



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Click here](#) to email Gordon NHW. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.



20 April: Hornsby Police news, 20/4/15 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Ride on mower catches fire.

About 1pm Saturday 18th a female was mowing an acreage property in Dural on a ride on mower. Soon after the female stopped mowing so her husband could refuel the mower. As her husband refuelled using a "gerry" can it is believed fuel spilt onto the hot engine and caught fire. Both the male and female rushed and doused the flames with water from a tap and called for an ambulance. They were both taken to the SANS hospital with minor burns to their hands.

Incident: Drug arrest.

Time/Date: About 8pm Sunday 19th

Place: Thornleigh address.

Details: Police were called to the location due to an argument on the street. On arrival, a female was heard yelling towards a house. Witnesses advised police this was allegedly a usual event. The 38 year old female appeared to be under the influence of a drug or alcohol and was yelling at her boyfriend who was inside a house. Investigations lead police to search the female where a small amount of green vegetable matter was found in her bag, police will allege this is cannabis. The female was arrested, but not interviewed; she is to face court at a date yet to be fixed.

Break and enter offences for past week.

Bangalla St, St Warrawee; Thursday 16th night time.

Hastings Rd, Warrawee; Thursday 16th night time.

Orara St, Waitara; Friday 17th day time.

May St, Hornsby; Friday 17th day time.

May St, Hornsby; Between Wednesday 15th and Saturday 18th .

Latona St, Pymble; Friday 17th afternoon.

Vista St, Pymble; Saturday 18th Afternoon.

Cherry St, Warrawee (X2); Saturday 18th Late afternoon to early evening.

Mark Taylor oval Waitara Sunday 19th night time, smashed window and fire extinguisher let off.

Netherby St, Wahroonga; Sunday 19th day time.

Pildra Pl, St Ives; 5.15am Sunday 19th, (owner asleep and woke to noises inside, male disturbed and last seen running from house.)

Malicious damage incidents.

Normanhurst Public School; During the school holidays, smashed canteen window possibly with a rock.

Turramurra High School; Between Friday 17th and Monday 20th, smashed window.

Sherbrook Rd, Hornsby; Saturday 18th night time, rubbish bin set on fire.

About 12.45am Sunday 19th May St, Hornsby rubbish bin set on fire.


Wideview Public school, Berowra; sometime in the past few days. Car hoons have accessed the school grounds and did multiple donuts on the school oval. Making matters worse is the recent rain weâ€™ve had. Photos of the damage show the gouge marks from the tyres are fairly deep and will take time and money to fix. Someone in that area should have heard something.

Are there any parents out there with teens whose car has grass and dirt all up the sides of it?



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

20 April: Just a reminder, if you're in the West Pymble area drop by, have a chat and a free cuppa on us.




22 April
10am
Café Ventuno
shop 21, Phillip Mall,
Kendall Street,
West Pymble.


**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND
POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE
AND CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions,

**Kuring gai
LAC**



19 April: Minor traffic disruption to properly Remember hardly a comparable sacrifice



**Commemorate
Anzac Day locally**

This year Australia commemorates 100 years since the ANZAC landing on Gallipoli. You can attend services in your local area and go to the CBD at 9am on Saturday 25 April to support the Anzac Day March. *Lest we forget.*

To find out more visit
www.centenaryofanzac.nsw.gov.au




Photo: Anzac Day Parade - Sydney, 1935 (State Library of NSW)

Ensuring a proper remembrance of the sacrifices made to preserve and maintain the democratic way of life in Australia saw some streets in Hornsby closed to traffic for 90 minutes this morning. However taking an alternative route during that time was apparently a greater sacrifice to a few motorists who vehemently complained to Police working the relevant traffic points.

They appear to have missed the point...*their right to complain exists because of the sacrifice being commemorated.* Perhaps less "Me" and more "THEM" and Lest We Forget.

If to do so is too difficult it is recommended to avoid the same area on ANZAC Day itself, because we **will be** closing the roads again.

