the [Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network \(ACORN\)](#).



From the [Hornsby Advocate digital edition](#) 06 April:

Ice use doubles in two years while major crime rates fall 332 fewer offences for break-and enter, fraud, property damage and stealing from cars and shops

CRIME rates in Hornsby are falling but the number of people in possession of or using amphetamines is rising. Charges for amphetamine possession and use in northern Sydney almost doubled between 2014 and 2016 with 221 charges last year – up from 123 in 2014. Methamphetamine-related hospitalisations are also up

in northern Sydney, from 45 in 2009 to 249 in 2014-15, the latest NSW health data shows. The rate of hospitalisations for ice use in the region increased from six people per 100,000 to almost 25 people per 100,000 in the same period.

Senior Constable Paul Cleary said there had been more people detected using these drugs. "We have noticed some incidents recently and there is an increase in incidents of amphetamines in the area," Constable Cleary said.

Across 17 major crime categories there were 332 fewer offences reported in Hornsby in 2016 compared to 2015. Major declines were: break-and-enters, down 68; malicious damage to property down 86; frauds down 79; stealing from cars down 53; stealing from store reports down 74.

Constable Cleary said break-and-enter records included storage cages and letterboxes as they were classified the same as dwellings. "A number of crews operating across several local area commands in Sydney (were stealing from cages and letterboxes)," he said. "People were identified and arrested in relation to those offences. "Since those arrests, stealing from storage cages has reduced but not stopped. We did have a couple over the weekend so we do want to remind residents to remain vigilant."

There were 42 more reported assaults in Hornsby in 2016. In Ku-ring-gai there were 64 more reports of stealing from cars. In 2016 there were 17 more sexual assaults reported in Ku-ring-gai, which also recording the fourth-least number of assaults in Sydney.

- Assault: Hornsby 251, Ku-ring-gai 74
- DV assault: Hornsby 170, Ku-ring-gai 76
- Sex assault: Hornsby 49, Ku-ring-gai 39
- Break & enter: Hornsby 315, Ku-ring-gai 358
- Fraud: Hornsby 471, Kuring-gai 656
- Car theft: Hornsby 80, Ku-ring-gai 39

[Full article on Page 3](#)

VANDALS are pulling down safety gates on a section of the Great North Walk's Benowie Track that was closed in 2015 due to an "unacceptable" risk from bullets at the nearby rifle range. Hornsby Police said it was trespassing if people used the old Quarry Rd track, which was popular with mountain bikers and trail runners, but

warnings had been ignored. [Full article on Page 7](#)

Street Watch

THORNLEIGH A man, 31, was charged with mid-range drink driving after a motorist took the keys out the ignition in his car at a set of traffic lights on The Esplanade about 2.25am on Friday, March 31. The Hornsby man's Ford sedan was allegedly swerving across lanes in an erratic fashion and other drivers who noticed this called police. When the Ford stopped at traffic lights a driver ran up and pulled the keys out of the ignition. Police arrested the man after he returned a positive breath test and at Hornsby station he blew .149. His licence was suspended and he will face Hornsby Court at a future date. Hornsby police commended the person who intervened to potentially prevent an accident.

WESTLEIGH A 55-year-old man survived a cliff fall of between 10 and 15 metres about 2.15pm on Friday, March 31. A resident in Barkala Pl heard cries for help at an embankment in the rear of their yard. When they investigated, they saw a man who had clawed his way up from a cliff. He had a yellow complexion with cuts all over his body and was very faint. Emergency services were called and he was taken to hospital with cuts and non-lifethreatening injuries. Police questioned him but he had no recollection as to how he ended up at the cliff face.

PENNANT HILLS Police are calling for witnesses to a car crash that put two 70 year olds in hospital on Sunday, April 2. About 10.30pm emergency services were called to Pennant Hills Rd and Railway St where a car and a four-wheel drive collided. The female driver and male passenger in the car, both in their 70s, were trapped for a while before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where the woman was stable and the man was in a critical condition. The driver of the 4WD, a man in his 50s, was not injured. Witnesses to the crash are urged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

WAITARA At least nine mailboxes have been broken into at a unit complex on Orara St during March and April with various items stolen from them.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS A 41-year-old female driving a Toyota Camry failed an RBT about 8.30pm at Galston Rd on Friday, March 31. She allegedly blew 0.106 at Hornsby Police station. Her licence was confiscated, she was charged with mid-range drink driving. She will face court at a later date.

TURRAMURRA Two tyres worth about \$500 were slashed on a Volvo parked on Timaru St between 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 29 and 8.30am on Thursday, March 30.

ASQUITH A Hyundai sedan was broken into and a dash cam stolen on Jersey St north between 5pm on Sunday, April 2 and 8am on Monday, April 3.

