

Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

eNewsletter # 185 - 27 April 2015

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.

27 April, from NSW Fair Trading: Do you work in the motor vehicle industry? Make sure you are using the new form five for the sale of second hand cars from 1 May 2015 if you are a dealer and the new form two from 1 September 2015 for all repairers. To read more about the prescribed forms check our recent

edition of Auto Torque, <u>click here</u> and subscribe, <u>click here</u> be kept up-to-date on key issues in the industry.

27 April, from Ku-ring-gai Council: And your Police will be at the Festival on the Green this Sunday at St Ives. Helped by Neighbourhood Watch. Why not come along to our stall and pick up some freebies, things for the kids, get your crime prevention advice from our Crime Prevention Officer, and maybe see the Mounted Police? Who doesn't love horses?

Festival on the Green at St Ives Village Green this Sunday 3 May.

Join us for a fabulous day of fun, food and free entertainment for the whole family. See our wonderful list of sponsors <u>click here</u>.

27 April: Hornsby Police news, 27/4/15 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Drink driving offences since Friday 24th.

Low range 40 year old male detected in Hornsby, about 3pm Saturday 25th. Low range 71 year old male detected in Hornsby, about 9pm Thursday 23rd. Middle range 36 year old male detected in Galston about 6.45pm Friday 24th. Middle range 36 year old male detected in Warrawee about 1am Sunday 26th.

High range drink driving, about 9.45pm Saturday 25th a 34 year old male allegedly driving a tractor with a trolley collection trailer attached was detected by members of the public get off the tractor inside Westfield, he was seen trying to use the boom gate ticket machine and obviously having some difficulty. Westfield security have attended with police and identified the male. CCTV footage allegedly shows the male trying his best at placing a ticket in the machine but failing, CCTV also shows the male having some frustration at this task. The male was allegedly positive to a roadside breath test; a subsequent test gave a result of .244. The male had his licence suspended by police and he was charged.

Break and Enter offences since AM Friday 24th. Business

Pioneer Avenue; Thornleigh; Thursday 23rd night time.

School in Arcadia; Thursday 23rd night time.

Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby Thursday 23rd night time 2 x businesses. South Turramurra, Thursday 23rd night time.

Residential

Orara St, Waitara; Thursday 23rd night time, handbag stolen with car keys, Lexus in underground car park subsequently stolen.

Brooklyn; Some time in previous 2 weeks. Vacant house broken into.

Ryde Rd, West Pymble Friday 24th 2 x homes broken into.

Arthur St, Hornsby; Friday 24th 10am to 9pm.

Lords Ave, Asquith; Sunday 26th night time, (attempted break and enter).

Stealing offences since AM Friday 24th

Mail box theft,

Waitara; Monday 27th, mail from one unit in complex stolen from mail box.

Sherbrook Rd, Hornsby; Friday 24th to Sunday 26th,

Glenorie, Saturday 25th 1am to 6am; 35 Pine trees stolen from house, recently planted along driveway.

Steal from motor vehicle offences since AM Friday 24th

Number plates taken from cars,

Thornleigh, Sunday 26th Early day time.

Thornleigh Street, Thornleigh, Thursday 23rd to Friday 24th.

Warrawee, Saturday 25th night time; electronic items stolen from car.

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.

27 April: Police are investigating a five-vehicle crash in Berowra this morning, in which five people have been taken to hospital.

About 6am (Monday 27 April 2015), emergency services were called to the Pacific Highway, near the Windybanks turnoff, following reports of a major crash. Initial investigations suggest a utility, driven by a man believed to be aged in his 20s, was

travelling north on the Pacific Highway when it and another utility, also driven by a man believed to be in his 20s, travelling south collided. The northbound utility then crashed into a Toyota Corolla, a Subaru station wagon, and a third utility, occupied by two men believed to be aged in their 50s.

Click here for full details.

26 April: Police have released an image of a man as they investigate multiple alleged break and enters across Sydney's lower north shore.

