

Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the Hornsby and Kuring-gai areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'). One important post on the Monday is the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.

We add to this all the other stuff we find interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view. It could be local newspaper articles, roadwork warnings, crime prevention tips, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and relevant tit-bits gleaned from residents, or other Commands. Have you seen anything we should share with the community?

Please continue to email us anything you may know of, that others may appreciate: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

07 April, Hornsby Police news, 7/4/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Middle range drink driving Time/Date: About 11.45pm Sunday 5th

Place: Pacific highway, Gordon

Vehicle 1: Corolla

Driver 1: 52 year old male from Hornsby

Details: The corolla has driven past an unmarked police vehicle on the Pacific Highway. As it approached an orange traffic light it is alleged the Corolla has accelerated and crossed the line as it changed Red and then braked. Police have followed and stopped the driver a short time later to conduct a roadside breath test. The driver for some reason could not complete this task and was arrested. A breath analysis at Gordon police station gave a result of .106. The driver was charged and had his licence suspended by police.

Court: The driver is to face Hornsby Local Court charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol.

Incident: Assault

Time/Date: About 8.30pm Sunday 6th

Place: Internet café in Florence street, Hornsby

Person 1: 24 year old male. Victim: 16 year old male.

Details: The victim was in the café and stood up to go to the service counter. As the victim glanced around the café a 24 year old male thought the victim had abused him the night before and started to argue with the victim. The male is then alleged to have thrown a half bottle of water at the victim hitting him in the head. The victim had pain and called police who attended soon after. The 24 year old allegedly made some admissions. He was given a Criminal infringement notice. The victim only suffered minor discomfort.

Incident: Driving offences

Time/Date: About 1.50pm Sunday 6th Place: M1 Motorway North bound. Person 1: 33 year old female.

Vehicle: Mazda Astina

Details: Police were patrolling the motorway and observed the Mazda which appeared to be travelling above the speed limit. A check showed the Mazda to allegedly be travelling at 100km/h in the 80 speed zone. Checks on the registration showed the number plates allegedly belonged to a Honda. The car was stopped at Moonie Moonie and the driver spoken to. A number of checks showed the car was

unregistered and the driver's licence was endorsed Cancelled. The female driver who was 6 months pregnant was arrested and an ambulance called as a precaution.

The female was charged with Driving whilst licence was cancelled, Drive and unregistered and uninsured car. The driver is to front Hornsby Local court at a date yet to be set.

Incident: Drug arrest

Time/Date: About 7.20pm Friday 4th

Place: Gordon Tennis courts Werona avenue.

Person 1: 17 year old male

Details: Police received information of youths smoking drugs at the tennis courts. Police have attended the location and saw a number of youths. Inquiries led police to search several youths, a 17 year is alleged to have on him a plastic bag containing green vegetable matter in it as well as an amount of cash. Police will allege the green vegetable matter to be Cannabis. Due to the amount the youth was arrested and was charged with Possessing a prohibited drug and cash believed to be the proceeds of a crime.

Court: He is to face Hornsby Children's Court at a date yet to be set.

Incident: BBQ fireball.

Time/Date: About 1.45pm Thursday 3rd

Place: Galston Road, Hornsby

Details: A 69 year old male was lighting a Webber BBQ using charcoal beads. The male had difficulty lighting it and used some Methylated Spirits. As he tried to â€⁻throw' a second capful on the beads it has exploded into flames and started burning the man's shirt. The man ran to the shower and put the fire out and called 000. A Careflight helicopter attended and treated the man. He was eventually taken to RNSH by road ambulance and treaded there. He suffered burns to his arms, neck and chest and are considered non life threatening.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 8am and 3.20pm Thursday 3rd

Place: Yaralla cr, Thornleigh

Details: A home had the lock to its ground floor side window forced and the home

was ransacked. A Watch and an amount of jewellery were taken.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 4pm Thursday 3rd and 8.30am Friday 4th

Place: Kenwyn crt, St Ives.