HORNSBY \$500 worth of food was stolen from a standalone kiosk in Hornsby Westfield about 7.40pm on Saturday, April 1. CCTV footage shows two females in the kiosk forcing open a fridge.

HORNSBY A box trailer and an unregistered quad bike worth about \$2500 in total was stolen from the front of a home in Bellbrook Ave between 10pm on Saturday, April 1 and 11am on Sunday, April 2.

HORNSBY A shop in Westfield had a 3kg crystal stolen between 10.15pm and 10.40pm last Thursday.

ARREST AFTER POLICE CHASE POLAIR and the dog squad were involved in a pursuit which ended in Brisbane Ave, Mt Kuring-gai on Thursday last week — resulting in the arrest of a 32-year-old man and 38-year-old woman.



Police arrest two in Mt Kuring-gai following pursuit from the Central Coast.

A NSW Police spokeswoman said at about 8.30am officers from Northern Region Highway Patrol located a vehicle, occupied by two people wanted on warrants, heading south on the M1 at Tuggerah Lakes.

"A pursuit was initiated and the vehicle was followed until the Hawkesbury River Bridge where a decision was made to terminate," the spokeswoman said. PolAir, tracked the vehicle to Flanders Place, Mt Kuring-gai. "The male driver and the female passenger allegedly jumped out of the Cruiser and ran from police. "The 38-year-old woman was arrested by officers after she was found in the backyard of a nearby home. "The 32-year-old man was arrested after being tracked by a police dog and PolAir to nearby bushland." [Full article on Page 8](#)

From the [North Shore Times digital edition](#), April 06:

Spate of burglaries: Break-and-enters at twice historic rate

A SPATE of home invasions across the north shore has prompted police to warn homeowners to be extra vigilant. KILLARA, St Leonards and Chatswood are among suburbs being hit hard as a disturbing crime wave washes over the north shore. Police are concerned after a spate of break and enters in the area, with some victims reportedly waking up with home invaders in their bedrooms.

North Shore Local Area Command has had 74 break and enters in homes in the past six weeks, more than double the usual number.

Crime prevention officer Constable Michael Alexander described it as a “dramatic spike”, and said neighbouring LACs were facing the same issue. “Adjoining LACs such as Harbourside, Ryde and Kuring Gai are also being affected,” Constable Alexander said. “We believe the offenders travel in groups of four or five often using stolen cars for transport to and from the locations they are breaking in to.” He said break-ins were occurring between 9pm and 3am, and said when allegedly caught in the act the assailants were known to flee. “Fortunately there’s been no confrontations,” he said. “Our proactive, plainclothes police are working extra shifts. “We’ve also got support from the Operation Countdown which is targeting property crime and they’re in the area and they are specifically targeting property crime offences.”

Constable Alexander urged residents to ensure homes were secured at night, including windows. He said many residents considered CCTV, and he said it was “not a bad idea” because police then had access to pictures of the people they were after. “It’s been around for a little while now for businesses, but a lot of people are moving towards getting cameras in their homes and that always helps us,” he said. Full article on Page 1.

Chemical CleanOut (Ku-ring-gai residents only)

Clean out your shed and the back of your cupboards and dispose of old household chemicals safely at Ku-ring-gai Council's free Chemical CleanOut at St Ives Showground on Saturday 6 May and Sunday 7 May, 9am to 3.30pm. For more information and a full list of chemicals accepted, visit kmg.nsw.gov.au/chemicals



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GORDON An apartment building on Pacific Highway was targeted with more than 25 mailboxes searched on Saturday. One resident reported at least 13 mailboxes were opened and mail left strewn on the ground. A short time later, police said another 15 were opened. The incident is believed to have happened between 5pm

and 11.30pm.

WEST PYMBLE Police attended a home on Golfers Parade last week after a silver Toyota Prado was stolen. The car was allegedly taken between 10.30pm on Thursday, March 30, and 7.30am Friday, March 31. Witnesses are urged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

TURRAMURRA A home on Monteith St was broken into between 8.30am and 11.45am on Monday. A window was allegedly jimmied open, multiple rooms searched and items moved, but police reported it appeared nothing had been stolen. Anyone with information can call police on 9476 9799.

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Driver back in court THE driver of a car which allegedly hit Dr Ann Formaz-Preston, causing her death, will again face court in May. Mohamed Abbasher Fageer, 37, last week attended Downing Centre Local Court for his second appearance since the incident in December. The Hornsby man was driving a Toyota Corolla which hit Dr Formaz-Preston as she cycled in a group along Mona Vale Rd near the intersection of Woodlands Avenue in Pymble. The Canadian-born doctor died at the scene. Mr Fageer has been charged with dangerous driving occasioning death, negligent driving occasioning death and not giving particulars to police. Full article on Page 20.

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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