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This email is compiled by **Neighbourhood Watch** volunteers as a service for residents in the **Kuring Gai** Police Local Area Command (LAC), which of course includes Hornsby area also. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. The weekly update usually includes:

- **Project eyewatch:** A selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page, etc.
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips
- **Media Release:** Our Crime Prevention Officer distributes this usually on a Monday morning. It covers incidents from the week before in our LAC.

18th February: Our Crime Prevention Officer Snr Con Malcolm Baker will be on **Streetbeat at Triple H Community Radio 100.1 FM tomorrow (Tuesday 19th) around 4-5pm**. If you have any questions for him, please comment below, or phone the radio on 8086 1900.

Weekly stats from Kuring Gai Local Area Command for week ending 18th February:

offences	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal Motor Vehicle	Steal from Motor Vehicle
Suburb					
BEROWRA			1	1	1
BEROWRA WATERS				1	
BROOKLYN			1		
GALSTON					
GORDON	1				
HORNSBY		2	5	1	2
HORNSBY HTS	1				
KEWARRA		1			
MT COLAH					1
NORMANHURST				1	2
FRIMBLE					
STIVES					
THORNLEIGH		1	1		1
TURRAMURRA		1			1
WAHPOONBA	1				1
WATARA					
WESTLICH			1		
WEST FRIMBLE					

17th Febrary, from our neighbouring command: Man charged after five hurt in crash - Ryde

Police have charged a man following a crash which left five people injured, including three children, at Ryde yesterday. About 5.15pm (Friday 15 February), a Nissan Skyline being driven by a 21-year-old male crashed into the rear of a BMW which had slowed in peak hour traffic north on Lane Cove Road. The force of the impact caused a further three cars to collide nose-to-tail. The 73-year-old driver of the BMW was not hurt but his 73-year-old wife was taken to hospital with serious injuries. Three boys, all aged nine, who were seated in the rear seats of the BMW were hospitalised with a range of injuries, some serious. The 21-year-old driver of the Skyline suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital. The occupants of the other vehicles involved were not hurt. Following inquiries into the incident police charged the 21-year old driver of the Skyline today (Saturday 16 February 2013). The man was charged with aggravated dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm, dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm and negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm. He also had his licence suspended. He was granted bail to appear at Ryde Local Court on Wednesday 27 March 2013.

14th February: Police are requesting the **assistance of the public to identify the male** in the photograph. In relation to an incident that occurred in the **Dick Smith store at the Hornsby Westfield Complex** around 12.24 pm on Friday the 8th Of February 2013. Described as male, 20-30 years old, 170-175cm tall, blonde hair, bright yellow high visibility T-shirt, cargo shorts.



If you have any information please contact Cst Laura Kermode at Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

13th February: On Tuesday the 12th of February 2013 police executed a search warrant on an address in **Hornsby Heights**. As a result of the search police located a **quantity of drugs and cash** at the location. A thirty two year old female is assisting police with their enquiries.

13th February: Don't forget pets during storm season

The NSW SES has joined forces with the NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) and the RSPCA to help people understand the importance of looking after their pets, agisted animals and livestock, during such severe weather events. "The best time to prepare for a storm is when the weather is fine. There are many things people can do to protect their animals and livestock before, during and after a storm," NSW SES Commissioner Murray Kear said. "Before a storm make sure your emergency kit is up to date and that it includes your pet's food, medications and local vets phone number. During a storm pet owners should bring their animals indoors as they can become quite agitated and their safety threatened by thunder, lightning and strong winds.

12th February: Since the weekend of the 9th and 10th of February we have had a small number of **Steal from Motor Vehicle incidents** throughout the Command. What has been disturbing in more than fifty percent of the incidents the vehicle was left **unlocked and unsecured**. Police are urging drivers to ensure the vehicle is locked and secure with all valuable out of sight but

preferably removed from the vehicle when leaving the vehicle. Below are a few tips to consider:

TOP TEN TIPS FOR VEHICLE SECURITY

1. Visible belongings are always a risk. Take all personal belongings with you.
2. Lock up every time. Always lock doors and windows when you leave your car.
3. Never leave your keys in the ignition. Not even for a 'minute or two'
4. Park Wisely. Park in well-lit areas that are frequented by passers by.
5. Don't make your keys an easy target. Never leave your keys in easily accessible or obvious place when out or at home.
6. Don't hide your spare keys on your vehicle. Never hide spare keys on your vehicle. Thieves know where to look and may be watching.
7. Never label your keys with your home address or vehicle registration.
8. Use caution when taking goods to your vehicle from shopping centres. Secure all goods out of sight if you do not intend to immediately drive your vehicle
9. Consider the installation of a high quality alarm. Turn it on every time you leave the vehicle.
10. Report any suspicious activity to police. Hornsby Police 9476 9799.

