

Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

Newsletter # 159 - 27 October 2014

Apologies for the two missing week's newsletters. Our roving reporter roved to an area with no internet, on a well-earned break; the first break in delivery in over three years! We didn't warn you, because we didn't want the burglars to know. Thank you for all the emails of support - it's nice to know we were missed.

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.

26 October, from Careflight: MAN TREATED FOR CARDIAC EVENT AT KU-RING-GAI

The CareFlight rapid response trauma team were called to Kuring-gai Motor Yacht Club in northern Sydney at 13.46 today. A 50 year old man sailing with friends collapsed on board a boat with chest pains and loss of consciousness. A doctor on board the boat checked and monitored the 50 year old and kept him comfortable until the boat sailed into Kuring-gai Motor Yacht Club where it was met by the CareFlight doctor and paramedic. The CareFlight helicopter landed at the top of Cottage Point Road and its medical crew were escorted by NSW Police to the yacht club to meet the sail boat. The man was transported by road ambulance, with the CareFlight doctor and paramedic on board, to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition for further tests.

24 October, from News Local: Cash seized and pair arrested for money laundering in raid on Neutral Bay apartment

More than \$260,000 was seized and two people arrested at an apartment in Neutral Bay yesterday as part of a major money laundering investigation. At around 2pm yesterday detectives from the Organised Crime Squad's Money Laundering Unit stopped a man and a woman as they left an apartment on Yeo St. The pair - a 49-year-old woman from Neutral Bay and a 45-year-old man from St Ives - were found to be in possession of \$261,450. Click here for full article.

24 October: Armed robberies appeal â€" Metropolitan Robbery Unit

Police have released CCTV in their investigation into a spate of broad daylight armed and attempted armed robberies across Sydney in the last two months. Between Sunday 24 August and Tuesday 21 October 2014, a spate of armed robberies was committed upon newsagencies, service stations, liquor stores and hotels across Sydney [including the Blue Gum Hotel, Waitara - Ed]



Click here to view video and to read Media Release.

24 October, from our neighbours at North Shore command: Please keep a lookout.

During a Break & Enter at Lane Cove this week a set of customized roller skates were stolen. These are not your average skates. They are specific to roller derby and of great value to the owner, Miss La Boom of the Northern Beaches Roller Girls has left a message to go with this. In fact if you took them and can return them, the Roller Derby girls are happy to offer a FREE Introductory Lesson.



These are my 6 week old customised skates that have been STOLEN from my garage in Lane Cove today. If anyone sees them for sale online or anywhere, please get in touch. Size 5 and not these wheels. 4 x white and 4 x red wheel. I'm devastated and don't want them to get away with this. Customised means I picked the colours buddy. They are @northernbeachesrollergirls colours and my league won't be happy when they find out! Please help.

22 October, from News Local: Three Hornsby buildings considered for CCTV cameras

BIG brother could soon be watching your movements around three Hornsby buildings. Hornsby Library, Beecroft's Roselea Community Centre and the council's administration complex are the latest establishments to be considered for CCTV cameras after the council voted to look closer into the installation during their October 8 meeting.

Click here for full article.

22 October: About 20 unit storage cages were broken into Tuesday

Morning. About 2.20am CCTV footage at a unit block in Yardley avenue, Waitara shows 3 male wearing hoodies force their way into the unit blocks underground car park via a garage roller door. Footage then shows they went to a storage cage and after forcing the lock on that cage steal a torch, the torch was then used to view into other cages in the car park area. It is believed about 20 cages had been rummaged through with an unknown amount of property being taken. Police are still waiting for unit owners to make a formal report. Inquiries are continuing. Another 2 break ins also occurred on Tuesday, between 12pm and 8.20pm a home in Lancelot street, Mount Kuring gai was broken into via a ground floor rear door. Several rooms were rummaged through with an amount of cash being taken. The second break in occurred in Alicia road also in Mount Kuring gai. A ground floor rear window was forced open, a number of rooms appear to have been entered with a property list yet to be forwarded to police.

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.

