



Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 147 - 21 July 2014

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 Ku-ring-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 that others may appreciate: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

21 July, from Stay Smart Online: Scammers are setting up fake Facebook pages for some victims of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17. The pages contain links, such as the example below, claiming to show video footage of the crash, which takes you instead to a web page that bombards you with pop up advertising.

This is a form of fraud which is used to generate revenue for the scammers. **More info, click here.**

Video Camera Caught the moment plane MH17 Crash over Ukraine. Watch here the video of Crash :



Video Camera Caught the moment when plane MH17 Crash over Ukraine
goalshighlights.com

Video Camera Caught the moment plane MH17 Crash over Ukraine. Watch here the video of Crash...

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21 July, Two upcoming events from our Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer (MCLO) Fiona Zhou. Details on the flyers.

AFL family fun day



Activity for children 4 to 13 years old.

Come and join us and learn AFL skills by playing fun games with other families. Meet AFL accredited coaches and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day!

Activities include:

- Basic AFL skills and games
- Show bags with a football and information of local services
- Morning tea and picnic

Details

When: Sunday 24 August from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Where: James Park, Corner of Low and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby

Cost: Free

Bookings: Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/childrenandfamilies

What to bring:

- Drinks, hats and sun protection.
- Chairs or picnic blankets
- Wear suitable sports footwear

Children must be supervised by an adult for the whole duration of the event.
This event will be cancelled if raining.



For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au



Northern Sydney Parent Engagement Strategy CALD community

Chinese Parents Forum: HSC study

Forum delivered in Mandarin on,

- HSC study strategies
- Alternate pathways to university
- ATAR calculation

Keynote speaker Xue Feng Zhang is a highly experienced Education Consultant from the University of Sydney.

Q&A session to follow.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday 31st July

Hornsby Council Chambers

296 Pacific Highway Hornsby

Thursday 7th August

Chatswood Dougherty Centre

7 Victor St Chatswood

Both forums scheduled 5:30 - 8:30 PM

For enquiries, please email jane@2realise.org.au or dennis@2realise.org.au



21 July, from our neighbouring Ryde command: Police targeting pedestrian safety - Macquarie Park

In the coming weeks Ryde Local Area Command will be focusing on Pedestrian Safety in the Macquarie Park area, particularly in the Macquarie Shopping Centre precinct. Police have noticed a dramatic increase in the number of pedestrians that are walking against the traffic signals and putting themselves and other road users at risk. Police are reminding pedestrians that **it is an offence to walk against the traffic lights**. The offence is "Cross when pedestrian lights not green"™ and the penalty is \$69.

The NSW Police Force encourage pedestrians to take responsibility for their own safety by using crossings, obeying road rules and being aware of their surroundings. Extra caution should be exercised in areas of high vehicle and pedestrian concentration such as near train stations, bus stops and in CBD areas.

Pedestrians are advised to:

- Obey signals at crossings (penalty applies for failure to do so);
- Always cross at a pedestrian crossing if one is available (penalty applies for failure to do so);
- Never assume a driver has seen you or intends to stop;
- Never cross a road while using headphones or mobile phones;
- Always hold the hands of children when crossing the road.
- Motorists are advised to obey all speed and road rules and to pay particular care around restricted speed zones, and to be vigilant with pedestrians - increased penalties apply for offences committed in school zones.

Be extra cautious when using mobile phones and portable media players

Members of the public are advised to exercise caution when using mobile phones and portable media players, as they pose a potential safety risk when they distract pedestrians from their surrounding environment. Recent growth in the use of portable media players and mobile phone usage has led to a need for greater awareness among both pedestrians and motorists to ensure these new technologies don't lead to a rise in pedestrian accidents.

21 July: Hornsby Police news, 21/7/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 8pm Saturday 19th

Place: Pennant Hills road, Normanhurst

Vehicle 1: Subaru

Driver 1: 18 year old male (Learner driver)

Vehicle 2: Hyundai

Driver 2: Female.

Details: The Subaru was being driven south on Pennant Hills road, a learner driver

with his supervisor and 2 other passengers, for unknown reasons the Subaru has started to slide with the driver losing control for about 80m. The Subaru has then crossed to the other side of the median strip into oncoming traffic, colliding with a Hyundai.

The cars have stopped with a passenger in the Hyundai suffering injuries and was taken to Westmead hospital. A child passenger of the Subaru was taken to Westmead Children's hospital; a passenger was also taken to Westmead Hospital from the Subaru. Several witnesses have been spoken to with inquiries continuing into the matter.

Due to claims of mechanical failure the Subaru has been seized for examination.