19 April, from Traffic & Highway Patrol Command: North shore teen invents learner driver logbook app.

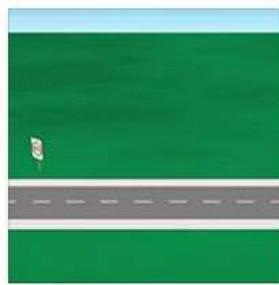
St IVES resident Jake Bortz, 16, is hoping to move learner driving into the 21st century and he has the support of the NRMA. The Masada College Year 11 student has created a smartphone app that allows learners to log their practise driving hours electronically instead of writing them down on paper.



16-year-old Jake Bortz of St Ives has developed a new logbook app for learner drivers. Picture: Elenor Tedenborg Source: News Limited

[Click here](#) for full article from News.com.au.

17 April, from The Hills command: Road rules: safe distance



Road rules: safe distance

Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community h...

YOUTUBE.COM

[Click here](#) for video from Transport For NSW.

16 April, from the North Shore Times: North shore crime this week includes a chocolate thief and a spate of spray painting vandals

This week's police news includes a man who destroyed an apartment with fire after he decided to clean his tools with petrol, while smoking, in a candle lit room. A drug-affected man allegedly passed out in front of North Sydney police station with drugs, a bike, two wake boards and sunglasses at 4am on a Monday morning. A Mosman man stole a hundred dollars worth of chocolate bars from a supermarket and a man who allegedly admitted smoking before deciding to drive a BMW around in circles at 4am with a bayonet, drugs and stolen goods in the car. There was also a spate of malicious damage to cars in **Wahroonga and Turramurra**.

[Click here](#) for full article.

16 April: St Ives malicious damage incidents;

Residents in the St Ives area may have noticed PVC plastic pipes on power poles. These pieces of PVC pipe have been placed on the poles to construct an ERUV. These pipes with the approval of AUSGRID (owners of the poles) were placed to construct a technical enclosure for the local Orthodox Jewish community. Some of these PVC pipes have been ripped down or smashed, which, to put it simply is malicious damage, a criminal offence. Regardless of your take on the subject, damage to property that belongs to others is malicious damage and if caught damaging that property may result in charges being laid. There are legal avenues open for people to follow if they wish, damaging property is not one of those avenues. How about some tolerance.

16 April: Commissioner welcomes BOCSAR statistics showing crime rates down

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione has welcomed the latest crime data from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) for the 24 months to December 2014, which shows 16 of the 17 major offence categories are either stable or falling.



[Click here](#) for video. Click on <show more> for the stats.

16 April: Have you lost or had property stolen? Hornsby police (and most police stations) have a collection of property handed in, sometimes we get it following the arrest of a person. Some of the property has no identification or the serial number has not been given to police, this means we can't get it back to the owner. In some cases this also means the thief is not linked to your stealing incident. We get jewellery, digital cameras and mobile phones. Police would love to reunite the property with its owner, so please photograph your property, include a size marking for jewellery (coin or ruler). We have, in the past used photos on a digital camera to return it to its owner and try to be sensitive when doing this. Mobile phones are a very different and difficult story. A locked phone means police can't access the contacts list. Phone companies like Apple will NOT give out an unlock code to police due to privacy laws. NSW Police do not have a magic unlock code or program as in Hollywood, police can't even access the IMIE of a locked phone and find the owner that way. Your phone is locked, we have it and can't find

you. If you have lost a phone and you know the location you last saw it, ring that local police station.

Police will not just hand over property just because you say it belongs to you. We want proof, like photos on a camera of you or you know shots you have taken. Jewellery, we want that photo of you with it, or you describe in detail any engraving.

One tip may be to have a screen shot of your email address or another phone number as your wall paper. Install a tracking program (find my Iphone etc), although there are some limitations here.

So if you have lost some property of value call the local police, you never know, an honest person may have handed it in.