Since January this year, multiple restaurants, takeaway stores and businesses have been broken into at Cremorne, Crows Nest, Neutral Bay and Mosman. It's believed 29 shops have been targeted, with cash and other items stolen. Officers from Harbourside Local Area Command are investigating the incidents and believe they are linked. As inquiries continue, investigators have released an image of a man they believe can assist with their inquiries.



Police are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

23 April: Scammers will be knocking on your door. If you have damage from the storms or any other event, beware of dodgy tradies. Only use tradies with a current licence, who have current insurance and if you are claiming on your insurance keep them informed of everything and get approval prior to starting any work. Get 3 quotes from independant tradies and don't give in to pressure tactics or stories. If in doubt, say NO, close the door, call a friend for support and report the incident to Fair Trading.

NSW Fair Trading: You should always check your tradesperson is licensed before you hire. **Home Building Licence Check,** click here.

KURING-GAI LAC Media release 23 April

Hornsby Police are hosting Coffee with a Cop on Thursday 30th April Program offers opportunity to meet local officers and discuss community issues

The event is to be held in Hornsby 30/4/15, 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 30/4/15 at Three Beans cafÃ**© **Hornsby Westfield** (north entrance from the fountain) 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.

23 April: Spiders. Sorry to bring this up but the wet weather also displaces all sorts of crawlies. Spiders get 'flushed' out of their homes and will seek out a dry spot. Any shoes left out in the past few days can be an inviting spot. Give shoes a really good shake and tap on the ground. Check near the front and back doors and laundries. Snakes; not sure if they are hibernating yet, but be consious of these slippery little creatures also. If seen, contact a local snake catcher, who would be trained in safely catching and releasing them. Don't ask your husbands mate, cousin Lily or uncle Fred.

23 April: A report will be prepared for the Coroner after a fatal crash on the north shore yesterday.

At 6.20am (Wednesday 22 April 2015) emergency services were called to Galston Road, Galston after a northbound Toyota Hilux and a southbound garbage truck collided head-on. The driver of the Hilux, a 24-year-old Oakville man, suffered head injuries in the crash. He was treated at the scene by Ambulance Paramedics however died on route to Westmead Hospital. The 57-year-old truck driver from Berkley Vale was uninjured. He was taken to Hornsby Hospital for mandatory blood and alcohol testing.

At the time of the collision there was heavy rainfall and a large amount of water on the roadway. Galston Road was closed for a number of hours and the Toyota Hilux was taken to a holding yard for mechanical examination. The garbage truck was towed from the scene.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.** Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

23 April: Lost pets!!!!! On a community note, I am a member of various community groups, during the past few days, I have seen posts of dogs turning up at houses obviously lost, cold, hungry and in some cases distressed. If your pet has run off or you have found one, contact a local vet. Pets 'should' be chipped. There are FB pages for lost pets, Here's a NSW page, click here, might be an idea for a localised page, if there isn't one already.

I know a few have turned up in the Berowra area.

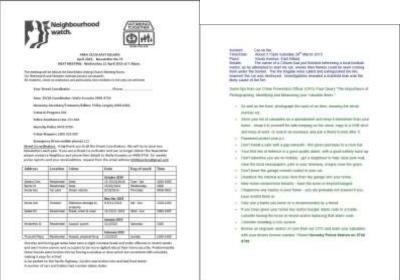
23 April: It seems a strange meteorological event is now occurring, a bright shiny object is in the sky, it has not been seen for some time, don't panic, I'm sure all is well. Have a bright and finally sunny day.

[10,696 people reached, 391 likes, 23 shares and 18 comments, including several such as: "Thanks - do love a sense of humour especially after the last few horrific days."]

23 April, from Fire & Rescue NSW: If the power is out in your area remember:

- Don't use LPG or solid fuel burning BBQs indoors. They give off poisonous Carbon Monoxide
- Don't use patio heaters or other LPG fuelled heating devices inside your home. They are designed for outdoor use only and give off poisonous Carbon Monoxide
- If your power is out please be aware that appliances may be affected by water or have been damaged due to the power outage and could cause a fire if the power unexpectedly comes back on.

22 April: This album has Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) newsletters for those NHW groups within the Kuring Gai Local Area Command - 4 new photos.