Incident: Arrest and charges

Time/Date: About 9.20pm Friday 18th

Place: Westfield Hornsby

Details: 2 females were seen by Westfield security to be acting suspiciously near a stand along Kiosk inside Westfield. Security have attended and after a number of inquiries have called police. Police have attended and investigated the matter. A number of items were located on the females and a shopping trolley they had in their possession. A number of items police allege to be stolen was located as was a small amount of white substance police allege is "ICE". As police were dealing with the females they commenced a barrage of profanities inside a public area. The females were taken to Hornsby police station for further questioning and investigation. At the police station inquiries revealed both had allegedly breached their respective bails from another matter. Both females were given court notices to attend North Sydney Local Court at a later date. Also due to comments, actions and observations allegedly made by the females they were taken to Hornsby Hospital for observations.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 4.45pm Thursday 17th

Place: Ryde road, Pymble

Vehicle 1: Corolla

Driver 1: 86 year old male

Vehicle 2: BMW

Driver 2: 51 year old male

Details: The Corolla was being driven along Ryde road, The driver intended turning right into Cross street, he was able to across 2 lanes and as he entered the kerb side lane he collided with the BMW. The BMW driver suffered whiplash and was

taken to Hospital.

Inquiries are continuing into the incident.

Incident: Stolen push bikes.

Time/Date: Between 8pm Friday 18th and 12pm Saturday 19th

Place: Pacific Highway, Hornsby

Details: 2 push bikes were stolen from a verandah at a unit block, the bikes are described as being a Black Norco brand Mountain bike valued at \$3,000 and a Specialised brand Ladies road bike white in colour valued \$1,000.

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 4.10pm Wednesday 16th

Place: OPSM Gordon

Details: 2 males were seen to enter the store, one male was seen to pick up 2 pairs of designer sunglasses and allegedly place them in a backpack. The other male was near other sunglasses, both males have then run from the store however one male tripped and fell, His cap and old sunglasses dropped and he ran off. These were recovered for DNA analysis.

Incident: 2 trail bikes stolen from trailer

Time/Date: Between 5.30pm Wednesday 16th and 8am Thursday 17th

Place: Torokina avenue, St Ives.

Details: The trail bikes both Husqvanaâ€™s (125cc and 250cc) were secured in a locked fully enclosed trailer. Person/s unknown have forced open the trailers and stolen the bikes.

An older style table top ute was seen in the area it is unknown if this ute was involved, however if any person saw a ute with trail bikes in that area about that time frame are encouraged to call Hornsby police or crime stoppers (numbers below).

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 12.40pm Tuesday 15th

Place: Strand bags Westfield Hornsby

Details: 2 females were seen on CCTV at a display table at the front of the shop, they were seen to pick up and leave with 2 Guess brand handbags which had a retail value of \$348.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 8pm Sunday 13th and 6am, Thursday 17th

Place: Reynolds place, Galston

Details: A ute parked at that location had tool boxes on the rear tray. Person/s unknown have forced the locks and removed numerous power tools, valued at an estimated \$10,000.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 10pm Friday 18th and 3pm Saturday 19th

Place: Bundarra avenue south, Turramurra

Details: A Toyota corolla was parked with its front window open, person/s unknown have simply reached in and taken an Ipod and a wallet.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between Thursday 10th and Tuesday 15th

Place: Munderah st, Wahroonga

Details: Person/s unknown have stolen 4 Hot Water Systems from a newly completed town house complex. The systems were bolted to the exterior walls and were instantaneous gas type.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 6.10am and 5pm Friday 18th

Place: Bayfield road, Galston.

Details: An unknown person has kicked in a front door to a house; several rooms were ransacked with an amount of jewellery and about \$1,000 in gold and silver coins from a money box.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 9.30am and 7.15pm Friday 18th

Place: Maunder st, St Ives.

Details: Person/s unknown have smashed a ground floor window and ransacked the house, Several Jewellery items were taken in the incident.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 8.15am and 5.50pm Friday 18th

Place: Bobbin Head road, Turramurra

Details: person/s unknown have entered the house via a top floor ensuite window. A Diamond and Sapphire ring was taken in the incident.

It should be noted by all home owners of 2 story houses. Entry was made here via a second story window. Access was gained by climbing a ground floor roof.

If you have anything a thief can climb with they will use it. If a thief believes the easiest and quickest way into your home is via a top floor window they will find a way of getting to it.

Look at your house, look at how easy or hard it may be. Lock all climbing items away.

Always use keyed window locks even on top floor windows and patio bolts for sliding balcony doors.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 9am and 2.30pm Wednesday 16th

Place: Yanko road, West Pymble

Details: Person/s unknown have forced the lock of a ground floor rear door, presumably by using a jemmy bar. Several rooms were ransacked with a laptop computer being stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & steal

Time/date: Sometime over the weekend (prior to 6.450am Monday 21st).

Place: Berowra Before and After school care room, (Berowra Public school).

Details: Person/s unknown have forced a lock to a door and entered the room, a number of fundraiser boxes of chocolates were stolen, it appears the culprits have had time on their hands as they consumed a number of soft drinks while there.

Graffiti and malicious damage update:

Graffiti (spray paint) 2 cars and 2 fences of private homes in Wahroonga were tagged.

Hornsby Mall graffiti tagged.

Berowra scouts hall graffiti tagged.

Hornsby house eggs thrown.

Malicious Damage

Wahroonga car window smashed with unknown object.

Normanhurst car window smashed.