Note: A locked Android mobile phone can still have its 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) contacts accessed if they have been added properly using the ICE Groups function.

[Click here](#) for instructions on ICE Groups for Android.

[Click here](#) for info on a FREE ICE app for iPhones. (NB: The NSW Police cannot endorse a product.)



[Click here](#) for instructions on wallpaper method.



16 April: Trail bike security.

Over the past few years in many parts of Sydney, trail bikes have been the target of thieves. Hornsby police have taken reports of bikes being stolen from St Ives to Berowra, with a slight increase in recent months. Most of the bikes are trail or enduro bikes and unregistered, although registered bikes are also targeted. The bikes are either 'stolen to order' or simply because the thieves just want it. House insurance in most cases will not cover the theft, leaving victims thousands out of pocket, the chances of recovering the bike is unlikely. So how does a thief know you have a bike? There are numerous ways; after a weekend riding, the bikes may be washed in the front yard and seen. It may be seen as you are driving home with the bikes on a trailer or ute, a motivated thief can simply follow you home, now knowing your address means they could take their time to strike while you're out.

Another way police have noticed is where the victim has advertised a bike for sale. The owner gets a phone call from a mobile (private number) with a person 'keen' to inspect and purchase the bike, a time is agreed on to inspect the bike with the owner giving their home address. Surprise surprise the potential buyer doesn't show up and they know your address. This should send alarm bells ringing. This exact scenario was recently reported to Hornsby police after the advertised bike was stolen from a locked garage. These are not isolated cases, these reports are occurring in other places.

Note, trail bikes and lots of other things are sold with no issue all the time, buyers and sellers are happy and all is legitimate, so don't be put off, just careful. How do you protect your bike, or reduce the risk?

If you ride in public areas (legally) or in private motocross parks you have raised your risk due to the number of people there, so be aware of prying eyes. If you have a GPS in your car make sure 'home' is not programmed into the device, a stolen GPS is a road map to the bike. While travelling home and within about 10km from home start taking obscure turns down alternate streets and watch who may be following you. Be alert and attentive to other vehicles. Go slower for a bit and see who else slows down.

When you get home stick the bike and or trailer in the garage straight away, unload the bikes and lock them up immediately (one biking family lost a trailer with 3 bikes from an open garage a few years back). Cover your bikes while in the garage as people look into open garages. Use high quality chains and locks to secure your bikes. Install an alarm especially in the garage. Take photos of your bikes including the VIN and any distinguishing marks. This is important if the bike is found or police find a crook and your bike turns up.

If you do decide to sell a trail bike, try your list of friends and family first, if selling publicly, especially online consider an alternate location to inspect, insist on a landline number and if the potential buyer does not show up, MOVE the bikes.

I do want to stress though, there is not a crime wave of this happening, just giving some helpful crime prevention tips and awareness. Most of all ride safe and have fun.

16 April: KURING-GAI LAC Media release 16 April, 2015

Hornsby Police are hosting **Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday 22nd April**. The program offers community members the opportunity to meet local officers and discuss community issues. The event is to be held at the **West Pymble shops (Kendall Street)**, officers from Kuring-Gai LAC and community members can come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event begins at 10.00am on 22/4/15 at Café Ventuno shop 21, West Pymble shops; police will buy you a coffee and talk about any issues concerning you.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the Police work in the Hornsby Kuring-Gai area.

The majority of contact with police has been with the public during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction. “We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers,” said (David Jones) Police Superintendant. “These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships.”

Coffee with a Cop originated in the USA and is now an Australian initiative supported by The NSW Police Force. Similar events are being held across Australia, as Local Area Commands strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

16 April: Male arrested for Break & Enter Offences in Turramurra

About 7.30am on Monday 13th April the 79 yr old resident of his Turramurra home saw a male exiting his garage with property from the garage and on calling to this male he ran off. The resident called Hornsby Police who in response were patrolling the area for the offender. Police located him nearby and he was arrested. At that time he was found to also be in possession of garden equipment and other items stolen from another premises nearby. Police were able to return the property to its owners and the 20 yr old offender was charged at Hornsby Police Station with multiple counts of Break and Enter.