21 October: Here's a high range drink driving incident which is a bit out of the ordinary.

Incident: High range drink driving charge Time/Date: About 1.20am Tuesday 21st

Place: Coronation street, Hornsby

Vehicle: VW Golf

Driver: 50 year old male

Details: Police observed a VW golf in Coronation street, the driver is alleged to have driven through a red light. Police stopped the Golf opposite the police station on Peats Ferry road. Before police could exit their car the Golf driver had got out, the driver appeared unsteady on his feet and became argumentative with police while announcing he was a police officer and to let him drive home. On further questioning it was established he was in fact a Federal police officer when he produced his official AFP badge and ID. A roadside breath test was allegedly positive for alcohol. As police were arresting the man he is alleged to have sworn at police in rather colourful language and threatened the arresting Hornsby officer. Inside the station a follow up breath analysis gave a result of .198, while this was happening he gave the Hornsby officer a barrage of further threats and swearing. The man had his driver's licence suspended by police and he was charged. A number of inquiries are continuing into the matter as the man was alleged to have continued his threats towards the arresting Hornsby officer as he was leaving the police station.

The man's court date and exact number of charges are yet to be confirmed.

21 October: Hornsby Police news, 21/10/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: High range drink driving

Time/Date: About 3.30am Sunday 19th Place: Coronation Street, Hornsby

Vehicle 1: Kia

Driver 1: 42 year old male

Details: Police observed the Kia to be wandering in and out of traffic after turning from Coronation Street onto Peats Ferry road. The Kia had narrowly missed several parked cars and allegedly driven over the double unbroken lines. The driver was stopped and questioned about the matter. A roadside breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A subsequent breath analysis gave a result of .153.

Court: The male is to appear at the North Sydney local Court at a date yet to be set charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol.

Incident: Unlicensed driving charges. Time/Date: About 5.30pm Thursday 16th

Place: M1 Motor way Wahroonga

Vehicle 1: Honda CRV Driver 1: 38 year old male

Details: Highway patrol officers were patrolling the M1 and made registration checks on the Honda which showed it was not currently registered. The driver was stopped and spoken to about the matter. It was at this point the driver is alleged to have claimed he did not need a licence. Checks revealed he had a cancelled Victorian licence. The man was given a summons to attend North Sydney court in the near future and advised not to drive without a valid licence and registration. The registration plates attached to the Honda were taken off. Due to the man's statement about not needing a licence or registration the officers again patrolled the M1, soon after the same car was sighted being driven towards Berowra. Police caught up and stopped the car in a Berowra service station. The driver was found to be the same male. The male is now facing additional charges of driving whilst unlicensed and driving an uninsured and unregistered car. He will face North Sydney local court in the near future.

Incident: Suspended driver's licence charges

Time/Date: About 3.30pm Friday 17th

Place: Myra Street, Waitara

Vehicle 1: Honda

Driver 1: 30 year old male

Details: Police were conducting RBT in the Waitara area and stopped a Honda in

Myra Street. Checks on the 30 year old driver revealed he had a suspended driver's licence. The driver was subsequently charged.

Court: The male is to appear at the North Sydney local Court on the 13th of November charged with Driving whilst his licence was suspended.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: About 1pm Monday 20th

Place: Fabric store inside Westfield Hornsby

Details: A female is seen on CCTV to enter the store and pick up a full roll of Bridal lace. The female is then alleged to have left the store without paying for the fabric.

The lace had a retail value of \$800.

The female is described as being Islander in appearance, about 60 years old, with black hair and tattoos on her arms.

Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between 10am and 1.30pm Saturday 18th

Place: Store within Westfield Hornsby

Details: A display table outside a store had a number of packs of bed sheets on it. At some point 13 sets of sheets have be stolen, they had a retail value of \$3,500.

Incident: Malicious damage

Time/Date: Between 7pm Sunday 19th and 11am Monday 20th

Place: Dryden road, North Turramurra

Details: A Mazda was parked on the street outside the owner's home. At some

point 3 of the Mazda's tyres were cut damaging them beyond repair.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 10.50am and 7.30pm Monday 20th

Place: Cherry Street, Warrawee.

Details: A home in Cherry Street was broken into via a ground floor front door which was forced open. Several rooms were rummaged through with some jewellery and watches being taken, as well as a laptop computer. It appears the alarm system has sounded at some point during the break in.