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

21 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Two children, three others survive serious crash on Pennant Hills Rd, Normanhurst



[Click here for full article.](#)

July 21: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Annual Report 2013-2014

[Click here for full document.](#)



Neighbourhood Watch Australasia strives to achieve an organisation built on a culture of collaboration, allowing enhanced knowledge exchange and information sharing, resulting in a highly effective and successful community policing and community engagement partnership. Ultimately, Enabling Safer and Vibrant Communities.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014



21 July, from the Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade: Have your say. Triple Zero review - survey (edited)

Recently the Minister for Communications, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, announced that the Department of Communications will undertake a review of the national Triple Zero (000) operator.

You can complete a quick online survey or make a submission during the review's public consultation period, which ends on Friday, 22 August 2014. [Click here for survey.](#)

20 July, from the AFP: Synthetic drugs. They are simply not a safe alternative.

Under legislation introduced into Parliament today by Minister for Justice Michael Keenan, if a substance has a psychoactive effect and the person importing it cannot show it has a legitimate use, it will be banned.

Without these changes, people could deliberately avoid prosecution by slightly changing the chemical structure of a banned substance so it could be legally imported into our country. Read more about this [click here.](#)

For more information on synthetic drugs, here's a fact sheet from the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, [click here.](#)

18 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby Council thanks young people for reduction in graffiti but local police say it is still a major problem

NEW figures showing a decrease in vandalism across Hornsby have been rejected by local police. [Click here for full article.](#)

17 July, from Hornsby Shire Council: VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI ALMOST HALVED

Hornsby Shire Mayor Steve Russell is applauding both Council staff and local youth after the cost of vandalism fell by almost half in the most recent financial year. "This is partly due to the vigilance of Council staff and the installation of CCTV cameras at a number of key locations," Mayor Russell said. "More than that, however, it is a sign that our young people are taking their responsibilities as citizens seriously. I thank them very much for that." [Click here for full Hornsby Council original post.](#)

Comment posted with this article by our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary: Those stats are fine for council, but they don't record public property or businesses in their stats. The recent School holidays (most school holidays actually) saw a dramatic increase in graffiti across the area. The girl guides at

Berowra would love to see a reduction in the graffiti they receive, they have been smashed recently. The graffiti criminals are the children usually of local residents. Also graffiti walls don't work.

17 July: Hornsby police are investigating a taxi fair evasion offence and seek the publics help in identifying the person police believe can assist in their inquiries into the matter.

In the early hours of Sunday 15th June, 2014 a male caught a taxi from the city arriving at an address in Park road, Waitara about 4am. The male person didn't have the \$125 fare on him and went inside a residence advising he would return with the fare. The male failed to return and the matter was reported to Hornsby Police. Police believe the male depicted in the photo may be able to shed light on the incident and could assist us with our inquiries into the matter.

If you have any information please call **crime stoppers on 1800 333 000** or **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**.



17 July: Help Cheryl Make a Difference

NSW Police Legacy is a charitable organisation that helps serving and former police officers and their families in times of need. **Acting Inspector Cheryl Day of Hornsby Police** is competing in this years City to Surf run and as a means to raise awareness and money for Police Legacy has created a website (link below) where

you can help Cheryl achieve her goal of \$700. To date Cheryl has raised \$275 towards her goal. The general public, yes our community we serve, can help by clicking the link and donating. All money raised goes directly to Police Legacy. You can also find out more about the NSW police Legacy (Google it). [Click here for Cheryl's website.](#)

17 July: Spam emails are hitting our area again. Our lives are immersed in the internet whether we like it or not. Our details are on lists when we enter competitions, purchase things or are just making online inquiries. With this, our contact email is open for distribution (for sale) by those we deal with. We have all received those unsolicited emails saying we've won something, please update this, you must see this. Even your CPO here at Hornsby is not immune to them, last week I received an email on my personal email address that said I have been summonsed to a Magistrates court (second one I've received actually) with a link to click to see the details of my impending court matter. Most people would think OMG what have I done or who's suing me? I just used Google to search the information and found a list of forums on this exact email and warnings of it being a scam. So please if you get any email from anyone you don't know, don't take it on face value, either delete it or research it, but NEVER click on any link or open any attachments. Also a summons to court is not done by email it is usually in person.

Question why did I open it? Answer: so I know what is happening out in the real world so I can warn my community.

Virus Alert: 'Green Winick Attorneys at Law - Notice to ...

www.theepochtimes.com/.../796398-virus-green-winick-attorneys-at-law...

by Jack Phillips - 3 days ago - An e-mail that's currently being sent out en masse contains a virus. The message reads, "Notice to appear in court No#6022" and claims to be ...

Virus Email Message: Green Winick Attorneys at Law ...

www.onlinethreatalerts.com/.../virus-email-message-green-winick-attorne...

3 days ago - The email message below: "Notice to appear in court No#6022," which appears as if it was sent by a law firm with the name: 'Green Winick' ...

Urgent Court Notice from GreenWinick Lawyers delivers ...

garwarner.blogspot.com/.../urgent-court-notice-from-greenwinick.html

10 hours ago - No indication of any real problem at Green Winick, but I sure wish one or more of these abused law firms would step up and file a "John Doe" ...

Does an e-mailed "Notice to Appear in Court" valid or does it ...