RBT at St.Ives

8.30pm Saturday 11th April while conducting RBT operations in the St.Ives area a 38 yr old male was stopped and subsequently failed a roadside breath test. He was arrested at upon failing a breath analysis at Gordon Police Station he has

been charged with Drink Driving, earning himself an appointment before the Court.

16 April: Hornsby Police news, 16/4/15 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

In the past week Hornsby police have seen an increase in reports of malicious damage to cars, which is of great concern. The following is a list of those reported to us.

Hornsby

Thursday 9th daytime; A Ford Escape had a liquid, possibly an acid of some sorts thrown over its bonnet.

Monday 13th daytime; A Commodore had stickers placed on the rear bumper the adhesive being difficult to remove.

Berowra & Berowra Heights

Saturday 11th night time; A Toyota Corolla had its wipers bent.

Sunday 12th night time; A Peugeot had a tyre slashed and wheel nuts removed.

Wahroonga

Wednesday 8th night time; A Nissan had black spray paint used to tag the bonnet of the car.

Wednesday 8th night time; A Hyundai had black spray paint used to tag most panels, the word "police"™ and other swear words were written.

Wednesday 8th night time; A Mercedes had black spray paint used to completely cover the front windscreen.

Thursday 4.10am; A VW had various panels spray painted with vilifying words on various panels. There is CCTV footage of the incident which police are viewing.

Turramurra

Wednesday 8th night time; A Honda had what appears to be a rock thrown at its windscreen smashing it.

Wednesday 8th night time; A VW had black spray paint used to tag various panels.

Thursday 9th 7am to 9am; A Subaru had black spray paint used to tag "police"™ on the cars bonnet.

Obviously the clean up and repair costs plus the inconvenience is of great concern to the owners, police and the wider community in general. If you saw or heard

anything please report it.

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 matters anonymously.

END

15 April, a reminder from Queensland Police Service:



MYTH BUSTERS
Bundaberg Police keeping road rule runners straight

Myth Busters – yellow is just another shade of green - Bundaberg

"You should speed up so that you can make it through on the yellow light." INCORRECT The yellow light is not an extension of the green light. You should NO

MYPOLICE.QLD.GOV.AU

[Click here](#) for myth details.

15 April, from Newcastle City command:



[Click here](#) for link to the Counterfeit Detection Guide.

14 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: Hornsby police urge domestic violence victims to speak up

WITH the number of domestic violence cases rising across northern Sydney,

police are urging victims to speak up. Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command crime prevention officer Paul Cleary said all reports were treated seriously.

[Click here](#) for full article.

14 April, from Blacktown command: Blacktown Police warn residents to safeguard themselves from identity theft

Police have issued a warning to local residents following a recent spate of thefts from letter boxes (or amid increased activity by identity thieves). As officers step up efforts to catch those responsible, locals are urged to make their letter boxes more secure and properly dispose of any financial information. If you throw details of your identity in the bin, you could be “recycled,” meaning, someone can turn those details from rubbish to valuable information to create accounts or loan applications in your name. Don’t throw anything away that can be used by criminals – rates notices, bills, letters, credit card statements can all be used to create a fake identity. To help safeguard the community, Police urge residents to adhere to the following tips:

1. **Shred** – all unneeded documents, don’t just throw them away.
2. **Search** – your car and remove any personal documents.
3. **Secure** – your mail in a lockable mailbox.
4. **Separate** – unnecessary cards and identification from your wallet.

S/Cst R.ELAHMADIEH Crime Prevention Officer Blacktown LAC

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR IDENTITY



If you throw details of your identity in the bin, you could be 'recycled' – meaning, someone can turn those details from rubbish to valuable information to create another 'you'.