Details: A Holden Commodore had its rear window smashed, the car was then entered, 2 sets of lawn bowls and 3 bags were stolen. The total of the stolen items is over \$1,200.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 78pm Saturday 5th and 9.30am Sunday 6th

Place: Kywong rd, Berowra

Details: A home had its ground floor rear window opened, a storage area in the house was ransacked with some sports equipment being taken.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 11.30am Saturday 5th and 6am Monday 7th

Place: Pacific highway, Pymble

Details: A storage cage was forced open with a mountain bike being stolen; the bike was valued at \$1,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between

Place: Café on Pacific highway, Turramurra

Details: A café was broken into; the hot water system and security cameras were stolen and were valued at \$5,000. The recording system to the security cameras was not touched and is being analysed by police.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 5am and 7am Friday 4th

Place: The Cloisters, St Ives.

Details: A car was broken into while parked in the driveway at a home. A remote control was taken and used to open the homes garage. Once inside the garage a bike was stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal.

Time/Date: Between 9am and 5.30pm Wednesday the 2nd

Place: Pacific Highway, Killara.

Details: A home in Killara was entered via a closed but unlocked window. Several rooms were ransacked with a wedding ring being stolen.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**, or phone **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

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04 April, from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cn Paul Cleary: Swimming pools. Yesterday I had to go to a unit block for a security audit. The unit block had a communal pool area that was outside and enclosed by glass panels and a pool gate. I decided to investigate further and found the pool gate did NOT self close after being opened. That is, I opened the gate and it just stayed open. I have been in contact with management there and will ensure it is repaired and compliant with regulations. Which brings a reminder just because colder weather is upon us does not mean we let our guard down. Do a check on your pool fence and gate. Does it comply? Is it safe? Is it registered (came into effect last November). The life you save.....!

The complete law is explained on the <u>NSW Fair Trading Pool Fencing</u> <u>Requirements page</u>.

For Paul's case above, the NSW Fair Trading page states:

- If the gate does not shut and lock automatically, the pool gate should be permanently fastened until a new lock and closing device can be installed.
- All fence bolts, screws and fasteners must be tight and in good order. Any loose bolts, screws and fasteners should be tightened or replaced.
- Self-closing gate hinges, locks and latches should be sprayed with lubricating oil or silicone.

04 April, Drug bust in Berowra:

Investigators from Strike Force Raptor have seized more than \$1.4 million worth of cannabis and a large quantity of mushrooms – suspected of being psilocin ("magic mushrooms―) – following search warrants at properties in Sydney's north and north-west.

After receiving information concerning a cannabis supply operation, police from Strike Force Raptor executed a search warrant at a property on **Woodcourt Road**, **Berowra Heights**, shortly before 7am on Wednesday (2 April 2014).

Inside the property, police located:

- Approximately 3kg of cannabis;
- Approximately 1.9kg of mushrooms suspected of being psilocin;
- Two cannabis seedlings; and,
- Dozens of cannabis seeds.

Four people were inside the property when police arrived. One of them, a 37-year-old man with links to the Rebels outlaw motorcycle gang, was spoken to by police and is expected to be issued with a court attendance notice for drug offences. A 35-year-old woman, who was also present at the property, was found to be in possession of capsicum spray and will be issued a court attendance notice for possession of a prohibited weapon.

On the same day (Wednesday 2 April 2014), investigators from Strike Force Raptor executed a search warrant at a large semi-rural property in Leets Vale. Over the course of the search, which was conducted on Wednesday evening and throughout Thursday (3 April 2014), investigators located a total of 685 cannabis plants, with an estimated street value of \$1.37 million. A 64-year-old man who lives on the property is assisting police with their inquiries, and charges are expected to be laid in relation to the crop site.

Strike Force Raptor was established by State Crime Command's Gangs Squad in 2009. It is a proactive and high-impact operation targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs and any associated criminal enterprises.

Anyone with information to assist police is asked to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** or report it directly to detectives via the Strike Force Raptor online

<u>reporting page</u>. Photographs and videos can be uploaded to the online reporting page. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

03 April, a warning from Stay Smart Online: Cold call phone scam targets Telstra customers: SSO Alert Priority High

Scammers using a well-known type of phone scam (also commonly described as cold calling or tech support scams) are currently targeting Telstra customers. Scammers are contacting people at home, telling them that they are putting Telstra's infrastructure at risk, and that because their computer has been hacked or infected their internet may be disconnected. The scammers claim to be able to fix the issue on the spot, and of course, will seek a fee for the service as well as insisting that â€~software' be downloaded to your computer giving them remote control access to your computer.

