

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

# eNewsletter # 301 - 17 July 2017

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring-gai LAC Facebook page (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!").

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# 17 July, Stats from the weekend ARCADIA 1 Stolen trailer BOBBIN HEAD BROCKLYN COWAN HORNSEY HORNSBY HEIGHTS KILLARA NORMANHURST FYMBLE STIVES THORNLEIGH TURRANURRA WAHROONGA WARRAWEE WESTLEIGH Date range 14 July to 17 July

Berowra: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1, Stolen Trailer

**Bobbin Head**: Stolen Boat Cowan: Break & Enter 1

Assault St Ives 15 July

Galston: Malicious Damage 1, Stealing 1

Hornsby: Malicious Damage 1, Stealing 2, Drugs 1

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Thornleigh: Fraud 1

Turramurra: Break & Enter 1, Stealing 1

Wahroonga: Stealing 1

Waitara: Fraud 1

17 July, Media Release: Police appeal for information into reported sexual assault of young girl - SCC Child Abuse Squad



Police have released an image of a man who they believe may be able to assist with their inquiries into the sexual assault of a young girl.

Detectives from the State Crime Command's Child Abuse Squad commenced an investigation after receiving information a young girl was sexually assaulted by a man she met online.

The pair began engaging online in early 2015, when the girl was aged 14, and met on a number of occasions at an oval in Hornsby Heights between February 2015 and January 2016 and had sex.

Child Abuse Squad Commander, Acting Superintendent Peter Yeomans, said despite extensive inquiries, detectives have not been able identify the man.

"As part of our ongoing inquiries, we have released an image of a man we believe may be able to assist us," Det A/Supt Yeomans said.

"The man is depicted as being of Asian appearance, aged between his mid 20s and mid 30s, having a medium build, with short black hair, brown eyes, and clean shaven.

"He may be named or use the name 'Alex', wears glasses and was known to wear business-style clothes.

"I urge members of the community to look closely at the image and if you recognise the man, please contact police."

Det A/Supt Yeomans also urged parents to speak with their children about online safety.

"Any app, on-line game, or social media platform that allows the user to be in contact with someone they've only met online potentially puts them at risk," Det A/Supt Yeomans said.

"Not only should young people be very careful about providing personal details to a person they only know in online environment, they should never organise to meet as doing so may place them at further risk of harm," Det A/Supt Yeomans said.

The Child Abuse Squad is comprised of detectives who are specially trained to investigate crimes against children, including sexual assault, physical abuse and serious cases of neglect.

Anyone with concerns about suspected child abuse or exploitation should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page <a href="https://example.com/here.co

### 14 July, from NSW Road Safety

School zones are back in operation on Monday July 17. Remember to slow down and stick to the 40km/h school zone speed limit.

### 13 July, Hornsby Police News

Hornsby Police were called to a capsized boat, burglary spree, waterbombing and car thefts this week.

**Dangar Island:** A 65-year-old man was lucky to escape uninjured after his boat capsized while he was fishing on the Hawkesbury river about 9am on Monday, July 10. The man's vessel, a 12 foot Clark runabout with a 12 horsepower motor,

became unstable when he started the engine and the tiller caught on his leg, skewing the boat sideways. The boat began circling and threw him out before capsizing. He was not wearing a lifejacket. Police officers from the Brooklyn launch were patrolling the area at the time and a passing garbage barge pulled the man on board. Another passing vessel hooked up his boat and towed it to Parsley Bay. The man had life jackets in the boat but lost his fishing rods and reels. He was warned about not wearing a lifejacket but no action will be taken by police.

**South Turramurra:** Thieves went on a spree in Maxwell St on Monday night with more than \$20,000 worth of items stolen from three separate places. \$15,000 worth of communications equipment including a GPS, a laptop and other items were taken from a 2012 Toyota Hilux ute parked on the street after its front side passenger window was removed and smashed between 5pm on Monday, July 10 and 7.30am Tuesday, July 11. A \$5000 bike was taken from the rear yard of a home on Maxwell St, after 6pm on Monday night. The bike had its wheels locked but it was not attached to anything. And two drills, \$200 cash and a leaf blower were taken from a home on the same street after a garage door was left open between 10.30pm on Monday and 8am on Tuesday, July 11.

**Mt Colah:** \$700 cash was stolen from a home on the Pacific Hwy between 10am and 12pm on Sunday, July 9, after burglars smashed a ground floor rear window while the resident was at church.

**Normanhurst:** Cash and a garage door remote were stolen from an unlocked Audi station wagon parked on Greenhill Ave between 3pm on Monday, July 10 and 8am Tuesday, July 11.