Don't throw anything away that can be useful for criminal minds – rates notices, bills, letters, credit card statements etc – because they amount to 'you' – so you are in effect throwing yourself and your identity away.

Good news is, you can **EASILY** prevent it happening to you.

**SAFEGUARD
YOUR IDENTITY**

The 5 step approach to reducing ID theft

- 1 SHRED**
all unneeded documents
- 2 SEARCH**
your car and remove any personal documents
- 3 SECURE**
your mail in a lockable letterbox
- 4 SEPARATE**
unnecessary cards and ID from your wallet
- 5 SPEAK**
to someone if you suspect any ID theft

**Report
identity theft
to local police
or phone
131 444**

Report identity theft or any misuse of your identity information without delay to the local police.

Report lost or stolen documents to the organisation that issued them. If you are aware of people engaging in identity theft, report to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

For more information

Phone: 1300 655 236

TTY: 9354 1371

TIS: 13 14 50

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au

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14 April, from The Hills command: Police caution parents against using new Teensafe app to spy on children's smartphone activity

[Click here](#) for full article from ABC News.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

15 April: The Neighbourhood Watch groups within the local Kuring-gai Police command had a stall at the recent Hornsby Shire Council's Volunteers Expo in the Hornsby Mall 11-2pm Wednesday 15 April. If all the NHW groups work together, we are a much more effective team and can achieve a whole lot more than as separate local groups. Thank you to the volunteers who helped man the table (incl Mary Walker and Di Knowles, not pictured; both volunteers with East Killara NHW) and answered the public's varied questions. Several people requested our weekly eNewsletter, along with 3 new offers of help - we appreciate your time and hope you find it rewarding! Thanks also to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia for the pop-up banner. Please email Gordon NHW for any of the 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips' series that you can just see on the stall, [click here](#).



Wal Knowles, East Killara NHW Area Coordinator.



Mick Gallagher (Mt Colah NHW Area Coordinator), Mary & Tony Brewer (Mt Colah NHW Volunteers)

From the Hornsby Advocate, 16 April:

**COUNSELLOR WARNS OF DRUGS PSYCHOSIS EFFECTS ON YOUTH
[extract]**

NORTHERN Sydney is facing the "worst ice epidemic" a youth counsellor has seen in 15 years of working with adolescents. David Citer, who works from a practice at Hornsby Heights, is shocked by the extent of the problem. "I'm

currently seeing about seven to eight young people who are addicted to ice," he said.

Hornsby police say ice was on the rise about two years ago in the local area but it isn't a big problem now. "I wouldn't say there's any major issue with it at this point," Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command youth liaison officer Stefanie Murray said. She said marijuana and synthetic drugs were more widespread.

CALL FOR MEASURES TO STOP OVERSIZED VEHICLES ON ROUTE [extract]

NSW's peak trucking body says it is the fault of individual drivers who get stuck in Galston Gorge, and the government should look at different measures to stop oversized trucks from using the road. The call comes after meetings between Roads and Maritime Services and GPS manufacturers aimed at getting the gorge added to dangerous route listings on GPS devices.

In the past year, RMS inspectors who patrol the area have issued more than 236 warning letters and 15 penalty notices to drivers of oversized vehicles driving through Galston Gorge.

Drivers who ignore the 13 warning signs on the approaches to the gorge risk fines of more than \$2000, the loss of six demerit points and possible deregistration of their vehicle for up to three months. Interstate vehicles risk losing their right to travel through NSW until the suspension is served.

Confusing markings put safety on the line [extract]

A DEVELOPER has been ordered by Hornsby Council to fix line-markings on Galston Rd after new markings that were put down were deemed unsafe.

Dural resident Cliff McSorley said the recent changes to the line-markings had turned a section outside the Coptic Orthodox Church from straight into a sharp turn, which he believed could cause problems in dark and wet conditions.