<https://uk.answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid...>

3 days ago - Got a Notice to appear in Court in my email from some firm named Green, Winick. Did a search for th...

How can I verify that Green Winick Attorneys at Law is a ...

www.justanswer.com > Consumer Protection Law

3 days ago - Question - How can I verify that Green Winick Attorneys at Law is a legitimate - MG. Find the answer to this and other Consumer Protection Law...

Spam e-mail virus - 800Notes

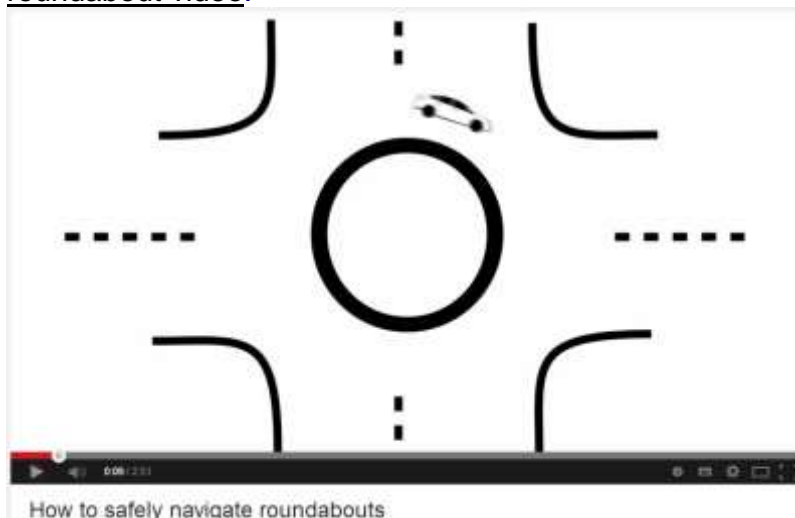
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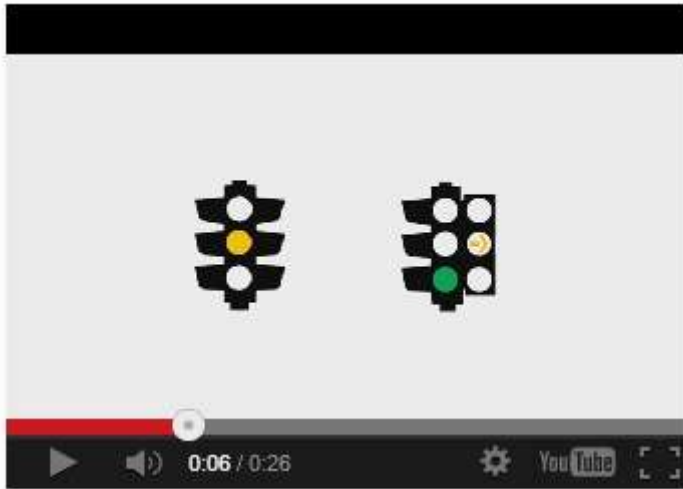
An e-mail spam from Green Winick Attorneys at Law want you to open an attachment which is about a summons to appear in court. Do not open ...

17 July, from NRMA Insurance: How to safely navigate roundabouts

Roundabouts can be confusing and come in all shapes and sizes. This video will help you get where you're going safely and easily. [Click here to watch NRMA roundabout video.](#)



[Click here for Transport for NSW animation on Road Rules - Yellow Traffic Lights.](#)



17 July, from Oxley command: Child Car Seats - Make the safest choice

Many children are killed or injured in car crashes every year. Some of these deaths and injuries could be prevented or reduced if the right child car seat is used correctly. [Click here for more information.](#)

17 July: Domestic violence is a crime that must be stopped. If you or someone you know is in a violent or abusive relationship of any kind, please report it to police and get help. Police have agencies and a network of services available who can help and who care about your safety and the safety of your children.

Domestic and family violence is a crime that takes many forms including emotional and psychological abuse, intimidation, harassment, stalking, physical and sexual assault, and can include animal abuse targeting pets, and damaging personal or joint property. [For more information click here.](#)



17 July, from the Sydney Morning Herald: Tips from a bike thief to stop him succeeding

Some useful tips. Really worth reading. Includes, Where to lock your bike, What lock to use, Buy a crappy bike, or disguise a good one. [Click here for full article.](#)

17 July, from the AFP: Watch this video to see why it's important to make sure chemicals of security concern don't fall into the wrong hands.

[Click here for video.](#) If you notice suspicious behaviour around chemicals, report it to the **National Security Hotline on 1800 1234 00 or hotline@nationalecurity.gov.au**. The smallest piece of information could help defuse a lethal situation.



16 July: Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter will receive the proceeds from this year's 2014 Bradfield Comedy Debate, "That we have lost that larrikin feeling", involving Peter FitzSimons, Paul Fletcher MP, Stephanie D'Souza, Warren Lee, Abigail McCarthy and Bruce Meagher. The debate will be held at 4pm on Sunday August 10, 2014 at Ravenswood School for Girls in Gordon and will be followed by afternoon tea.