East Killara Neighbourhood Watch newsletter April 2015 2 pages



Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch Jan-Mar 2015 newsletter 4 pages

<u>Click here</u> to request your electronic copy(ies) from Gordon Neighbourhood Watch.

22 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: Man dies in hospital after accident on Pennant Hills Rd

A PEDESTRIAN has died in hospital last night, after a crash on Pennant Hills Rd on Saturday. Emergency services were called at about 5pm, near George Street, following reports a pedestrian had been hit by a car. Police from Ryde LAC found a 36-year-old man with serious head injuries. He was taken to Royal North Shore

Hospital by NSW Ambulance Paramedics in a critical condition, but he died last night.



The CareFlight helicopter landing on Pennant Hills Rd on Saturday. Picture: CAREFLIGHT

Click here for full article.

22 April: Have you downloaded the Emergency + App?

Aiming to help people call the right number at the right time, the Emergency+ app uses the existing GPS functionality of smartphones to enable callers to provide emergency services with their location information as determined by their smartphone. It's available free of charge for iOS and Android devices.





To download the app for iPhones, <u>click here</u>. To download the app for Android, <u>click here</u>.

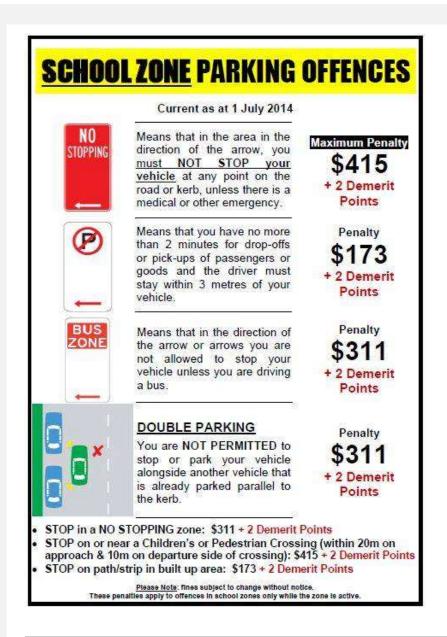
21 April: Coffee with a COP event CANCELLED. Hornsby police had planned a meet and greet with locals in the West Pymble area with the offer of a free coffee on us. Due to the adverse weather we are reluctantly postponing this event until the weather clears up somewhat. Keep a look out for a re-post soon. Sorry again.

21 April, from the SES: Simple things you can do - Prepare for a storm NOW

There are eight simple things that you can do now to prepare your home and help reduce the potential damage caused by severe storms.

- 1. Maintain your yard and balcony. Secure or store items that could blow around in strong winds
- 2. Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages
- 3. Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home or property
- 4. Fix any damage to your roof, including broken or missing tiles
- 5. Check your insurance policy is current and adequate
- 6. Make a Home Emergency Plan for your family that outlines what you would do in an emergency
- 7. Prepare an emergency kit with essential items in case you lose power or need to leave home in an emergency
- 8. Listen to your local radio station and other media for weather warnings

<u>Click here</u> for further details, to download information, other languages and to prepare your **Home Emergency Plan**.



21 April: Our Multi-cultural Liaison Officer, Fiona Zhou, is helping with a Street Party coming up in Orara Park, Orara St, Waitara from 2 til 4pm on Saturday 09 May.

Bring your family along for a free BBQ, face painting, balloon animal making, family fun games and more. A great opportunity to meet your neighbours and get to know your local community services! Please read the flyer for more information and contact details.

Fingers crossed that the rain dies down temporarily for us. The Police will be coming along, hopefully with the Command Bus. Our Crime Prevention Officer,

S/C Paul Cleary, will be there with crime prevention advice, literature, FREE give-aways, and he will attempt to answer all of your questions. See you there?



악이타라 오라라 파크 공원 무료 파티에 초대합니다

가족 모두 함께 오셔서 무료로 즐기세요. 무료 880, 재미난 게임, 풍선아로 (동물 모양 만들기), 펙이스 페인밀과 우리들이 잘모르는 지역사와 정보도 받고 이웃을 만날 좋은 기회가 될거예요.

