

# Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

#### eNewsletter # 221 - 04 January 2016

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-gai 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.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page <u>click here</u> (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? <u>Click here</u> to email NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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04 January, from the North Shore Times: Five people injured in St Ives car

#### crash

A driving instructor is fighting for his life after his vehicle, driven by an 18-year-old female learner driver, and another car collided on a residential road in St Ives this morning. Four other people were hospitalised when a white sedan and the silver learner vehicle from HK Driving School crashed on Eastern Arterial Road at 11am.

#### Full article here.



04 January: 5000 Facebook likes. Thank-you for your support 🎉ðŸ'•



#### 04 January, from our neighbouring North Shore command [edited]:

**Stabbing/affray - Naremburn** Around 11.20pm on Sunday the 27th of December 2015 police received a number of calls in relation to some 30-40 youths drinking and acting in an antisocial manner within Naremburn Park. There were also reports of youths fighting in the same area. Police attended a short time later and located a 17 year old male from Cartwright with a wound the size of a 20 cent piece under his left ear. The male was assessed by ambulance officers who were called to attend location. As a result it was determined that the male required medical treatment for his injuries and was transported to Royal North Shore Hospital.

Another **17 year old male from St Ives** was identified as being part of the fight also; police will allege that he received a single punch to the forehead resulting in a 1.5 cm cut to the forehead.

Soon after, police received reports of further youths congregating at St Leonards Railway Station with one being in possession of a knife. Police attended this location and observed another 17 year old male with a small cut to his left upper chest. This male indicated the cut was as a result of being stabbed by an unknown person with a tomahawk. He refused to provide further details, however police believe his injuries relate to the incident at Naremburn Park. Police questioned some of the youths at the time; however their investigations were hampered by their high levels of intoxication. One of the victims and two other youths were transported back to Chatswood Police Station due to their level of intoxication. Their parents were contacted a short time later to attend the station and collect their children.

Police are still investigating the incident and ask that if anyone has any information could the contact **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000** (you can remain anonymous) or **Chatswood Detectives**.

03 January, from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade: We are extremely disheartened to have returned from the Christmas / New Year holiday break to have found our fire station subjected to extensive graffiti vandalism. This has been reported to Hornsby Shire Council and Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force for investigation. If you have seen or heard any suspicious activity around the fire station, or do so in the future, please report this immediately to police.



03 January, from Cop Humour Australia: WA Police North West Metro Forensics attended a burglary recently, and upon realising that the neighbours may have captured the offender on CCTV, they went over to ask. This was their front door mat... it worked!



03 January, from Kenny Jewell: As a former surf lifesaver I constantly find myself when I'm at a beach automatically in patrol mode, and I'm always troubled seeing the amount of swimmers that enter the surf straight into a rip zone. This includes, and most worrying of all children. I know a lot of people are kind of aware of what to do if caught in a rip, but it has been brought to my attention recently that a lot of people aren't aware of what a rip actually looks like or where the safest place to swim at the beach is if there is no flagged area.

One person will drown every two to three days this summer... 90% of those fatalities will be rip-related. Here are a few things that will help you and your kids stay safe this summer. I have also put together a few images that show what to

#### look for.



Click here for tips and Facebook post or email us for your copy.

# 30 December, from Western Australia Police: Just got sent this pic & agreed it would be purrrrrfect for social media!

Everyone meet 'Lewis'. Lewis is an adopted rescue cat who calls the Police Mounted Section home. He's taken to stable duties like a pro & has been known to assist the Sgts with their paperwork occasionally.

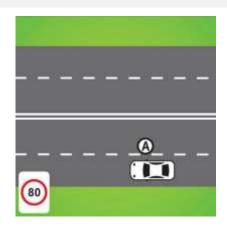


## 30 December, from CareFlight: ELDERLY PEDESTRIAN HIT BY CAR – IN CRITICAL CONDITION

An 83-year-old man suffered serious injuries after he was struck by a vehicle in Sydney's north this afternoon [30-12-15]. CareFlight's rapid response rescue helicopter was called to St Ives in the upper North Shore around 3:30 pm, landing in Hassell Park adjacent to the scene on Mona Vale Road. The man was treated for head injury by CareFlight's medical team, who joined crews from Fire & Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance. CareFlight's specialist doctor intubated the patient and then travelled with him as he was transported by road to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical but stable condition.