**Cherrybrook:** Items worth \$850 including a PlayStation 4 were stolen from a home in Crestview Place between 1am and 6am on Tuesday, July 4.

**Cowan:** Youths throwing water balloons at southbound cars from the Jerusalem Bay Track overpass of the M1 motorway between 5.35pm and 5.55pm on Sunday prompted calls to police. Two boys aged between 12 and 13 years-old were seen at the nearby Great North Walk and questioned by police. The boys claimed to be on 'a bit of a walk' and denied throwing waterbombs but did admit their camelback waterpouch was leaking. The boys, from Woy Woy, were taken to their grandparents house in Cowan.

**Thornleigh:** \$1450 worth of items including three pairs of sunglasses, reading glasses and cash were stolen from a VW ute parked on Loch Maree Ave during

Monday evening, it is unknown how entry to the car was gained.

**Cowan:** A P-plate driver will face court charged with driving while suspended after she was pulled over with no P-plates on her car driving on the Pacific Hwy on Sunday, July 9 at 11.15am. Police highway patrol picked up the car's registration was linked to a suspended driver and pulled the car over.

**Waitara:** A Nissan Navara ute was stolen from Alexadria Pde between 8.30am and 4.45pm on Sunday July 9.

# 12 July, from Australian Road Safety Foundation

Do you get frustrated by tailgating? It's one of drivers' biggest bugbears and dangerous to boot. Be sure to leave at least two seconds distance between you and the car in front, for the sake of your life, and the lives of those around you.

# 12 July, Triple Zero Awareness Work Group

Channel 9 Darwin, Darwin, National Nine News, Jonathan Uptin. Hundreds of people make an emergency call in the territory each year but they do not know where they are calling from. Police and Tourism NT have teamed up to encourage tourists to download the Emergency+ app, which uses GPS coordinates to in a bid to help locate them easier in times of emergency. The app is free to download on iTunes via Apple, Android, and Windows devices.



**Please note** that Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse a product or service, only bring them to your attention. Please do your own research

# 11 July, Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force

The NSW Police Force are reminding the public there is only two months remaining for explosives to be legally surrendered under the Commercial Explosives Amnesty.

The Commercial Explosive Amnesty commenced on 15 March 2017 and ends on 14 September 2017, and provides a safe avenue for members of the community to dispose of explosives and related hazardous materials.

Please contact your local police for further information, or watch the Youtube video <u>here.</u>

# 11 July, from NSW Police Force

If you receive an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from the Australian Taxation Office threatening you with immediate arrest or stating you must pay money to receive a tax refund, hang up.

### 10 July, from 9 News Sydney

9 News can reveal the horrifying impact travelling with your feet on the dashboard can have in an accident.

Watch video here.



### 16 July, from NSW police Force [Edited]

Four lives have been lost in three separate crashes during five hours on roads in country NSW this morning (Sunday 16 July 2017).

Provisional crash data indicates 201 lives have been lost on NSW roads this year.

Two people have died after two cars collided head-on in western NSW, this morning. A utility and a sedan collided while travelling on the Sturt Highway near the intersection of Tarpaulin Road, 35km west of Euston, about 6.45am today (Sunday 16 July 2017).

The female utility driver, and sole occupant, died at the scene. A male rear seat passenger in the sedan has died.

A second man, also travelling in the rear of the sedan, along with the sedan driver both sustained critical injuries. Diversions are in place and for the latest on road conditions motorists should check <u>here.</u>

**Crime Stats for May - Killara** 

INC_CATEGORY	FURTHER_CLASS	ADDRESS	START_DATE	START_TIME
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM	STANHOPE RD && FIRS	07-05-17	900
ASSAULT	ASSAULT COMMON	WARWICK ST	05-05-17	2130
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	04-05-17	445
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	05-05-17	130
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	04-05-17	1800
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	06-05-17	1800
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CALVERT AVE	12-05-17	820
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	15-05-17	2000
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BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	15-05-17	1800
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	LORNE AVE	31-05-17	1020
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	WALLAROO CL	29-05-17	2320
BREAK AND ENTER	BREAK/ENTER AND STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	16-05-17	500
<b>BUSINESS INSPECTION</b>	LICENSED PREMISES	PACIFIC HWY	27-05-17	1725
FIRE	STRUCTURE	NORTHCOTE AVE	05-05-17	1730
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	NORTHCOTE AVE	06-05-17	10
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	STANHOPE RD && FIRS	07-05-17	900
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	04-05-17	930
STEALING	OTHER STEAL	CULWORTH AVE	04-05-17	1900
STEALING.	STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	KIAMALA CRES	16-05-17	800
STEALING	STEAL FROM PERSON	STANHOPE RD && FIRS	07-05-17	900

Email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com for your suburb's crme stats (within the Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai areas covered by NSWPF Ku-ring-gai command)

**Dates for the Diary:** 

**Thursday 03 August:** PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Learner Driver Program. **Ph:** 

9477 2310.

