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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 includes the **Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai** areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. The weekly update usually includes:

- **eyewatch:** A selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page. This includes the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips, etc.

23 September: Total Fire Ban and Current Fire Danger

Map: http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=1109



23 September, Hornsby Police news, 23/9/13 The following relate to local issues in the

Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Bushwalker injured

Time/Date: About 7am on Monday the 23rd

Place: Bush track near the SANS Hospital.

Details: A 79 year old female has gone for her usual walk. At some point on the track she has slipped on the uneven ground and fallen. An off duty police officer was walking that same track and found the lady. 000 were called and an ambulance attended. The lady had suffered either a broken or dislocated hip in the fall and had to be stretchered out. She was taken to the RNSH for treatment.

Incident: Youths caught with alcohol

Time/Date: About 9pm on Friday the 20th

Place: Selkirk park, Killara

Details: Police have attended the location and have seen a number of youths at the picnic table. Upon speaking to the group a number of open and unopened alcohol bottles and cans were on the table with them. The group included males aged from 15 to 17 some from outside this area and a 14 year old girl. A small amount of green vegetable matter allegedly cannabis was also located. Some fresh graffiti (texta) was on the picnic table with one youth allegedly having fresh texta marks on his hands. The group were sent home with one needing to attend the police station with his parents at a later date in relation to the graffiti.

Also of note is the Marian Street Theatre next to the park which has had a significant rise in graffiti in recent times.

Incident: Break Enter and Steal

Time/Date: Between 10pm on Wednesday the 18th and 5.30am on Thursday the 19th

Place: Bunnings Thornleigh

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the Bunnings store by smashing a window. Numerous Ryobi power tools were stolen. The total value is still being tallied.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Sometime between the 31st of August and the 22nd of September

Place: Pacific Highway, Gordon

Details: Unknown person/s have broken a padlock and forced open a storage cage in the underground car park at a block of units. 2 x sets of golf clubs and bags have been stolen the total value is estimated to be \$4,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 8am on Sunday the 15th and 10 am on Saturday the 21st

Place: Warrangi st, Turramurra.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken a padlock to the storage cage in the underground car park at a block of units. A \$3,000 road racing bike was stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 9pm on Tuesday the 17th and 1.40am on Wednesday the 18th

Place: Galston Aquatic Centre.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken a ground floor window to the centre and stolen a cash box. The cash box was empty.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 6.30am and 10.40pm on Friday the 20th

Place: Pymble Avenue, Pymble.

Details: Unknown person/s have entered a ground floor unit via a closed but unlocked glass sliding balcony door. Inside a camera and jewellery were stolen, the total value is yet to be established.

Incident: Graffiti

Time/Date: Between Wednesday the 18th and Sunday the 21st.

Place: Yarrara road, West Pymble

Details: Unknown person/s have used black spray paint to graffiti a rendered brick fence of a home in West Pymble. The graffiti tag was 'TAZEPZ'.

Incident: Stolen car

Time/Date: Between 3.30pm and 4pm on Saturday the 21st

Place: Car park at the Gordon Shopping Centre

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen a Mazda CX7 which was parked at the centre. The car had an estimated value of \$38,000.

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.

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21 September: Preparations are underway for the **Moon Festival today 10am til 2pm at Killara High School**. There will be traditional Chinese & Korean singing & dancing and a fashion show. The children are taking part with a fan dance, violin, guitar, kung fu and lots more. Come meet the local Police, Community Migrant Resource Centre, SES, Council Settlement Services, Relationship Australia, Chinese Language School, Korean Welfare Association, Asian Cultural Association and Neighbourhood Watch. Please support your local community. And make sure you come by the bbq to get a sausage!

21 September, Shared from the Hornsby Advocate. This gave me a laugh, I can't think of anything else to say apart from I'm still laughing. I've got it, there is a full moon.

Points should be awarded for effort on this attempt to put a whole tree inside a Hornsby Council green bin. This Cherrybrook resident's efforts left plenty to be desired and prompted the council to ask that common sense apply.



21 September: Kuring gai Council residents, do you have **unwanted chemicals** you need to dispose of correctly? Here is your chance check the KMC link. Household Chemical Cleanout Date for St Ives <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/warr/cleanoutguide.htm#dates>

Household Chemical CleanOut locations and dates

Locations and dates are subject to change, so please check prior to drop-off. Materials are not accepted outside advertised times and patrons are advised against illegal dumping.

North	Sat 19, Sun 20 October 2013	9am - 3:30pm	Hosted by Kuring-gai Council St Ives Showground Mona Vale Road, St Ives.
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Materials accepted

At CleanOut events household quantities, up to a maximum 20 litres or 20 kilograms of a singular item, will be accepted.

From your home

- Solvents and household cleaners
- Floor care products
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Fluorescent globes and tubes

From your garage

- Paint and paint-related products
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Poisons
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Pool chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Acids and alkalis

Inquiries: info@environment.nsw.gov.au or phone the Environment Line 131 555.