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21 October, from News Local: Two men wanted after yesterday's Blue Gum Hotel armed robbery

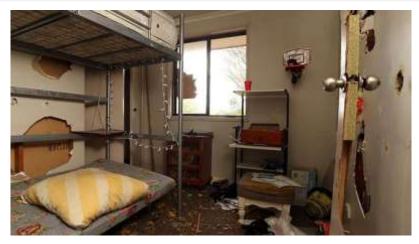
POLICE are seeking two men following an armed holdup at the Blue Gum Hotel in Waitara yesterday afternoon. Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime manager Peter Feuerstein said two men entered the hotel about 3pm and approached a woman working in the poker machine room. The men showed her a handgun and demanded cash. The pair left with a small amount of money and fled via the bottleshop area in Unwin Rd and were last seen turning left into Clarke Rd.



Click here for full article.

15 October: This trashed public housing town house was unfortunately in Hornsby, the tenant was evicted after a lengthy investigation. Needless to say it was about time she was kicked out and hopefully after refurbishing it a decent and deserving tenant is found, one that would appreciate the offer and gesture.

From News Local: Taxpayers forked out \$14 million last year for public housing tenants who trashed their properties



Destruction zone: the bedroom in the Hornsby public housing townhouse looks like it's endured a cyclone. Picture: Sam Ruttyn

Click here for full article.

15 October: House fire after lightening strike.

During last nights storms which smashed the Sydney area a home on Pennant Hills road Normanhurst was hit by lightening. About 10.45pm the home owner an 81 year old lady was sitting inside with a friend when a massive crack of thunder hit, this was immediately followed by a lightening strike. It is unsure if a power pole outside or the house itself was hit but the strike caused most of the homes power points and light fittings to be blown off the walls. A fire started in a few walls with the owner and her friend 'hurrying' outside. Thankfully the fire brigade arrived quickly and put the fire out. Damage appears to be contained to most of the homes wiring and a few walls, there is no structural damage. The owner made alternate arrangements for the night. A number of neighbours also reported sparks coming out of their power points during the same time, so it was a big hit. Thankfully no one was injured, although I'm not sure about their hearing.

15 October: New law from today - Just remember there are changes to guidelines on when to call police for an vehicle collision.

Click here for full info.



13 October: Hornsby Police news, 13/10/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Aggravated burn out

Time/Date: About 5pm Tuesday 7th Place: Turner road, Berowra Heights

Details: Witnesses called police after seeing a Toyota Hilux ute doing a burnout in Turner road, at the time there were a number of pedestrians and cars in the area. Police have attended where a number of witnesses came forward; they then provided the rego number of the ute. The burnout which measured about 38m in

length was apparently still sticky when police arrived. The ute owner is yet to be spoken to about the matter.

Incident: Malicious damage and stealing offences

Time/Date: About 2.50am Sunday 12th

Place: Galston road, Hornsby

Details: Two 18 year old males were walking along Galston road about 2.50am. It is alleged they have either removed or bent the number plates to 15 cars along that road; some cars had other minor damage. Shortly after this a letter box was allegedly pulled from the front fence area of one house. A witness has yelled at the males who ran off further up the road. A victim on hearing the commotion has given chase and caught one of the males in a nearby park. Other victims have assisted in detaining that male as his †friend†returned, he was also detained with a minor scuffle occurring. Police have attended and formally arrested the suspects. Their parents were called with all parties being spoken to. It appears alcohol may have been involved in the incident and inquiries are continuing.

Incident: Coffee van stolen

Time/Date: About 5am Thursday 9th

Place: East Killara shops. Vehicle 1: Toyota Hiace van

Details: The Toyota which had been converted to a mobile coffee van was stationary at the shops about 5am, the owner who had left the keys in the van was only a short distance away and when he returned found the van had been stolen.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: During Saturday evening. Place: Kissing Point road, Turramurra

Details: A home was broken into via a ground floor rear window which appears to

have been smashed. A money box with about \$500 in it was taken.

Incident: Break, enter with intent to steal

Time/Date: Between 5.30pm Friday 10th and 6.30am Monday 13th

Place: Waitara public school

Details: A brick was used to smash several windows to various rooms at the

school. It does not appear as though entry was gained.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: During Saturday evening. Place: Memorial avenue, St Ives.