Tickets are \$40 (\$25 for students) **[Book online, click here.](#)**

16 July, from Hornsby Shire Council: TUESDAY TRAFFIC TIP

A new tool has been launched that allows P-platers to check whether they are allowed to drive the vehicle they are considering buying. All they have to do is type in the vehicle's specifications and they will be told whether or not it is allowed.

The tool coincides with new rules that come into effect on Friday 1 August, giving them an extra 6500 vehicle models to choose from. Dangerous high-performance

vehicles remain banned. [To use the tool, click here.](#)



16 July, from the AAMI: We want to alert you to an SMS scam telling people they have won the AAMI Hamish & Andy competition to South America, and requesting bank details to transfer the prize money. These text messages are not from AAMI and please be assured that we would never request your personal details via SMS.

16 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Man rescued after driving vehicle into water at Bobbin Head Marina

A YOUNG man was rescued from Apple Tree Bay at Bobbin Head on Friday after his Toyota sedan veered off an embankment and into the water. Police from Kuring Gai Local Area Command said a member of the public, a man aged 55, witnessed the car plunge into the water about 5pm on Friday afternoon and responded immediately. [Full article, click here.](#)

Our comment: The Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade attended this incident, but unfortunately that fact has been missed out of this report. Thanks to Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade for their assistance!



16 July: A man has died in a crash at Pennant Hills this morning.

About 10.20am (Wednesday 16 July 2014) emergency services were called after what appears to be a single vehicle crash. Witnesses have told police a sedan turned onto Pennant Hills Road and was travelling southbound when the vehicle mounted a curb and hit a tree. The car landed on its side and the male driver died at the scene. A woman travelling in the front passenger seat was taken to Westmead Hospital, her injuries are not considered life threatening. Police are urging motorists to avoid Pennant Hills Road, between Beecroft Road and Loftus Street, with one lane closed while investigations into the cause of the crash continue. A report will be prepared for the Coroner.

15 July, from our neighbouring Brisbane water command: **DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU HIT A PARKED CAR WHILST DRIVING?******

Brisbane Water Police often receive &/or attend “Fail to Stop” accidents where drivers have collided with parked cars and then left the scene without leaving their details for the owner/driver of the parked car.

As a driver on NSW roads, you have certain legal obligations if involved in a collision with another vehicle, regardless of the damage caused.

If you are a driver and you hit a parked car with your car and that driver is not in their car, you must stop at the scene of the crash and the following details **MUST** be left for the driver/owner of the other car.

You must provide :

1) Your name and address as the driver

- 2) The name and address of the owner of the vehicle if you are not the owner
- 3) The vehicle registration number (if any)
- 4) Any other information necessary to identify the vehicle

All attempts must be made to locate the other car's driver/owner. If you are in a shopping centre, visit Centre Management and request the registration details of the car be paged over the PA system in an attempt to locate the driver/owner. As a bare minimum, write the required details down on a piece of paper and leave under the windscreen wiper.

Any driver who fails to leave their details risks receiving an infringement notice or being charged. Please contact your nearest police station if you require further information.

15 July, from The Western Australia: Esky driver loses licence

A man caught drink driving on his motorised esky has had his driver's licence suspended. [Full article, click here.](#)

14 July, from the Hornsby Advocate: Senseless: Vandals lit up rubbish bins on Storey Park last night. Thanks to Kaye Stanton for this photo of the mess they left on the mighty Magpies home ground.



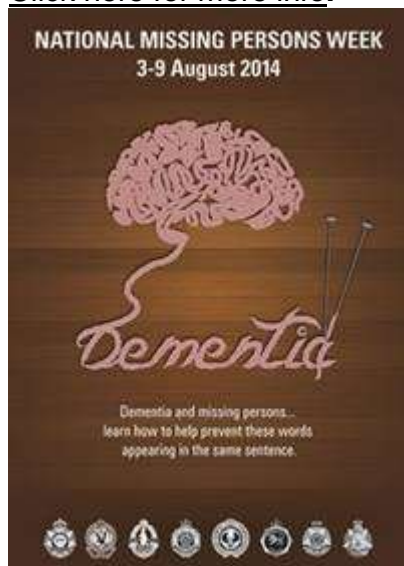


Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

BEROWRA FOUND 16 JULY: Set keys (2 keys only on a little ring - look like door keys, not car keys) in Berowra Shopping Village car park (street level). Can be claimed at Video Store. 9456-4235

National Missing Persons Week 3-9 August 2014

[Click here for more info.](#)



Following on from the article, **Do you visit an RSL club, or similar?**, in weekly newsletter #141 - 09 June 2014, a question from a reader:

"I have been concerned at this practice for some time. However, at one club in Wagga Wagga, one of my friends asked to use a paper-based system (the old fashioned way) and was told he must scan his license or leave. As we were part of a function, we did not want to create a scene there and no texta pen was available to mask out some details as suggested.