Thursday 03 August: 6pm @ Gordon Police Station (tbc) 'All Areas' NHW

meeting. Everyone welcome. Bring an issue or an idea. Info.

**14 August to 20 August:** Rail Safety Week Info.

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

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

15 March to 14 September 2017: Commercial Explosives Amnesty

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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# 13 July, from NSW Police Force



Stay Smart Online is warning of several SMS phishing scams targeting customers of Australian banks. If you received a suspicious SMS asking you to click on a link and enter personal details, do not click on the link. Please report any scam activity <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>

### 13 July, from North shore LAC - NSW Police Force

Chatswood Westfield, 2.30pm, Monday 10th July 2017

Chatswood Police would like to speak to the person depicted in the image below regarding an alleged incident at Chatswood Westfield. If you know this person please call Chatswood Police 94148499 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000.



Ref.# E65596663
Please note: Images could be unidentified victims, potential witnesses or alleged offenders.

# 12 July, CareFlight: WOMAN PEDESTRIAN HIT BY CAR

A woman aged in her 70s has been taken to hospital in a serious but stable condition after being hit by a vehicle in Killara this afternoon.

The pedestrian was reportedly hit by a car on Werona Avenue.

CareFlight's rapid response rescue helicopter was tasked to the accident shortly after 3pm, landing at a rugby oval near the scene to dispatch CareFlight's medical team.

Police rushed CareFlight's specialist doctor and critical care paramedic to the scene to join Ambulance paramedics treating the woman, who was initially unconscious.

CareFlight's medical treated the woman for a head injury and upper limb fracture at the scene and continued providing care as she was taken by road to Royal North Shore Hospital in a serious but stable condition. From the Hornsby Advocate, 06 July: Read online, click here.

# Page 3 [edited]: Series of errors behind fake Indian doctor's 11 year fraud

A ROGUE possum, a desperate scramble for foreign medical staff to fill "chronic shortages" and a litany of catastrophic errors have all been blamed for a major health system breakdown that allowed a fake Indian doctor to work unqualified in NSW hospitals including Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital - for over a decade.

Con artist Shyam Acharya stole the identity of Dr Sarang Chitale when the pair worked as interns at Joshi Hospital, in the Indian city of Pune, before travelling to NSW and using fake documents to work in six hospitals across Sydney and the Central Coast for 11 years.

# MAN HIT BY TRUCK IN HORNSBY

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Hornsby after a 25-year-old man was hit
by a truck at lunchtime on Monday.
A NSW Ambulance spokeswoman said
Paramedics were called out to the incident
at George St, Hornsby at 12.35pm.
"Witnesses reported a collision
between a vehicle and a pedestrian," the

spokeswoman sald.
"The patient, who was a 25-year-old male, was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.

Paramedics at the scene were querying

head injuries while transporting the man

to Royal North Shore." A NSW Police spokesman said there was "some concerns early on that the

situation was very serious".

"It is believed the truck collided with a man in his 20s," the spokesman said.
"It was reported that the man suffered a

possible fracture to the cheek and was conveyed to hospital. Obviously the incident was not as serious as police first thought, however, it did cause some traffic delays around the area.'

From the North Shore Times, 13 July: Read online, click here.

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#### **PYMBLE**

Police are calling for information after two men allegedly robbed a home of \$300,000 worth of items as a mother and her young son were at home. The incident happened at a house on Greenway Dr about 8pm on Saturday, with the men allegedly threatening the woman as they stole credit cards, jewellery and cash. One man, who was last seen wearing a grey hooded jacket with a zipper, dark long pants and carrying an orange bag, was described as caucasian, about 30 years old, 185cm tall and thin. The second man was described as caucasian, about 25 years old, 185cm tall and thin. He was wearing dark clothing and dark gloves.

# **KILLARA**

A woman is in hospital after being hit by a car on Werona Ave, Killara, on Tuesday. Shortly before 3pm, emergency services were called to the scene after reports a woman, 78, had been struck. She sustained a head injury and fractures. She was treated at the scene by paramedics before being flown to Royal North Shore Hospital, where she remained in a critical but stable condition as we went to press. The driver of the Toyota Camry, a woman in her 60s, was not injured.

# From Ku-ring-gai Council: The Bower Reuse and Repair Centre

The Bower is an environmental charity that collects, repairs and sells preloved goods.

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: <a href="mailto:okar:20"><u>@Kuring Gai LAC</u></a>

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

### **NSW Police Community Portal**

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

# Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

NSW Police - website for 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.

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