Details: A storage cage at a unit block was broken open. A car stereo system

valued at \$1,500 was taken.

Incident: Break, enter & steal.

Time/Date: During Saturday evening. Place: Turramurra avenue, Turramurra.

Details: A storage cage at an underground unit complex was broken into. It appears a hole was cut in the wire mesh. A Trek brand mountain bike was taken; it

was valued at \$3,200.

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.

Please remember school zones are in force, Hornsby police will patrol schools during these times to enforce the traffic laws. The fines and demerit points are higher school zone areas during school times.

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11 October, from our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary: Just finished helping out on the NHW stand at the St John's Church annual fete at Gordon. A good turnout, we had lots of give away's, lots of people came through, a good day out. Thanks to Mary and Stan who are showing off our new NHW T shirts and pop up banner, both thanks to a grant from NHW Australasia.



Volunteers: Mary Walker, East Killara NHW and Stan Wesley, Kissing Point Rd E-Watch



Tuesday 28 October: St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch meeting at 8pm, St Ives North Public School, Memorial Ave, St Ives. ** **Road Safety** ** Click here if you would like the latest St Ives Chase newsletter emailed to you.

INFORMATION SESSION

at St Ives Library







With Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade

Come along and discuss Bush Fire Safety Plans and other issues with members of the Brigade

St Ives Library, St Ives Shopping Village, 166 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Cost: Free

www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/library

One to pencil in your diaries:

Gordon Area 24/12 Neighbourhood Watch group AGM on **Tuesday 09 December**, 7pm at Gordon Bowling Club.

We are lucky to have two very interesting guest speakers: Ian St Vincent, from Forensic Security Solutions, and Mario Dimovski from Stik Tag.

More details closer to the date.

Have you read the Little Black Book of Scams? Download your copy, click here.



From the Australian Federal Police: The Australian Federal Police are proud to support the 10th annual "Day for Daniel― , Friday 31 October

2014. The aim of the day is to raise awareness and educate children in keeping safe through child safety and protection initiatives. Have you thought about holding a Day for Daniel event? It's as simple as a holding a red themed morning tea or barbeque at your workplace or school? Get involved in Australia's largest day-of-action of its type.



For more information and to register your event click here.

From Hornsby Shire Council: LEARNERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS

Learner drivers can improve their skills and get some extra log book hours with the

Safer Drivers Course at PCYC Hornsby. There are two upcoming course dates – **Thursday 6 November and Thursday 4 December** – and both cost \$140. The first module of the course features a facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road, with a maximum of twelve participants in each group. It will be followed by a two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to help learners develop low risk driving strategies, with two participants and a coach.

This initiative of Transport for NSW aims to provide learner drivers with strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances. Learners must be under the age of 25 and already have at least 50 onroad driving hours in their logbook to enrol in the Safer Drivers Course. Participants will receive a 20 hour credit in their learner driver log book for completing this course.

To enrol in the course, email Mary at the PCYC Hornsby at hornsbytoip@pcycnsw.org.au or call 9477 2310. You can also drop into the PCYC at 94 George Street, Hornsby.

Learn more about the Safer Drivers Course on the Transport for NSW YouTube page, click here.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Workshop for supervisors of learner drivers

Thursday 20 November 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon. Bookings: 9424 0798 Cost: **FREE**This workshop will provide information about:

• Completing the Learner Driver log book

• Recent changes to the GLS

• The new RMS SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

• The current laws and restriction for L and P licence holders

• Supervising learner drivers and young driver road safety issues

• The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience

Click here for details.



Thanks North Shore Times

From the Hornsby Advocate, 23 October: MT COLAH A home in Lancelot Place, Mt Colah, was broken into some time between noon and 8.20pm on Tuesday. The thieves forced open a ground floor rear door and got away with \$5000 cash from the main bedroom.

Phone your local **SES Unit on 132 500**.