If you have any questions you can contact the Kuring gai LAC Crime Prevention officer Snr Cst Malcolm Baker on 9476 9723

12th February: Police are requesting the **assistance of the public to identify the male** depicted in the photograph. Police wish to speak with him in relation to an incident that occurred on Sunday 13th January 2013 at an address in **North Turramurra.**



If you have any information contact Sergeant Johns at Castle Hill police station on 9680 5399 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

12th February: Police are requesting the **assistance of the public in identifying a male** described as 50 to 55 years old, Caucasian appearance, 170cm tall, plump build, grey hair, wearing sunnies, brown shirt, black pants. Carrying 2 jackets, a plastic bag and black shoulder bag. Police wish to speak with him in relation to an incident that occurred between 14:52 and 14:59 on Tuesday 28 August 2012 in the **Hornsby Westfield Post Office** on the ground level of

the complex.



If you have any information please contact Senior Constable Mark Stray at Hornsby Police station on 9476 9799 or contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

12th February: Between 2.44am and 2.50 am on Tuesday 12th February 2013 a male wearing a black hooded top, blue jeans and white gloves in the company of a male wearing a grey hooded top, dark pants, white gloves and black back pack were observed wheeling an **oxy-acetylene torch** towards the ticket vending machine at **Berowra Railway Station**. A number of attempts to gain entry to the machine were made with out success. They have attempted unsuccessfully to cut the lock on the front of the machine. They have also tried to manipulate a number of locking mechanisms on the side of the machine that have also been unsuccessful. As a result no entry was gained.

11th February: Around 7.45am on Saturday 9th February 2013 police attended a unit block in **Bruce Avenue, Killara** in response to a call for assistance from **two persons trapped in a lift**. Unsuccessful attempts were made to gain access to the elevator shaft as a result Fire and rescue unit from Gordon removed the hinges from the ground level exterior fire access door. Police and fire and Rescue entered the unit block via the fire exit and located the elevator stuck on level 3. Police were able to communicate with the two people trapped inside of the elevator to ensure that no one was hurt or required medical assistance. Due to the level 3 elevator doors binding and being unable to be unlocked by fire & rescue, entry had to be gained into the elevator via the roof of the elevator car. Fire and Rescue gained access to the top of the elevator via the elevator doors on level four. Fire and Rescue gained entry via removing the maintenance hatch on the roof of the elevator car. The two trapped persons were safely evacuated via a

ladder inserted in the elevator car via the maintenance hatch. No persons were injured.

Turramurra (Gordon Area 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch next meeting: 8pm Monday, 25th February at Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave, Turramurra. All welcome!

Why report a crime?

You can play an important part in helping to keep yourself, your loved ones and community safe by reporting crimes committed against you or someone else. By sharing information you have about a crime that has or may be committed or about someone involved in committing a crime, you can help the police solve crimes and help prevent future crimes from taking place.

There are good reasons for reporting a crime:

- You or someone else may need protection from the person who committed the crime.
- It can help to protect you, your loved ones and community from future crimes.
- It can give you an opportunity to deal with the harm done to you or others.
- When police are called as soon as possible, there is a better chance of arresting the person responsible.
- Your report may stop someone from committing another crime.

How to Report a Crime:

For emergencies or life threatening situations, call **000**

For non-emergencies and general enquiries, call the Police Assistance Line on **131 444**

To provide crime information anonymously, call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**

Seniors Security Expo - Feel Safe, Be Safe! Tuesday, 19th March at Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra. Neighbourhood Watch are not only holding a stall at this event, but organising the whole morning! Thank you to those who have responded to the request for volunteers. Gordon Neighbourhood Watch posted that one of their local Gordon NHW street coordinators will be giving a presentation at this Expo. **Tim Brown of FunFit** is discussing: **'Out & About' | Personal Safety on the Move.** Do you know of a senior who may benefit from visiting this Expo? Please share with friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

Thank you. Need to know more? Please call Carroll on 0405 558 660.



Seniors Security Expo

FEEL SAFE, BE SAFE!

Find the 14 dangerous things in this poster and you could **WIN!**

Learn to keep yourself safe and secure!
See a kitchen fire demo by NSW Fire and Rescue!
Try out a mobility scooter!

9:30am - 12:30pm
Tuesday, March 19th
Turrumurra Uniting Church
ALL WELCOME! FREE!!

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Everything NSW senior drivers need to know about the licensing system (Thanks to NRMA)

When you reach 75 years of age, you will need to have a medical examination each year to retain your licence, this applies to all licence classes. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS, former Roads & Traffic Authority) will send you a form approximately eight weeks before your birthday for your doctor to complete. If your doctor considers you medically fit to drive, you can mail the completed form to Roads and Maritime Services or take it to a motor registry. If your doctor considers you medically unfit to drive or wants to refer you to another doctor or for a driving assessment, they will send the completed form directly to Roads and Maritime Services and you will be notified about the outcome shortly after.