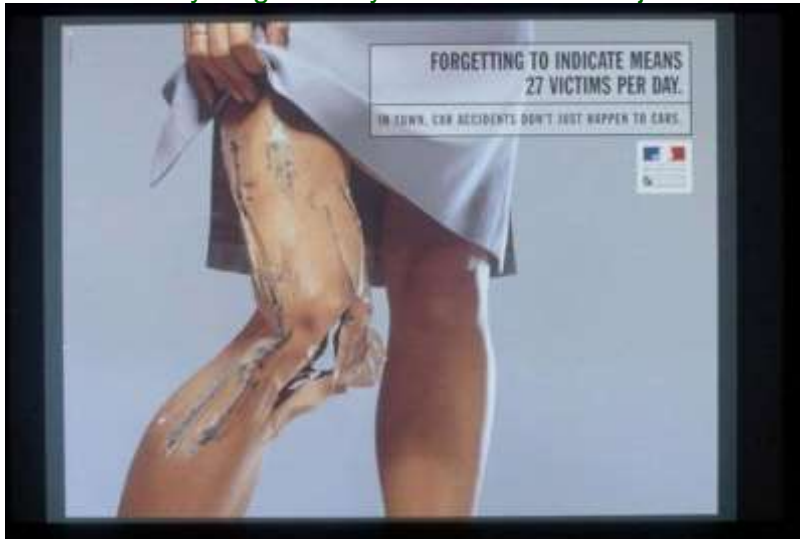
What "rights" do we have to insist on the "old fashioned way" ? I never mind producing the License for ID but not having it scanned. BTW, I am nearly 60, so under age is not an issue! Thanks for any advice you can give me."

Our Crime Prevention Officer's reply:

If you know you are going out of area and may decide to attend an RSL, you now know they may scan your licence as a matter of entry. Contact that club and prearrange something or be prepared for an alternative. You could have other photo ID and use that, advising them you don't drive, therefore don't have a licence.

The main reason they do it is not just for under-age drinkers, but so that if there is a fight, or stealing, etc, they can pass the information onto police.

From The Hills command: Do you use your indicator every time? Remember, it is not just to notify the vehicles around you. Please get in that habit of using your indicator every single time you turn etc. Its not just for safety... ITS THE LAW!



Safety when using a ladder

[Click here for leaflet as pdf.](#)

SAFETY WARNING

Read the safety warnings on the ladder and follow the manufacturer's advice.

Never use a ladder if you are drunk and cannot get assistance if you have an accident.

If you are a senior citizen or a person with a disability you may be eligible for assistance with home maintenance from either your council or social agencies.

Remember

- ✓ Work within your reach limits. The ladder will never lean with you.
- ✓ Only climb up for or the second step from the top of a step ladder or the third step from the top of a straight ladder.
- ✓ Place the ladder on dry, firm and level ground.

SAFETY ALERT USING A LADDER

STAY SAFE

Caution

Don't take risks by taking a short cut:

- ✗ Never lean a ladder on an unstable or slippery surface.
- ✗ Do not 'walk' the ladder while still on a step down and reposition the ladder closer to the work.
- ✗ Do not push or pull against other objects while on the ladder unless the ladder is properly secured—these forces can destabilise the ladder.
- ✗ Do not use a ladder if you are working in wind or rain.
- ✗ Do not use a ladder if you are affected by medication or if you have a medical condition that can cause you to lose your balance.
- ✗ Never have more than one person on the ladder at a time.

For further information contact

ACC Information on:
1300 900 900
www.acc.co.nz
 PO Box 1188
 Dunedin ACT 9100

Important notice: This information is only intended to provide a general overview and may not be relevant to your specific circumstances. Please refer to the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission for more information. The ACCC does not provide any liability for any loss or damage whatsoever attributable to reliance upon any of this information. Challenge this claim. Please remember to always use the most recent information available. The ACCC recommends that you consider your own risk and seek professional advice if you are unsure.

DEATH AND INJURY RISK WORKING ON A LADDER

You don't have to fall far off a ladder to be seriously injured. 7-12 minutes can be enough. Fractured limbs, spinal cord damage, severe brain injury or even death can result.

At least 83 Australians, mainly men, have died after falling from a ladder over the past five years. Thousands more have been seriously injured while using a ladder for home repairs and renovations, as well as gardening tasks.

Men at or nearing retirement age are in the highest risk category for this type of accident.

Protect yourself—follow the safety guidelines in this brochure.

Do not carry heavy weights more than 5 kilograms up or down the ladder. Have someone pass them to you.

PLAN TO STAY SAFE

SAFETY GUIDELINES WHEN USING A LADDER

CHECK THE LADDER BEFORE USE

- ✓ The ladder is in good condition without signs of warping, rust, corrosion or missing parts.
- ✓ No loose or missing rungs or steps.
- ✓ Non-slip safety feet are in place and in good condition.
- ✓ The ladder's length is right for the job—if using an extension ladder to access a roof or wall area, the top of the ladder should extend at least one metre over the top of the surface it is leaning on.

SET UP

- ✓ Place the ladder on dry, firm and level ground—if the foot is not self, place a foot board under the ladder's feet to stop it sliding.
- ✓ Engage all locks and braces—step ladders should be fully opened.
- ✓ Keep the ladder clear of powerlines and exposed overhead wiring.
- ✓ The top of an extension ladder should be placed at a distance from the wall equal to 1/4 of the length of the ladder.