From your car

- Car batteries
- Motor oils, fuels and fluids

20 September, Thanks to Penrith LAC for this: **SCHOOL HOLIDAY SAFETY! - Be Safe, Be Active!**

With School Holidays commencing it can be a fun time for kids, no so much for parents finding things to keep kids occupied. Whatever your doing staying safe during school holidays is important. Keep your family safe these holidays.

Check out some helpful information on these sites. <http://www.nsw.gov.au/holiday-safety> and http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents_carers_and_families/parenting/school_holiday_parent_kit.html

20 September: Car crash at Dural police appealing for witnesses.

Police are appealing for information following a collision in Dural today (Thursday 19 September 2013). About 2.10pm, police were called to reports of a two-car collision, northbound on Old Northern Road. On arrival, police have been told a car and a minibus collided. The minibus was carrying 12 tourists, an interpreter and a driver. All 14 occupants of the minibus escaped uninjured. The male driver, and sole occupant of the vehicle, was trapped for a short time following the collision before being freed by emergency services. He was air-lifted to Westmead Hospital, suffering serious head and lower-limb injuries. The Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit will continue inquiries into the cause of the crash. Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



Photo courtesy Hills Shire Times

20 September: As the warmer months appear so does the need to leave **windows open for ventilation**. This also poses a risk to children who live to climb or look out windows especially those in multi story buildings. Some valuable safety tips are in the link. It also shows how easy it is to fit simple but effective locks. http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Tenants_and_home_owners/Strata_schemes/Window_and_balcony_safety.page A sample from the advice:

Don't be fooled by fly screens, they are designed to keep insects out, not your kids in. They are simply not strong enough.

Windows should not be opened more than 12.5cm if they are above the ground floor. This is enough to let air in, but not enough for a child's head to fit through.

Window locks can be easy and cheap to install. Watch our How to install window locks video on YouTube. And remember, there are options that don't require drilling.

If you rent, you must get written permission from your landlord before you drill. Landlords cannot refuse permission unless they have a very good reason.

Existing curtains and blinds

If you have blinds or curtains that may have been installed prior to January 2003, you can take steps in order to remove the hazard of a looped cord:

Step 1. Cut looped cord(s) on the blind, curtain or venetians, just above the tassel to get rid of the loop.

Step 2. Remove any tassel and equaliser buckle.

Step 3. Attach a new tassel to **each** of the pull-cord ends.

Step 4. Knot the cord to hold the tassel (see illustration 1 below).

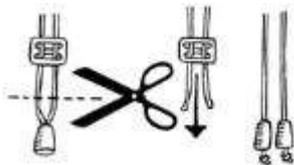


Illustration 1

20 September: School holidays are here, so if you're heading away on a road trip these school holidays is your car up to scratch? Here are some tips from NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) provide a useful reminder of things to consider - both before you leave and out on the road.

1. Check the condition of your vehicle - assess oil and coolant levels, plus tyre pressure (including the spare); consider having the vehicle serviced by a qualified mechanic;
2. Plan your journey - check a map for rest stops, petrol stations and Driver Reviver sites. Visit the Live Traffic NSW site to assess traffic conditions;
3. Take regular breaks and share the driving;

4. Stick to the speed limit and drive to the conditions.

The RMS has more advice on the 'Geared' website -
[http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/geared/your_driving_skills/
driving_fun/road_trip_tips.html](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/geared/your_driving_skills/driving_fun/road_trip_tips.html)

19 September: Police are appealing to the public for information in relation to two small bush fires last week.

Between the hours of 0715 and 0750 on the 10 September 2013, a small bush fire occurred close to the Lane Cove Valley Walk within the Lane Cove National Park South Turramurra. The incident was close to residential properties in Ashburton Avenue South Turramurra.

The second bushfire occurred close to the Great North Walk within the Lane Cove National Park West Pymble between the hours of 0630 and 0715 on the 12 September 2013. The incident was close to residential properties in Gloucester Ave West Pymble.

Any persons with information, particularly those who may have been walking in those areas during the nominated times, as to persons and vehicles in the area acting suspicious are urged to contact Hornsby Detectives on (02) 94769703 or (02) 94769799.





Second photo West Pymble location



A date for your diaries: Thursday 28 November 2013, 7pm Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 Annual General Meeting and get-together at the Gordon Bowling Club. Important absorption of Gordon Area 23. Guest Speaker, Cecilia Castle (lawyer) talking about 'Neighbourhood Disputes'.

From East Killara & Gordon Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Areas:

Thank you to Wal & Di Knowles (our East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator) for helping with the organisation of a great Moon Festival yesterday (Sat 21 Sep). A fantastic turnout of way more than a thousand people at Killara High School. Who organised the fantastic sunshine for the bbq, games and displays? We shall share more photos as they become available. Thanks to those locals who came along to support the local community and our Neighbourhood Watch. It was good to meet a few of you!



Thank you to our wonderful Gordon Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who gave their time to assist at the Moon Festival yesterday at Killara High School. It's lovely to promote the good neighbour message and offer crime prevention information to the community. If you weren't there you missed a great day! Thank you Jean, Julia and David for your support.

From Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade: The annual NSW Rural Fire Service Open Day is on again in 2013, come on down to Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade (Esk St North North Wahroonga) on **Saturday the 28th of September 10am till 2pm**. This is a Great opportunity for all the family to come down and see the our Fire trucks and equipment, meet our members and get great bushfire information prior to the start of the season.



Did you know? About pool alarms, in various forms:

- One similar to the first photo "will sound when an unexpected motion is detected".

- Floating alarms (second photo).
- Bracelet alarms " act as an anti-lost' alarm eg at the beach, or as a water immersion alarm " when the bracelet is immersed in water, the base unit will sound & vibrate. The base unit has a range of about 50m.



Meet your neighbours. Did you know September marks **National Pain Awareness Month**? What a good question to start a conversation with a new neighbour.

One for your diaries: GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY Sunday 20 October 2013. Nominate a site, get involved, or promote the day... <http://www.graffitiremovalday.org.au/>

Our mates at The Shed, St Ives Showground are organising a team to clean. How about you?

Secure your mobile phone and devices: A page of Top Tips from the Australian Government: http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_users/

[Secure your mobile phone and devices](#) Sample advice:

- Ensure that passers-by can't watch what you are typing (known as shoulder-surfing).
 - If you decide to recycle your phone, make sure you delete all your personal information first. Most phones have an option to reset to factory settings. Remember to remove or to wipe any inserted memory cards.
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Scheduled Road Works:

Hornsby, Pacific Hwy at Bridge Rd. Wed 2 Oct - Fri 11 Oct 2013 (Sunday to Friday 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. maintenance work will take place over 2 nights.

Traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect minor delays.

Wahroonga, Pennant Hills Rd at M1 Pacific Motorway (F3) Mon 23 Sep - Fri 27 Sep 2013. (Sunday to Friday 8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Allow extra travel time. Minor delays can be expected. Partial lane closures will be implemented.

Galston, Galston Rd Mon 23 Sep - Mon 14 Oct 2013. (Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm). Both directions affected. Exercise caution. Expect delays. For further information, or if you have any questions, please call Roads & Maritime Services Project Engineer Alan Li on 02 8874 6885 during business hours or email Alan.Li@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Mount Colah, M1 Pacific Highway (F3) between Pacific Hwy off-ramp and Pacific Hwy. Tue 17 Sep - Mon 30 Sep (Sunday to Friday 8pm to 5am). Check signage. Allow extra travel time. Traffic controllers will provide access to properties as required.

Glenorie, Old Northern Rd between Timaru Rd and Wisemans Ferry Rd. Mon 26 Aug to Fri 27 Sep (Mon to Fri 7am to 5pm). Check signage. Reduce speed. Tree-trimming will take place for one month. Partial lane closures and reduced speed limits will be in place.

Brooklyn, Pacific Hwy on Peats Ferry Bridge Thu 8 Aug - Fri 27 Sep (Sun to Thu 9:30pm to 4am) Advice: Check signage. Use alternative route. When the bridge is closed at night, road access to Brooklyn is maintained via specially marked detours catering for both northbound and southbound traffic on the F3 freeway and the Pacific Hwy. Work on the bridge is not impacting on water traffic.

Berowra Waters Ferry, Berowra Waters Rd to Bay Rd. Routine Ferry Maintenance. The Berowra Waters Ferry will be out of service on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm, until Tuesday 10th December 2013. Advice: Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time.

Hornsby CBD - major drainage upgrade. Council is undertaking construction of major drainage upgrade works in Hunter Ln, Linda St and Hunter St, Hornsby. End date: 30/11/2013. The work involves replacement of old pipe

drainage with larger pipes and culverts to increase the overall system capacity through the area.

Blue light disco is on again 2 November at 17:00 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai PCYC Performing Arts Centre in Waitara.

From the Hornsby Advocate 19 Sep:

Men face court over extortion allegations

TWO alleged members of the notorious Brothers for Life gang have been refused bail after being charged with attempting to extort money from a Hornsby smash repairer who they threatened to burn alive.

Nazir Akbari, 27, of Carlingford and Mesbah Mirzael, 25, of Wentworthville were both charged with demand property in company with menace as well as knowingly participating in a criminal group.

Parramatta Court was told that between 6.40pm on July 13 and 2.30pm on August 27 the men visited the business of Mohammed Farooq Mangal on several occasions with at least four other men.

Police will allege that Akbari tried to extort \$15,000 and Mirzael \$40,000 from Mr Mangal. He was told that if he did not comply his business would be set alight, with him inside.

Investigations by the Middle Eastern Organised Crime Squad led to Mirzael being arrested at Wentworthville Police Station on Wednesday night and Akbari at Castle Hill Police Station soon after.

A State Crime Command spokeswoman said the business owner contacted police and as a result the arrests were made.

9 HORNSBY Thieves got away with \$130 from a Vietnamese restaurant in Hornsby on Tuesday night. Some time between 10pm on Tuesday and 6am on Wednesday, they have entered the restaurant on Florence St by forcing open a ground floor door. Witnesses should phone Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