For the full Media Release, including advice, click here.





It is becoming rife across the upper north shore yet many people don't even realise their credit card details have been stolen until a hefty bill has been racked up. Fraud figures across Kuring-gai Local Area Command have risen in the past four years. Many of these fraud offences relate to stealing petrol at service stations and identify theft, but one of the most prevalent fraud crimes in the Hornsby area is credit card theft. The most popular way to steal credit cards, particularly on the north shore, is by going through people's mailboxes. Thieves target high-rise

apartment blocks up and down the Pacific Highway, from Hornsby to Chatswood, looking for buildings with large numbers of letterboxes to increase their chances of finding a credit card.

Read more, details and advice in the Advocate article link here

03 April, from Fire & Rescue NSW: The time on your smart phone might change automatically this Sunday but the **battery in your smoke alarm** won't - change the



01 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: Community spirit is alive and well in **Westleigh** where \$30,000 was raised on Saturday for a charity in honour of murder-suicide victim Matthew Thomas. **STORY:** http://bit.ly/1juiuml

01 April: Our Multi-Cultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO) Fiona Zhou is involved in another event she would like to share with everyone. Please see flyer for booking details.

FREE Go4Fun Family Fun Day - free holiday activities for primary school aged children

Sunday 13 April from 1:30pm til 4pm at Ruddock Park, Coral Heath Avenue, Westleigh



02 April, from the North Shore Times: What a champion. Charles, 15, was the only passenger to come to the aid of a man who collapsed on a train in **Roseville**.



Read his story: http://bit.ly/1lzdOy5

02 April: If you would like to borrow an engraver to mark your possessions, please contact our Crime Prevention Officer Snr Con Paul Cleary at Hornsby Police Station. Phone 9476 9799.

Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, was guest speaker tonight (31 March) at the local Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) (aka Gordon Areas 3/4) meeting. He warned members of the latest scams to be aware of, he detailed the 'Next of Kin' program for those in the community living alone, and discussed crime issues in our area. Of note was a spate of activity in St Ives last Friday night on Stanley St and Newhaven Place, targeting theft from storage cages and cars.

Paul had brought along one of the six engravers that had been delivered today, kindly donated to the command by Gordon NHW group.



The photo shows Carroll Howe, Area Coordinator for Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) group, with one of the engravers. The engravers will be available to borrow by anyone wishing to mark their valuables with their Drivers Licence number. This not only identifies your property for possible return, but can also tie an offender to a break & enter address for any subsequent criminal case.

01 April: It is proposed that a women's shelter will open in the Hornsby Kuring-gai area in the not too distant future and we need your assistance. Please support this fundraiser initiated by the Lions Club of Hornsby on Friday 16 May at Asquith Leagues Club.

Invitation

Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter benefit night

To provide crisis accommodation for women escaping domestic violence.



Fact: Every right in Australia, half the women who seek crisis accommodation are turned away.

Our Local Community Challenge

To establish a Women's Shelter within the Homsby/Ku-ring-gal area in 2014.

6:30pm for 7pm Friday, 16th May at Asquith Leagues Club

11 Alexandria Parade, Waitara



- A delicious two course meal
- Music Golden Guitar winner Steve Passfield (plotured at right) & The Functors playing the post music of the sixties, and seventies.
- PLUS The Hornsby Bugs...
- Dancing A night of great music and dancing...
- Games, raffes and silent auction and fabulous prizes.

ORDER YOUR TICKET NOW

via website www.hkws.com.au or ring Keith Murray 0400 745 644

More Information:

John Lockyer (Lions Club of Hornsby) Ph: 0407 044 422













Load fail!



East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 - next meeting at 7:30pm Wednesday 09 April at East Killara Uniting Church. Everyone welcome.

St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch - next meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 29
April at St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives. Special
attendance by the Kuring Gai LAC Youth Liaison Officer, Snr Con Stef Murray, and
guest speaker Alan Lawrence, talking about FreshTracks. Everyone welcome.