Upon approaching your 85, 87, 89+ birthday you must decide whether you would like to keep your unrestricted drivers licence or opt to switch to a modified licence. An unrestricted driver's licence is holding your existing licence by completing a practical driving test or assessment depending on your preference. Senior drivers may opt for a modified licence on renewal. Through negotiations with the RMS, a driving radius restriction or a 'home to town' restriction will be put in place. Modified licence holders will not be required to undertake a driving test or driving assessment.

More info: <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/licensing/downloads/olderdriverguide.pdf> Fact: For drivers aged 80 and over, the most common crashes are intersection crashes, where the older driver is turning right across traffic, and crashes where the older driver drives off the road. **Fact**

Email NHWGordon@gmail.com with any crime prevention queries you may have.

SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKING/JOGGING:

- Try and use well known and well used areas to run/walk.
- Avoid secluded areas with areas of concealment.
- Avoid dark areas, stay in well lit areas.
- If out in the evening wear bright colored clothing to improve your visibility.
- Go with a friend/other, there's safety in numbers
- As a rule you should run/walk facing the traffic
- If followed, go to the nearest house and call the Police
- If possible vary your route and pattern of running
- Always be aware of your surroundings. Keep Alert!
- Don't have your music too loud so that you can't hear what's going on around you.

www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Also look on Facebook for Gordon NHW, Mount Colah NHW, eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara NHW, Berowra and other Neighbourhood Watch areas.





Incidents in the Kuring gai Local Area Command dated Monday 18th February 2013:

Time/Date: About 10:20pm on the 16th of February 2013

Location: Saint Ives Village Green Oval

Incident: Drug Detection

About 10:20pm on the 16th of February 2013 Police were conducting patrols of the area of Saint Ives Village Green oval. Police have interacted with a number of youths at the location, as a result police allege a 19 year old male from a St Ives Chase address was found with an amount of Cannabis on his person.

Investigations are continuing

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Time/Date: 1:30am and 9:10am on Thursday 14 February 2013

Location: Outside a residence in Crowley Road, Berowra

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Between 1:30am and 9:10am on Thursday 14 February 2013 Black Holden Captiva Station Wagon was parked and secured in front of a residence in Crowley Road, Berowra. During this time person/s unknown have gained entry by smashing the near side rear window of the vehicle. Taken from the vehicle was a laptop, a wallet and its contents. Credit cards taken from the wallet were used fraudulently in the Quakers Hill area.

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Time/Date: About 9:15pm on the 13th February 2013

Location: Old Northern Road Glenorie

Incident: Single vehicle Collision

About 9:15pm on the 13th February 2013, A 72 year old male from a Northmead address was driving along Old Northern Road, Glenorie. It is believed the male has had a hypo- glycaemic

episode. The vehicle had been reported to police as 'swerving all over the road'. Police attended and observed the vehicle had rolled backwards across the road and come to rest with rear bumper colliding with a power pole, with minimal damage to the vehicle and no damage to the pole. The driver was slumped over the wheel of the vehicle and when woken, it became apparent to police the driver was suffering a medical condition. Ambos attended and were able to aid the driver in making a full recovery.

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Time/Date: About 12.20pm on Friday 15th Feb 2013

Location: Gordon Police Station.

Incident: Good Samaritan

About 12.20pm on Friday 15th Feb 2013, a 38 year old male attended Gordon Police Station and handed in \$1800 in cash. He stated he located the money beneath a variable message board, eastbound on the M2 motorway around 12.30pm on Thurs 14th Feb 2013.

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Time/Date: About 6pm Thursday, 14th February 2013

Location: Residence in Browns Road, Gordon

Incident: Break and Enter

About 6pm Thursday, 14th February 2013, the owner of a property in Browns Road, Gordon has arrived home. He has noticed the alarm system had been activated, however the alarm box to the left of the front door had been removed from the fascia. The victim has then unlocked the front door with a set of keys and entered into the foyer area of the residence. At this time the victim sighted a Caucasian male run into his a bedroom, directly in front of the entrance door where the victim was standing. The offender has run out into the rear yard of the residence. The victim has given chase; whilst in the back yard the offender has turned around and said "See if you can catch me". He has continued to run across the back yard and scaled a six foot fence. Upon seeing the person of interest scale the rear fence, the victim discontinued pursuing and contacted police. Police attended the location, obtained a description of the person of interest and made patrols of the surrounding streets in an effort to locate the offender.

On Friday 15th February 2012, police investigating this incident were made aware of information that a possible offender for this break and enter was apprehended by Chatswood police on Thursday 14th February 2013 and was currently in police custody. Police investigations are

ongoing.

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Remember to report any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood directly to Hornsby Police on 02 9476 9799. **DON'T DELAY IN REPORTING**

Please encourage your neighbours and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list at NHWGordon@gmail.com.



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