BE VIGILANT WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT

Keep your eyes on your children please. The most important and vulnerable people in our lives are children, both our own and the community's. They move quickly and are at risk of injury from falls and cars. It's vital that you keep your children under supervision and close to you when near traffic and in car parks. As parents and responsible adults, we are responsible for the physical safety of children at all times. Your police are concerned about the number of children we

see running near cars in carpark at shopping centres and schools. Detective Inspector Jon Gross Kuring-Gai local area command

NORMANHURST A bracelet worth about \$4000 was stolen from a home in Buckingham Ave between 8am and 9pm on Tuesday. Police said several rooms were ransacked. The bracelet is white gold with a single row of diamonds.

TURRAMURRA A man was arrested after he was allegedly involved in several break-ins at homes in Turramurra. Police said a resident of Kissing Point Rd came home on Monday to find a male walking out of his garage carrying three bottles of beer, a bottle of soft drink and a block of chocolate. The male was seen riding away on a children's bicycle. A male fitting the description was later observed by police sitting in front of another home in Kissing Point Rd with a milk crate of items. A 20-year-old male has been charged with break, enter and steal, steal from dwelling and goods in custody. He is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court on May 6.

MT COLAH A gold ring and necklace worth about \$3000 were stolen from a home in Parklands Rd between 8.30am and 2pm last Thursday. Police said a ground floor rear window had its lock forced and one bedroom was ransacked.

And from the North Shore Times, 17 April:

3 TURRAMURRA An 18-year-old driver on his P plates had his licence suspended and will face court after allegedly blowing 0.105 after being pulled over in Avenue Rd in Mosman on Thursday at 12.45am. Police allegedly saw the Turramurra teen's car swerving all over the road. He is due to face Downing Centre Local Court in May.



The Hornsby Advocate and North Shore Times can be viewed online, [click here](#).

'Should-know-better' TIP OF THE MONTH

If you have a burglar alarm, activate it!

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 22 April: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 7:30pm at East Killara Uniting Church corner Wentworth and Fairbairn Avenues

Tuesday 28 April: St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 8pm, St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives

Sunday 04 May: 10-4pm St Ives Festival on the Green. NHW will have a Crime Prevention stall there!

Wednesday 03 June: 5:30 for 6pm, Hornsby Police station. Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee meeting.

Monday 22 June: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#)

Monday 13 July: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm Hornsby Police Station. All welcome!

Monday 28 September 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Monday 21 September: **FREE** Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential:** ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or [email](#)

Wednesday 21 October: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Spotted at St Ives Shopping Village:



And if you can't read the small print either:

Woolworths 1800 641 497

Romeo's IGA 9488 7344

Harris Farm 1800 21 22 33

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.

Must have a different load restraint guide to ours!



Thanks to Traffic & Highway Patrol command.

Some great tips in this article: [Staying Safe In Your Car](#) [extract]

- There are several items that can come in handy in the car. A small first aid kit for the glove box is sensible, as is a sturdy torch and spare batteries. Have a couple of rags at the ready – a clean one for wiping the inside of the windscreen if it gets dirty or fogged up, and a dirty one for engine oil top-ups, removing radiator caps and other grimy jobs. If you don't have a GPS installed, a map reference book should be carried so you can find streets you're not familiar with.
- Always keep your doors locked while inside your car. You're safer from the threat of assault or carjacking if your doors are locked. If you think someone is following you, remain calm, drive normally and proceed to the closest police station or brightly-lit store or service station. Don't exit your car until you're sure it's safe.

Click [here](#) for full article by [BudgetDirect.com.au](#)

From North Shore command, 15 April: Are you selling a car or boat?

If so please be aware of an old scam that keeps doing the rounds.

Once you advertise the vehicle or vessel online you may receive an email from a

potential buyer from overseas. They will usually state they are working on an oil rig or remote project and ask for price and any selling conditions. They will then advise you that a shipping agent will collect the goods. Communication will be by email as they don't have access to phones.

Another email will arrive soon after saying that the shipping agent requires a sum of money for a reason like taxes/fees or prepayment. The buyer will state they will pay the extra amount on top of the selling price, if you could pay that fee to a Western Union Account. Once you pay the fee it becomes the last interaction with them.