CLIMB SAFELY

- ✓ Always wear proper footwear, slip-resistant soles—no sandals or flip-flops.
- ✓ Have someone hold the ladder at the base while you are using it.
- ✓ Hold the ladder with both hands as you climb and carry loads to a level job.
- ✓ Stay in the centre of the ladder as you climb.
- ✓ Only climb to the second rung from the top of a step ladder or the third rung from the top of an extension ladder.
- ✓ Secure the top of an extension ladder by pulling before starting work.

WORK SAFELY

- ✓ Work within your reach limits—the ladder—if you cannot reach safely, climb down and reposition the ladder.
- ✓ Always hold the ladder with one hand.
- ✓ Be careful when cutting, nailing, drilling, chiselling, hammering, as this may cause you to lose your balance.

When you are finished place the ladder in a dry place to prevent rotting or corrosion.

From the Berowra Women's Progress Association:

Almost every weekend (and often weekday afternoons) a group of skateboarders congregate on balaclava rd and take over the street. I have seen numerous near misses between cars and these skaters, especially on the blind corner where balaclava, kooloona and Evanda streets meet. I seriously believe that there is a fatality waiting to happen. Just last week one of these skateboarders suffered serious head injuries after colliding with a parked car (imagine if it had been a moving vehicle!)

The skateboarders currently have a legal right to skate here (although how it is

legal to impede traffic the way they do is beyond me), because there is no dividing line on the road. However, there are road improvements that could be made that would also serve as skateboard deterrents- I'm thinking of those raised dots (I'm not sure what they're called?). Could we somehow lobby council to take some action? Surely we shouldn't have to wait until someone is killed to address this issue.

Extract from email sent to Hornsby Shire Council by our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary:

What can council do about the safety issue?

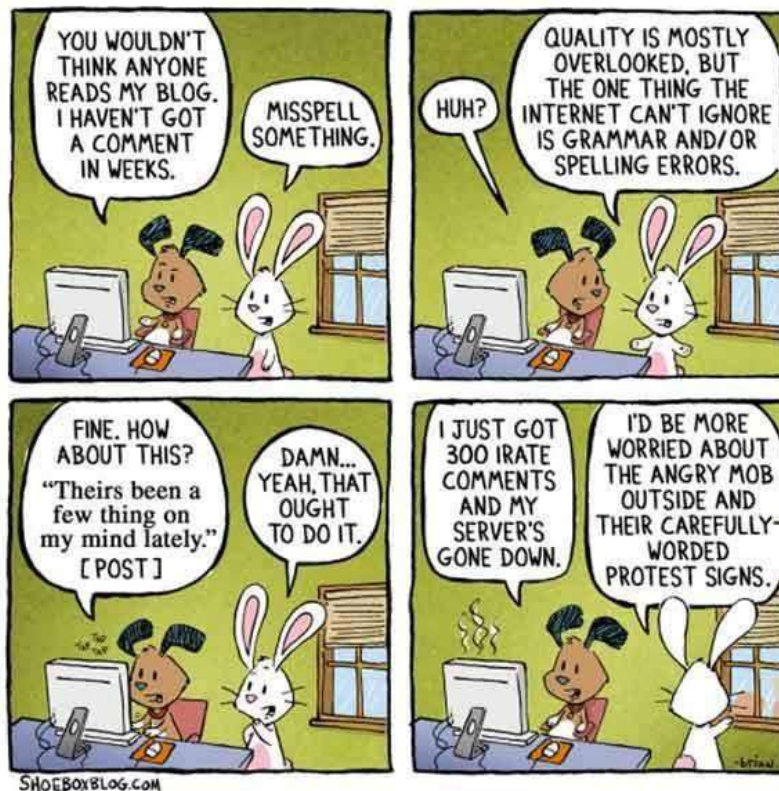
The 50km/h local speed limit obviously needs to stay, but the dividing line (Marked dividing line rule 240 wording) can be painted on the streets more attractive to them, this can solve 2 issues really.

1. Give police the legal right (law) to hand out tickets for riding on that section of roadway.
2. These winding hills that are currently unmarked are a safety concern as they now stand. By marking a dividing line and or a side continuous edge line, it stops cars from unnecessarily crossing to the wrong side of the road and it provides a visible line in foggy or inclement weather. Also if by adding Cats Eyes on the centre marked lines and side edge lines increasing visibility for cars, it also makes the road unskateable for them.

Please look at visiting the area and assess it for safety improvements described above. It is after all a safety issue.

Wednesday 23 July: 10am. Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting.

Have you any concern about crime or safety in your neighbourhood that you would like raised in this meeting? Please email NHWGordon@gmail.com.



Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 23 July: 10am. Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting.

Saturday 26 July: 6pm. BRFP Trivia Night & Silent Auction fundraiser. Berowra RSL Club.

Wednesday 30 July: 6pm, Gordon Police Station. Kuring Gai Local Area Command 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Thursday 31 July: Chinese Parent's Forum: HSC Study 5:30-8:30pm Hornsby Council Chambers. Enquiries: jane@2realise.org.au

Saturday 9 August: Celebrating 50 years of service - Community Open Day 11am until 4pm at the Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station.