언제: 5월 9일 호오일, 오후2시-4시 어디서 : 오라라 스크렛의 오라라 파크(오라라 스크렛으로 오픈 보여요) 비용: 무료

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더 많은 정보를 원하시면 Jan 또는 Blance에게 전화주세요 9480 2501

我们诚挚地邀请您和家人来参加

免费街道派对 @ Orara Park

免费绕烤, 而部彩绘, 动物气球, 家庭游戏等。。。 这是个认识邻居、朋友和了解社区服务的好机会!

> 时间。周六。五月九日 时间。下午2点到四点 地址:Orara Park, Orara Street, Waitara

> > 如果下痢、此活动取消。

如想了解更多信息。请电 Jan 或 Bianca 94802501





From Highway & Traffic Control command.



From the East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting last week... Hot off the Press!

Saturday 24 October - planning is underway for a Crime Prevention community event to be held at the East Killara shopping mall, Koola Avenue, probably from 10 til 12noon. The Kuring-gai Police command bus is definitely invited. There will be a a Crime Prevention stall brought to you by our local Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, assisted by local Neighbourhood Watch volunteers. If it rains, with this venue we can continue under cover! Please pencil in your diaries.

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

Please show support for this Neighbourhood Watch group, who will be discussing the way forward using today's technologies. Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, will be dropping in to answer any of your concerns.

Sunday 03 May: 10-4pm St Ives Festival on the Green. Police/NHW will have a Crime Prevention stall. **And the Mounted Police have been booked to come!** We just have to sort out their parking spaces...

Would you like to offer your help on the Crime Prevention stall? NHW Tshirt provided. Please email NHWGordon, <u>click here</u>, if you can spare an hour, or if you were a 'maybe' and now you're a 'definite'. Thanks.

Dates for the Diary:

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Thursday 30 April: Coffee with a Cop (CwC). 10am Three Beans Cafe, Hornsby Westfield (North entrance from fountain).

Sunday 03 May: Chipping Day 8-2:30pm at 5 Beaumont Road, Mount Kuring-gai Sunday 03 May: 10-4pm St Ives Festival on the Green. Police/NHW will have a Crime Prevention stall. And the Mounted Police have been booked to come! Saturday 09 May: FREE Street Party, 2-4pm at Orara Park, Orara Street, Waitara. 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 <a href="mailto:emailt

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 <u>email</u> **Wednesday 21 October:** East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Saturday 24 October: East Killara Crime Prevention event, 10-12 Koola Ave.

Website of the month: M1 Pacific Motorway

LIVE Traffic for the Sydney to Newcastle M1 Pacific Motorway (F3 Freeway). If you see an incident, call the **Transport Management Centre on 131 700.** Includes upto-date and timely incident reports. Has views from all the traffic cameras. Includes a table of times between exits:

Northbound			Southbound				
	Minutes	Total		Minutes	Tota		
Wahroonga to Mt Colah	2	2	Newcastle to Toronto	9	9		
Mt Colah to Berowra	3	5	Toronto to Morisset	10	19		
Berowra to Mooney Mooney	8	13	Morisset to Toukley	7	26		
Mooney Mooney to Mt White	5	18	Toukley to Wyong	6	32		
Mt White to Gosford	6	24	Wyong to Ourimbah	4	36		
Gosford to Ourimbah	8	32	Ourimbah to Gosford	7	:43.		
Ourimbah to Wyong	3	35	Gosford to Mt White	7	50		
Wyong to Toukley	5	40	Mt White to Mooney Mooney	5	55		
Toukley to Morisset	8	45	Mooney Mooney to Berowra	6	61		
Morisset to Toronto	9	57.:	Berowra to Wahroonga	9	70		
Toronto to Newcastle	8	65					

Click here to view the M1 Pacific Motorway website.

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.