If it doesn't seem right then it's usually not.

From Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, 15 April: We want to Hear From You!

Have you got a community safety or crime prevention project you would like to tell us about? We bet you have! We would like to hear about a community project that you put in place to deal with a local issue! It is for our Projects Library. Contact Ingrid on ingrid.stonhill@nhwa.com.au. You could win this years NHWA Innovation Award!! Just simply tell us what you did and how!

Top ten classic travel scams from traveller.com.au

They're ingenious, the ways that the scam artists of the world have found to separate you from your cash and valuables. Here are 10 reasons to keep your wits about you.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW.

BROOKLYN M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) - 400m south of Hawkesbury River
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS
Date: Sun 19 Apr 2015 - Sat 30 May 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Fri (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected
Advice: Allow extra travel time
Check signage
Other Work to stabilise the rock face south of the Hawkesbury River will take
Info: place every night except Saturday.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Tue 31 Mar 2015 - Mon 15 Jun 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Mon to Sat (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected
Mon to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected
Advice: Reduce speed
Exercise caution
Other Safety improvement works. There will be no day work on Sundays and no
Info: night work on Saturdays.

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd between George St and Boundary Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Wed 15 Apr 2015 - Thu 7 May 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Thu (8pm to 5am) Southbound affected
Advice: Reduced speed limit
Expect delays

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd between George St and Yarrara Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Wed 15 Apr 2015 - Wed 22 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Wed to Wed (8pm to 5am) affected
Advice: Reduced speed limit
Expect delays
Other Info: Will not take place on Saturday.

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd approaching City View Rd
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Wed 22 Apr 2015 - Wed 29 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Southbound affected
Advice: Check signage
Reduce speed
Other: Work will take place on one night, excluding Saturday.
Info: The southbound bus stop closest to City View Road may be obstructed during work. Traffic controllers will assist commuters during work times.

WAHROONGA Pennant Hills Rd
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS
Date: Sun 12 Apr 2015 - Thu 30 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Fri (9pm to 5am) affected
Advice: Check signage
Allow extra travel time

WAITARA Pacific Hwy between James St and Carden Ave
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS
Date: Mon 20 Apr 2015 - Fri 1 May 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week
Sun to Fri (9pm to 5am) Southbound affected
Advice: Exercise caution
Check signage
Other Info: Maintenance work will close 2 of 3 lanes southbound.

[Click here](#) for Live Traffic NSW website.

