

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</u> <u>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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April 15, from the Manly Daily

Shocking road rage footage, on Sydney's northern beaches, shows the moment a driver smashes his hand into the side view mirror of another moving car before yelling 'I'll f--k you up'.

Click here for details.

April 14, from NSW Police Force.

Things drivers in NSW never say: "oh was that my phone? I better wait until I've pulled over".

April 13, from Hornsby Advocate: NSW Parking Restrictions

The State Government has listened and finally installed No Parking signs on Peats Ferry Rd at Hornsby. Are you happy with the change? Click <u>here</u> for details.

April 13, From Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby crime for the week includes a bagsnatch, drink driving, theft, fraud and vandalism

Hornsby police were called to the mall after an alleged bag snatcher was detained under a citizens arrest and among other crimes in Wahroonga four pairs of shoes were stolen from the front porch of a house by a man described as caucasian and shirtless.

Hornsby: An 18 year old who allegedly took a 59 year-old woman's handbag while she was sitting at Java Lava cafe in Hornsby mall at Florence St was chased down and held by seven people before being arrested on Friday about 10.15am. The woman placed her bag on the ground beside her at the cafe and later noticed a young man stand within a metre of her. About 10 minutes later the man allegedly grabbed her bag and started running. The woman screamed and then saw people chasing the man towards Hunter Lane near the footbridge. Several people chased the man about 100 metres and tackled him to the ground. The accused person allegedly said he couldn't breathe and then tried to run and was tackled again. Police arrested the teen from Thornleigh after he was assessed by ambulance officers. The alleged thief declined to be interviewed and was charged with steal

from person. He was bail refused to face Hornsby local court on May 17.

Berowra Heights: Hornsby Police are appealing for witnesses to a spate of malicious damage crimes in the area after several vehicles had screws and nails punched into their tyres. There have also been several incidents of graffiti on community buildings and in the neighbourhood. Police have made note of this activity and will be patrolling the area. Call Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 or Crimestoppers 1300 333 000 if you have any information.

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Galston: A Ford Falcon smashed into a tree head-on after failing to negotiate a right-hand bend on Bevans Rd into Knights Rd, hitting an equestrian sign and mounting the footpath about 3.50am on Sunday, April 9. A resident investigated and found the car had its head lights on but no driver or passenger to be seen. Police attended and then towed the car to Hornsby Police station where it will be forensically tested. Police have been unable to ascertain if it was stolen as they have not spoken to the car's owner yet.

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Westleigh: A lolly vending machine was stolen from the front of a cafe at the Westleigh shopping centre between 3pm Saturday, April 8 and 8am Sunday, April 9.

April 12, from NSW Police Force

On the 20th anniversary of double-demerit enforcement, senior police have joined forces with Ambulance NSW and The Centre for Road Safety, to appeal for drivers to take it 'slow and steady' this Easter.

April 12: From Little Blue Dinosaur





LBDF would like to remind all parents/carers to be sure to hold the hands of

children when out & about especially those aged under 10. Check <u>here</u> for details. Drivers be aware that there are more children present in our community at school holiday time so please drive extra cautiously.

April 12, from Crime Stoppers NSW

This post is by Cammy, a supporter of Crime Stoppers.



How do criminals use Social Media sites to target homes? Here are some real life examples that will shock you.

Click here for details

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Heading away for the Easter break? Follow these Crime Stoppers tips to be home

security smart these school holidays:

- Check that all house locks are in working order and lock all windows and doors before you leave the house
- Ensure motion sensor lights are working
- Secure your garage or any tools that can be used to force entry into your home
- Use internal timed lights, put your mail on hold and have a neighbour park their car in your driveway to make your house look lived in
- Don't advertise you are away on social media

This post is proudly brought to you by Lane Locks, a supporter of Crime Stoppers. Income from sponsors helps fund crime prevention programs, making NSW safer.

April 11: From NSW Police Force

Don't want to get fined? Don't be a tosser, put it in the bin.





Dates for the Diary:

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. <u>Info</u>.

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

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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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Beware of fake myGov emails and SMS messages



You are advised that fake emails and SMS messages claiming to be from the Australian Government Department of Human Services' myGov website are targeting the community.

These fake messages seek to gather sensitive personal details from recipients and use them for malicious purposes.

Anyone who has received an SMS or email claiming to be from the Department of Human Services myGov and logged into their myGov account by accessing the

link provided within, should contact the myGov helpdesk immediately on 13 23 07. People can also contact <u>IDCare</u> on 1300 432 273 for further advice and support.

The Department of Human Services does not include links in the SMS and email messages it sends to recipients. People should always log in by entering my.gov.au into their browser and check that https:// appears at the beginning of the address bar when you land on the site.

Click here for more details

Car crashes: How to respond if you come across an accident



Click <u>here</u> for details.

From NSW Police Force



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 <u>email us here</u> to see how you can get involved.

From Nine News: Woman creates fence 'peep hole' for neighbour's curious dog

A California woman was tired of her neighbour's dog leaping up to see into her

backyard, so she came up with a novel solution.



Click here for details.

April 12: From Australian Federal Police

Got tech?
Got skills?

Think Q is the man truly behind Bond's success?

You could be exactly who the Australian Federal Police is looking for.



Technical specialists in the AFP work with advanced technologies, bringing their expertise to the table to address investigative and intelligence challenges not found in other workplaces.

Use your IT/ engineering skills to aid investigations and create solutions to dynamic, emerging challenges in Australia and abroad. Tackle surveillance, digital

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We are currently recruiting for people with technical skills of this kind, but the opportunity closes soon! 20 April 2017.

Apply now and make a difference.

Click here for details.

April 12: From Bureau of Meteorology:

WATCH: Planning on rock fishing over Easter? X Don't cast safety aside!

Use our marine weather tools to help you find the best time and place for safe rock fishing, and always check the latest forecasts and warnings before going out: Check <u>here.</u>

From the Hornsby Advocate digital edition 13 April:

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A block of units on Edgeworth David Ave had a number of mailboxes broken into between 8pm Thursday, April 6 and 8.30am Friday, April 7.

A resident checking their mail noticed piles of letters on a shelf below the boxes and no damage to the locks on the boxes. Police believe a master key was used and urge people who have generic letterboxes to retrofit more secure locks to them as master keys



From the North Shore Times digital edition, April 13:

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A 40-year-old female driver of a Ford Fiesta may be charged after a three-car crash on the Pacific Highway on Sunday, April 9 between 9.30am and 10.30am. The Ford Fiesta allegedly collided with a Holden Commodore and a Toyota Kluger while travelling south on the Pacific Highway.

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was seen "doing a runner".

From Hornsby Council:



Click here to find out

Current Roadworks

Upcoming roadworks in Hornsby Shire. This schedule is dependent upon weather and may change.

Find out here

From the Ku-ring-gai Council:

Learn how Council is preventing and managing local bushfires, how you can prepare your home and emergency contact information.

Click here for details.

Here are some simple things you can do to help save you money, feel good and make your 2017 a whole lot greener Click here for details.

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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