Did you know? MYTH! If you are drowsy, opening the window to let cool air in on your face will NOT stop you falling asleep! Please pull over and take a short power

From Ku-ring-gai Council:

Dob in a bushland dumper



The dumping of green waste, building materials and other waste in bushland areas introduces weed species, threatens local biodiversity and can increase bushfire fuel loads, particularly where houses back on to bushland. Help us by reporting illegal bushland dumping on 9424

0933 or sustainability@kmc.nsw.gov.au.

And another quick quiz... Your headlights' HIGH BEAM - When should you flash them?

- 1. To say hello, thank you, or similar
- 2. To confirm you are allowing people to merge, or move into your lane
- 3. In an emergency
- 4. In place of the horn at night
- 5. To say "You've got your lights on/You haven't got your lights on"

Email NHWGordon@gmail.com with your response. We'll let you know next week.

From Careflight, April 07: Emergency services rushed to a Berowra Height home, in Sydney's north, to treat a toddler who tumbled three metres down stairs late today.

CareFlight landed at Berowra Park shortly after 6 pm where police met the doctor and duty paramedic and took them to the home. The CareFlight doctor said the 20-month-old girl was left with a bruised face but no other obvious injuries. The doctor and ambulance paramedics continued observation as the toddler,accompanied

also by her mother, was taken in a road ambulance to the Children's Hospital at Westmead. The little girl arrived at the hospital in a stable condition, to be monitored as a precaution because of the nature of her accident.

HOW TO REPORT - DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

For urgent assistance, when it is occurring now or when there is an immediate fear of it about to happen, treat as an Emergency and call â€~000' - Police / Ambulance / Fire

Call â€~000' â€" Ask for Police.

What do Police need to know?

The operator will ask a number of questions. Ensure you give concise details or answers to the best of your ability to the following:

Location or address.

Type of premises, eg house, unit and on which level.

What is actually happening now?

Your knowledge of any firearms in the premises or produced by any person.

The whereabouts of the offender, ie. Are they still at the location?

Number of children present and their whereabouts.

Has alcohol or drugs been consumed?

Does any person have a medical or psychiatric history?

Is there an Enforceable AVO in place?

Relationship of the persons, if known.

All information provided is extremely important to the safety of the victims and police, alike. Incidents of family and domestic violence represent the most dangerous of all incidents attended by police.

From NSW Fair Trading: Deck and balcony safety

There have been a number of recent incidents in NSW and other States involving balconies and decks resulting in injury and death.

Balconies, decks, balustrades and railings must be built to meet the requirements of the Building Code of Australia and relevant Australian Standards.

The Building Code requires the structure and materials used to build a balcony or deck withstand the normal stresses that would be placed on it.

Decks and balconies, like all parts of our homes and other buildings, require routine and regular maintenance to keep them in good repair and to identify any emerging issues.

Under NSW tenancy laws, landlords must provide and maintain rented premises in a reasonable state of repair. At the beginning of a tenancy, any faults or damage should be noted on the condition report that must be completed and signed by both parties.

For simple tips about what to look for to ensure your deck is safe go to the <u>Archicentre factsheet Your home – balcony safe tips</u>

MISSING DOG

Kelpie X German Shephard
6 Months Old
Last Seen Following Young Man Towards
Brooklyn Ferry Wharf On The 31st Of
March!!

Reward If Returned To Rightful Owner!!!

Was Wearing A Blue Collar Mostly Black With 4 Tan Feet And Tan Eyebrows!! Slim Tall Lanky Build



Contact: 0427 643 960 Or 0404 255 134

From Matt Kean, April 01, following the Alcohol-fueled Violence Forum at Hornsby RSL: Great discussion about alcohol related violence. Thanks to everyone who made it possible particularly the Christie and McEwen families, Carla Gina Kassab, David Citer, Nathan Tilbury, Claudia McEwen.



Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 08 April: Next Ku-ring-gai Council Child Seat Safety

Check. http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Things to do/Events activities/

Whats_on/FREE_Chid_Restraint_Safety_Check

Wednesday 09 April: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 - meeting at 7:30pm, at East Killara Uniting Church.

Sunday 13 April: FREE Go4Fun Family Fun Day 1:30-4pm at Ruddock Park, Westleigh. Book via Margaret on 9847 6611.