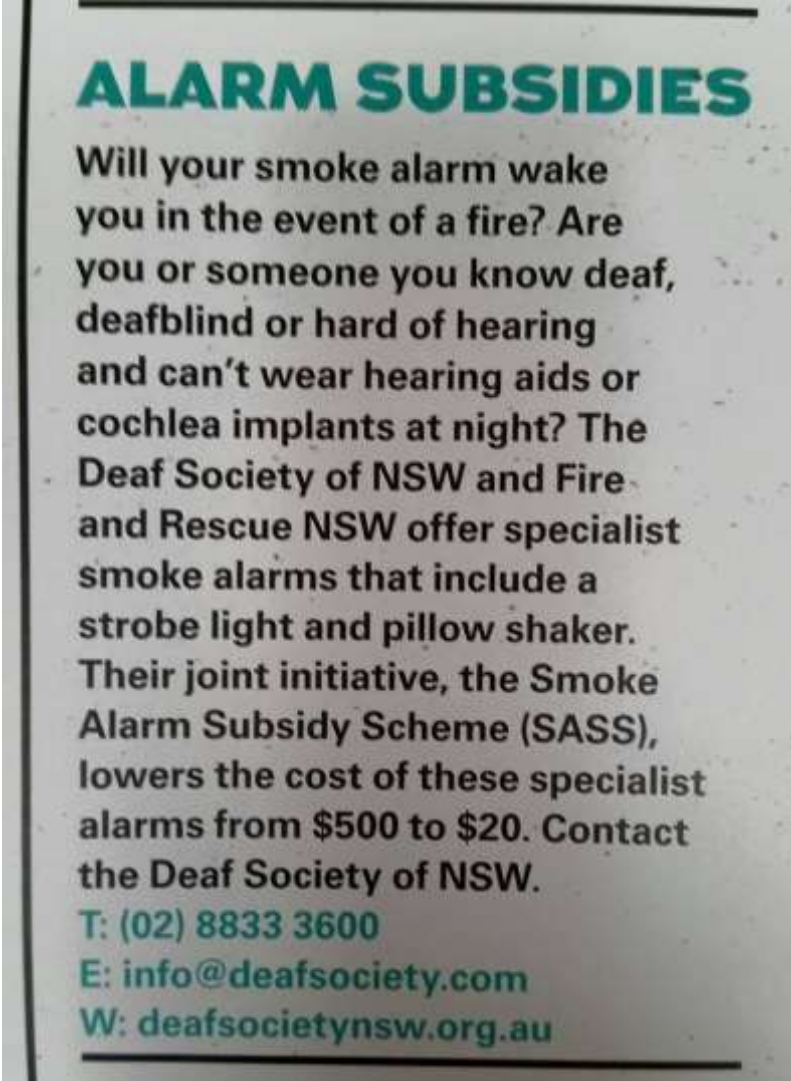
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"you can now ask Google to find your Android phone from your desktop. If the

pesky phone is hiding nearby, Google can ring it for you –” or you can see it on the map if you, say, forgot it at the bar. Just make sure you™ve got the latest version of the Google app installed on your device!"

[Click here](#) for full article by Naked Security.

Spotted by one of our volunteers: Pillow shaker - I learn something new every day!



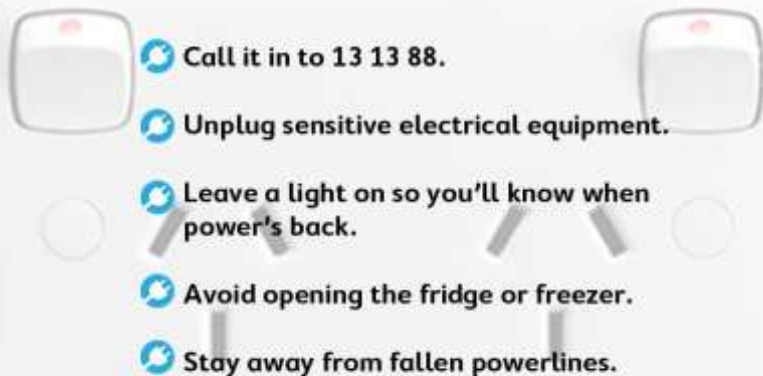
ALARM SUBSIDIES

Will your smoke alarm wake you in the event of a fire? Are you or someone you know deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing and can't wear hearing aids or cochlea implants at night? The Deaf Society of NSW and Fire and Rescue NSW offer specialist smoke alarms that include a strobe light and pillow shaker. Their joint initiative, the Smoke Alarm Subsidy Scheme (SASS), lowers the cost of these specialist alarms from \$500 to \$20. Contact the Deaf Society of NSW.

T: (02) 8833 3600
E: info@deafsociety.com
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What to do in a blackout



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- A background image of a white light switch panel with two switches at the top and three at the bottom.
- Call it in to 13 13 88.
 - Unplug sensitive electrical equipment.
 - Leave a light on so you'll know when power's back.
 - Avoid opening the fridge or freezer.
 - Stay away from fallen powerlines.

From North Shore Times, 20 April: Irresponsible pet owners warned, \$275 fines for leaving behind pet poo and rangers will investigate

Fines of \$275 can be issued under the Companion Animals Act, 1998, for 'not immediately remove dog faeces from public place'.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ridge Road (ex- Pac Hwy), 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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