**Sorry, we omitted to give you the answer to last week's Test Time:** You are driving vehicle A along a multi-lane road and the speed limit is 80 km/h or less, which lane or lanes can you travel in?

- a) In the left-hand lane unless you are turning right
- b) In the left-hand lane unless overtaking another vehicle in the left lane
- c) You must travel in the left-hand lane
- d) In either lane



**TEST TIME ANSWER:** The correct answer is d) You may drive in either lane of a multi lane road if the speed limit is 80km/h or less and there are no Keep Left Unless Overtaking signs. According to the RMS, Keeping Left is one of 10 most misunderstood Road Rules, <u>click here</u>.



### From Thornleigh Veterinary Hospital: TO MY FAMILY - PLEASE COME AND FIND ME

Whilst the wonderful nurses at Thornleigh Veterinary Hospital are looking after me really well, I'd much prefer to be home with you. I'm well groomed so obviously come from a loving home and I have no doubt, I have a worried family out there looking for me. The Council Rangers found me wondering around Turramurra on 17 December 2015 and I've been with the kind team at TVH ever since. Unfortunately my microchip doesn't have any details and I don't have a tag on my collar.



#### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Tuesday 26 January: Australia Day!** Ku-ring-gai council event 1030-1pm at Bicentennial Park, Pymble. <u>Info</u>. Hornsby Shire Council event 11-3pm at Hornsby Park. <u>Info</u>.

**Tuesday 02 February 2016:** 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting #19, 6pm, venue tbc.

**Thursday 17 March 2016**: Neighbourhood Watch Information Day at NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills.

**Sunday 20 March:** Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. Info. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Sunday 27 March:** Neighbour Day

Friday 01 - Sunday 10 April 2016: Seniors Week Friday 08 - Sunday 17 April 2016: Youth Week

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 2016: Ku-ring-gai Council Chemical CleanOut, 9-

330pm @ St Ives Showground. Info.

## From Ku-ring-gai Council: Eye-catching signs introduced to encourage responsible dog ownership

Ku-ring-gai Council installed its first set of unique off-leash dog sign at Friars Field in Pymble, as part of its campaign to encourage responsible dog ownership in Kuring-gai. The dog themed signs are eye-catching and provide quick, easy to read information, reminding dog owners of their existing obligations under the Companion Animal Act. The messages on the signs included "Dogs must be on leash between 8am and 5pmâ€● and "Please remember to pick up your dog's pooâ€●. The field also received a dog waste bag dispenser and brochure holder which will contain important educational information for companion animals.

Full Media Release here.

#### From Hornsby SHire Council: Fire permits

Permits may be required for fire-related activities in Hornsby Shire, such as open burning and building a firebreak. Phone Council on 9847 6853 for information, advice and to apply for a permit. Staff will help guide you through the process of approval and liaise with the Rural Fire Service on your behalf. Find out more about the types of permits available and requirements. More Info here.

#### From Hornsby Shire Council: Homelessness

Council works with the community to address homelessness issues. There are a number of services and community groups who provide assistance to people who are experiencing homelessness. Services for Homeless People. More Info here.

#### From Hornsby Shire Council: Rabbits - What you can do

 Please report any rabbit sightings to <u>Rabbit Scan</u>, a national program mapping the distribution of wild rabbits.

- It's important to keep pet rabbits properly contained and have them sterilised.
- Consider buying or borrowing a cage trap for use on your own land. Council can provide advice on trapping.

#### Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you?

View the Live Traffic NSW website here.

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, <u>click here</u>. Apple, <u>click here</u>.

#### From the draft 'Our 20 Favourite Classic Crime Prevention Tips':

**Classic Tips #1:** Pre-program important numbers such as 000 into your telephone.

Classic Tips #4: Make sure your house number is clearly visible.

**Classic Tips #5:** Keep your garage door closed and locked, even if you'll only be away for a short time.

Classic Tips #6: Photocopy the contents of your wallet. Both sides of each credit card, membership card, frequent flyer card, etc.

**Classic Tips #7:** Never let your credit card out of your sight. Go to the desk to watch its use by the trader.



#### **Important Contacts**

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

#### Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road (ex-Pacific 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

#### **Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450**

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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