Tuesday 29 April: St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch - meeting at 8pm, at St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives.

Sunday 04 May: Ku-ring-gai Council Festival on the Green, Village Green, St Ives. Crime Prevention stall.

Sunday 04 May: FreshTracks - Team Wheelathon, Narrabeen Academy of Sport & Rec 10am-2:30pm. Info: www.freshtracks.com.au/wheelathon

Monday 5 May: FREE Supervisor of Learner Drivers Workshop at 6:30-8:30pm, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings essential.

Monday 12 May: KYDS Alcohol fueled Violence Parent Forum. 6:30-8:30pm, Kuring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings: 9424 0837.

Friday 16 May: Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter Benefit Night. 6:30 for 7pm at Asquith Leagues Club. Phone Keith Murray 0400 745 644.

Saturday 21 June: PCYC's Trivia Night at PCYC Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Club

House. Info: 9477 2310

Saturday 06 September: Gordon Shopping Centre, Dads are Great! Crime Prevention, Neighbourhood Watch, etc - more info nearer the event.

Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary source of information: https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC

This facebook page can be accessed without being signed into facebook.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW, Hornsby Shire Council and Ku-ring-gai Council

GORDON Pacific Hwy at Moree St: Mon 7 Apr 2014 - Tue 27 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (10am to 2pm) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time.

ASQUITH TO WAHROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) *between* Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd *and* Pacific Hwy: Tue 1 Apr 2014 - Thu 17 Apr 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 4am) Southbound affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Traffic controllers will be on site.

THORNLEIGH Pennant Hills Rd at Wells St: Mon 7 Apr 2014 - Sat 31 May 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Thu (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed.

Safety improvement work including installing traffic signals and a median barrier. Motorists are advised to expect partial lane closures and minor delays.

Traffic controllers will be on site. There may also be some day work between 10am and 2pm.

LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy *between* Grosvenor Rd *and* Westbourne Rd: Tue 8 Apr 2014 - Fri 11 Apr 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Tue to Thu (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Reduce speed. Exercise caution. Road works requiring one night shift to complete.

Lindfield:

Northcote Road (between No. 46 and Mackenzie Street): Road resurfacing rescheduled for Easter school holidays.

Grosvenor Road: Placing of subsoil drainage in road scheduled to commence 15 March. Work will be ongoing for several weeks, on Saturdays only at present.

Pymble:

Park Cres: Road stabilisation is now complete and road resurfacing scheduled to take place over the Easter period.

Yarran Street / Cross Street / Cultowa Road : Road resurfacing rescheduled for two nights over the Easter period.

Roseville Chase, Allard Avenue (between Babbage Road and Lockley Parade) and Normac Street: Road resurfacing rescheduled for 14 and 15 April.

Turramurra:

Jersey St: Shoulder work complete. Road resurfacing scheduled over the Easter period.

Wahroonga:

Strone Avenue and Elizabeth Street: Road stabilisation now complete. Road resurfacing scheduled over the Easter period.

Westbrook Avenue (between Burns Road and Gladys Avenue): Road patching is complete. Shoulder construction works scheduled to commence in early April. Road resurfacing scheduled for April.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Sat 1 Nov 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected. Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. Check signage.

Work will start on Monday 14 April and will continue until October 2014 from 7am to 6pm Mondays and Fridays and on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm, except on Sundays and public holidays, weather permitting.

There will also be night works from 8pm to 5am between Monday 14 April and Thursday 17 April and between Tuesday 29 April and Saturday 3 May.

Minor delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions.

Road users are asked to follow the direction of traffic controllers and to adhere to reduced speed limits and follow traffic signs.

Hornsby Shire Council areas: If you would like to enquire about any work taking place please **phone 9847 6666 or email <u>hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au</u>**. Stay up-to-date with the latest roadworks by following us on Twitter at <u>www.twitter.com/hornsbycouncil</u>.

For further information, see: https://www.livetraffic.com/ http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Projects_and_initiatives/ Council_initiatives/Roadworks

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799 Hornsby Police Station 292 Pacific Highway, Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 Report crime anonymously Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444 For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring Gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police facebook page Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

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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