Saturday 9 August: St Ives Graffiti Removal Day. Note date change. Still tbc. More details to follow.

Sunday 10 August: 3rd Bradfield Comedy Debate. 4pm at Ravenswood School for Girls, Gordon.

Sunday 24 August: FREE 10:30am-12:30pm AFL Family Day Fun.

Wednesday 03 September: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee 5:30 for 6pm

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

Saturday 13 September: Berowra Rural Fire Brigade - Open Day

Sunday 14 September: Open Day FREE 10am-2pm. NSW Mounted Police Stables, 7 Baptist St, Redfern.

Saturday/Sunday 20/21 September: Ku-ring-gai Council's Medieval Faire at St Ives Showground.

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

NB: THIS FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE ACCESSED WITHOUT BEING SIGNED INTO FACEBOOK. Scroll down to see more information going back in time.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: ACTIVATE TURRAMURRA - Turramurra Community Facilities study survey link

Good afternoon, As I mentioned at the workshop yesterday, we have an online survey available for anyone interested. It covers what community facilities people use, what works well and what people would like to see in the areas. If you are able to pass this link through to anyone you think might be interested, it would help us get even greater community input into the Community Facilities study. The link is - www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/activateturramurra

Kind regards, Noa Tranter | Urban Design Projects Officer | Ku-ring-gai Council

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

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Waters Ferry: Tue 12 Aug 2014 - Tue 12 Aug 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (10.30am to 2.30pm) closed. Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time.

DURAL New Line Rd *at* Sebastian Dr: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Fri 31 Oct 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected. Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Road improvement works, including new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be on site.

GORDON Pacific Hwy *between* Ryde Rd *and* Henry St: Tue 8 Jul 2014 - Mon 4 Aug 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Wed (9.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Exercise caution. A contra flow will be implemented to allow motorists to pass the works in both directions.

LINDFIELD Pacific Hwy *between* Strickland Ave *and* Llewellyn St: Mon 21 Jul 2014 - Thu 31 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. Minor delays are expected.

ST IVES Mona Vale Rd *approaching* Woodbury Rd: Wed 16 Jul 2014 - Wed 23 Jul 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Kerb and gutter replacement will take place over ONE night shift in the dates specified, Saturday night excepted. There will be lane closures, changes to street parking, traffic control, some noise and minor delays.

St Ives: Killeaton Street (between Memorial Avenue and Warrimoo Avenue) - Night patching and road resurfacing scheduled week commencing Monday 21 July.

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THORNLEIGH Pennant Hills Rd *between* Parkes St *and* Phyllis Ave: Wed 23 Jul 2014 -

Fri 8 Aug 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Wed to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Reduce speed. Exercise caution. Night maintenance work requiring two nights shifts to complete, excluding Saturdays.

Wahroonga: Burns Road (between The Chase Road and Trentino Road) - Night patching and road resurfacing scheduled week commencing Monday 21 July.

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

For further information, see [NSW Live Traffic](#) and the [Ku-ring-gai Council Roadworks page](#).

From Hornsby Shire Council:

Sale of abandoned motor vehicles

Hornsby Shire Council will be offering abandoned vehicles for sale, with residents able to inspect them and make an offer. The vehicles are offered for sale in their current condition and may be withdrawn from sale if released to the last known registered owner. Interested residents can inspect the vehicles on Friday 25 July between 1pm and 2pm at Council's Depot on the corner of Mid-Dural Road and Johnson Road, Galston.

[More info, incl list of vehicles, click here.](#)

Unsafe Sydney Blue Gums to be felled



Hornsby Shire Council will soon remove two large Sydney Blue Gums on Hillcrest Road in Pennant Hills that have become unsafe. [More info, click here.](#)

From the Hornsby Advocate, July 17:

1 NORMANHURST Police arrested and charged a 37-year-old man with four counts of stealing from a motor vehicle and one count of fraud on Thursday. The man allegedly gained access to an unlocked vehicle at Denman Pde between 7pm on Wednesday and 10am on Thursday. Police said he stole an iPod and a handbag containing a woman's bank card. She reported to police that the card had been used after it was stolen. Investigating police tracked down a 37-year-old from Canley Heights. He will face Liverpool Local Court.

3 HORNSBY A woman and her three children escaped without injury after their vehicle almost reversed over a steep embankment at Manor Rd, Hornsby on Monday morning. Police said the driver misjudged the distance to the ledge and the back tyre of the vehicle went over. A nearby resident freed the family and police were called. A tow truck was required to free the vehicle.

6 WEST PYMBLE A 72-year-old woman from West Pymble was issued with a criminal infringement notice for shoplifting during a retail theft operation last Thursday. Police said the woman went into a supermarket and took a number of items from the shelf before leaving without attempting to pay for them. Security and police were called to the supermarket and the woman was issued with the infringement notice.

8 WAHROONGA Police are speaking with the owner of a BMW to gather information about a crash on Sunday morning. The vehicle was found to have crashed into a wall on the M1 about 3.15am. Police dogs were called to scene after reports of an incident but police said cold temperatures meant they could not locate a trace. Inquiries are continuing with the vehicle's owner. Anyone with information should contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

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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