Thanks to the North Shore Times, 23 April:

Wildlife rescue organisation, WIRES NSW spokeswoman Kyla Shelley said the north shore was consistently WIRES highest volume area for rescue requests. Animals most commonly affected by motor vehicle collisions on the north shore are swamp wallabies, ringtail and brushtail possums as well as tawny frogmouths, Ms Shelley said. Drivers should be careful at dawn and dusk and after

dark when native animals are more likely to be crossing roadways and freeways, she said.

"If the injured animal is a kangaroo, wallaby or possum it could have pouch young, which can live for days after the mother has died. "When it safe to do so, pull over to roadside and check the pouch and if you find a joey please call WIRES immediately for first aid instructions.― If you find an injured animal **phone WIRES on 1300 094 737** for advice.

<u>Click here</u> for full article; 'Keep your pets inside at night or they may join the 100 animals killed on the roads in Willoughby'

From Hornsby Shire Council, 24 April: DISPOSE OF STORM BRANCHES AT COUNCIL DEPOT

Hornsby Shire residents who have been affected by storm damage can take the unwanted tree branches to Council's free Chipping Day on Sunday 3 May. Council has added an extra event to its schedule of chipping days in response to the tree damage caused by the recent extreme weather conditions. Residents are free to bring any number of trailer loads of branches and Council has increased the maximum diameter of branch that can be accepted to 450mm for this event only. Some conditions apply, click here.

WHEN: Sunday 3 May, 8am-2.30pm

WHERE: 5 Beaumont Road, Mount Kuring-gai

COST: Free and available to all Hornsby Shire residents

5 online privacy and security tips for travelers

Including... 1. Lock your computer and your phone when you aren't using them

- Set your devices to auto-lock after the shortest delay you can live with: try two minutes, for example.
- Pick the longest and most complex unlock passcode or password you can

manage.

 On your phone, also consider enabling "wipe device after 10 wrong guesses" if possible.

Click here for full article from Naked Security.

24 April, from Naked Security: How to secure your baby monitor

Two more nurseries have been invaded, with strangers apparently spying on parents and their babies via their baby monitors.

Click here for full article and advice.

From Ku-ring-gai SES: If you have not already done so, PLEASE go check on your neighbours TODAY!



Following the severe weather and widespread power outages and damage to properties across the Region, we are concerned that there may be people out in the community that need help but have not asked for it.

If you find someone requiring emergency assistance please call the <u>#NSWSES</u> on 132 500 or 000 in life threatening emergencies. Thank you!

From Ku-ring-gai Council, 24 April: The clouds are clearing and the sun is starting to shine through!

Here at Council we wanted to send a big THANK YOU to the wonderful work and assistance Ku-Ring-Gai SES, Ausgrid, Sydney Water and local police provided to the residents of Ku-ring-gai in the midst of the storm. Also a huge thumbs up to all the Council staff that were on the ground coordinating operations, clearing trees, responding to residents in need, and now clearing up all the debris left over from the storm.

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 approaching City View Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Wed 22 Apr 2015 - Wed 29 Apr 2015 Date:

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Check signage Advice:

Reduce speed

Work will take place on one night, exclduing Saturday. Other

The southbound bus stop clostest to City View Road may be obstructed Info: during work. Traffic controllers will assist commuters during work times.

ROSEVILLE Boundary St between Archer St and Ferncourt Ave SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sat 2 May 2015 - Tue 2 Jun 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Every night (10.30pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Check signage Advice:

Exercise caution

Other Info: Maintenance work will affect both directions nightly. Contra-flow traffic control will be in place.

THORNLEIGH Pennant Hills Rd between Wells St and Boundary Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Tue 28 Apr 2015 - Fri 8 May 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (10:30pm to 5am) Northbound affected

Other Info: Two of the three northbound lanes will close.

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

WAHROONGA Pacific Hwy between Woodville Rd and Fox Valley Rd SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Fri 24 Apr 2015 - Fri 22 May 2015

Scheduled lane closures for this week Impact:

> Sun to Wed (9:30pm to 5am) Southbound affected Thu to Fri (10pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Other Info: Two of three southbound lanes will close.

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

Exercise caution Advice: Check signage

Other Info: Maintenance work will close 2 of 3 lanes southbound.

<u>Click here</u> for Live Traffic NSW website.