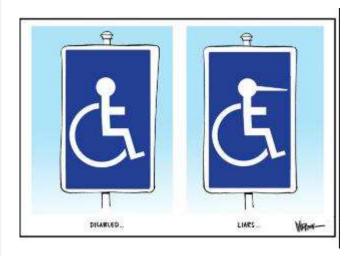
Did you do anything for Graffiti Removal Day, yesterday? Thanks to Roger Norman for organising this day across NSW, and to each of the Rotary teams of Turramurra, Roseville Chase, Lindfield and a team from the Ku-ring-gai Shed. And we're sure there were many many more in our area - thank you everyone!



From Hornsby Shire Council, 23 October: Hornsby Shire Council has launched a vigorous campaign against the illegal dumping of mulch and is calling for public help, following a recent spike in the number of incidents.

The surge in illegal dumping is attributed to the new 10/50 laws introduced by the NSW Government and the resulting increase in tree clearing.

Click here for full Media Release



Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 28 October: St Ives Chase NHW meeting 8pm, St Ives North Public

School, Memorial Ave, St Ives.

Friday 31 October: Day for Daniel Morcombe - Click here for details.

Sunday 02 November: Bush Fire Safety Plans Info Session, 1-3pm, St Ives

Library.

Wednesday 05 November: Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting

10am.

Saturday 08 November: Ku-ring-gai Aquatic Centre official opening & family fun

day.

Wednesday 12 November: Wear Orange Wednesday to support SES volunteers. **Wednesday 19 November:** East Killara NHW meeting. 7:30, East Killara Uniting

Church meeting room.

Thursday 20 November: Ku-ring-gai Council's Driver Workshop, 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday 03 December: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety

Committee 5:30 for 6pm

Tuesday 09 December: Gordon Area 24/12 NHW AGM, 7pm at Gordon Bowling

Club.

Sunday 01 March 2015: St Ives Food & Wine Festival.

Monday 23 March 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Monday 28 September 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

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.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW

BEROWRA WATERS FERRY Berowra Waters Rd at Bay Rd SCHEDULED FERRY MAINTENANCE

Date: Tue 11 Nov 2014
- Tue 11 Nov

2014

Website: RMS Vehicular

<u>Ferries</u>

Impact:

Scheduled

road closures for this week Tue (12:30pm to 2:30pm) Both directions closed

Advice: Check signage

Allow extra travel

time

Other Info: Ferry

maintenance takes place on the second Tuesday of each month.

DURAL New Line Rd *at* Sebastian Dr **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Mon 14 Apr 2014

- Sat 20 Dec

2014

Impact:

Scheduled

lane closures for this week Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage

Reduce speed

Other Info: Road

improvement works are taking place, including installation of new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be

on site.

Work to upgrade the intersection will not take place during the Christmas and New Year period.

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd between Paling St and Albion St **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Date: Thu 6 Nov 2014 -

Thu 13 Nov 2014

Impact:

Scheduled lane closures for this week Thu to Thu (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Check signage

Reduce speed

Other Info: Kerb and gutter

replacement work will take place on one night, weather permitting. Lane closures will be in place and traffic controllers will be

on site.

ROSEVILLE CHASE Boundary St *approaching* Penshurst St **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

Wed 22 Oct 2014 Date:

- Wed 29 Oct

2014

Impact:

Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Fri (8pm

to 5am) affected

Advice: Check signage

Reduce speed

Other Info: Asphalting and

linemarking work will take place

over one night shift in the dates specified, Saturday excepted. There will be lane closures, traffic control, reduced speed limits and some noise. Minor delays may be experienced.

ST IVES Mona Vale Rd at Woodbury Rd SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Fri 7 Nov 2014 -

Fri 14 Nov 2014

Impact:

Scheduled lane closures for this week Fri to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Advice: Exercise caution

Other Info: This work will be

carried out in one

night shift

between 8pm and 5am from Friday 7 November to Friday 14 November, excluding Saturdays, weather permitting. Lane closures will

Lane closures will be in place while the work is carried out to ensure the safety of road users and

workers.
There may be some noise associated with this work

WEST PYMBLE Ryde Rd between Lady Game Dr and Lane Cove River

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 27 Oct 2014

- Fri 5 Dec 2014

Impact:

Scheduled

lane closures for this week Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected

Advice: Allow extra travel

time

Exercise caution

Other Info: Work will not

take place on Saturdays. Lane closures will be in place during the work.



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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Our mailing address is:

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