'Nip a Dipper' is a campaign by North Yorkshire Police, England.

- Keep wallets and purses secure, and carry in an inside pocket.
- Zip up hand and shoulder bags.
- Carry bags in front of you with flaps against your body.

- Keep straps short and bags tucked under your arm.
- Don't leave your bags and belongings unattended.
- Don't show your money; keep it safe in your pocket.



Did you know? Dementia must be reported to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) if the person with Dementia wishes to continue driving. A driver with Dementia can only hold a conditional licence. Here's an extract from the RMS website:

Are you fit to drive?

Roads and Maritime Services needs to ensure that all drivers are medically fit and competent to drive. If you're an older driver, or you have a medical condition, you may be asked to have regular medical tests.

Dementia

The progressive and irreversible loss of mental functioning caused by dementia creates issues for driver safety. All drivers with dementia will likely face a situation where their condition deteriorates, to the point that they are no longer medically fit to drive.

If you're a driver with dementia, it's important that you regularly talk to your doctor about how your ability to drive is being affected.

By talking to doctors, family, friends and carers about driving issues as soon as possible after a diagnosis of dementia, you can make the difficult transition away from driving an easier process. It's important to talk about any problems you have while driving, and what your transport needs might be, to work out when it's the right time to stop driving.

Click here for further information from RMS.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 23 April:

Help mother of murder victim in quest to create haven for families in pain [extract]

TWO years after the murder of Matthew Thomas, a charity in his honour is one fundraiser away from making its goal become a reality. The charity, Matt's Place, was set up by Louise Thomas following the loss of her son on Anzac Day, 2013. Mr Thomas, 30, was gunned down at point-blank range by his 30-year-old neighbour and friend Peter Junghans, who then turned the gun on himself.

A date for the second United for Matt fundraising dinner has been set. It will take place on **August 22 at the Epping Club**. Mrs Thomas is inviting people to donate auction prizes or services to help make the night a success. To offer help at the charity dinner, call **Mrs Thomas on 9980 6383 or 0412 893 914**.

Theft is up, stats show

STEALING from residential property rose almost 30 per cent on the north shore in 2014, NSW crime data released last week shows. Most of the rise was due to theft from outside homes in yards, garages, verandas and sheds. Hot water systems, mail, bikes and tools were commonly stolen in a trend that saw this crime rise three per cent across NSW. But 16 of 17 major crime categories were either stable or fell.

642 Reports in 2014 of things stolen from cars on the north shore, up from 561 in 2013. This crime was down 5 per cent across NSW. There were 81 cars stolen on the north shore in 2014, down from 108 in 2013.

256 Assaults were recorded on the north shore in 2014, down from 278 in 2013.

Sexual assaults rose to 56 in 2014, up from 54 in 2013 and indecent assaults or acts of indecency fell to 107 in 2014 from 110 in 2013.

613 Break and enters were recorded on the north shore in 2014, up from 602 in 2013. In Ku-ring-gai there was 348 break-ins to homes, down from 367 in 2014. In Lane Cove it was 77, up from 69 in 2013, Willoughby had 188 in 2014 up from 166.

6 WAHROONGA An LG
Nexus mobile phone was
stolen from a patient at the
Sydney Adventist Hospital
between 11.30pm Monday and
6.45am Tuesday. Police said
the 24-year-old patient had
the phone beside her
overnight when she
discovered it missing the next
morning. Investigations are
continuing.

From the North Shore Times, 21 April: Sydney's north shore records NSW's lowest domestic violence rate but women's shelters at capacity

SYDNEY'S north shore is home to the lowest reported rates of domestic violence and apprehended domestic violence orders (ADVOs) in NSW, but the only women's shelter in the region still has to turn people away. There were 202 domestic assaults recorded across Willoughby (69), Lane Cove (33) and Kuring-gai (100) last year, just one less than in 2013, the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data shows. While the official rate is low one women's shelter in Hornsby has been forced to turn away 70 women since February.

Click here for full article.

<u>Click here</u> for the **NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research** (**BOCSAR**) 'crime tool'.





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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