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This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers within the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC). Thank you for all your encouraging remarks. Please suggest your neighbours and friends join our Distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you. And welcome to our new subscribers!

This weekly update includes:

- Project eyewatch: A selection of stories from facebook, as an example of what's been posted for the week (Please note, the detail is no longer timely).**
 - Local Neighbourhood Watch meetings, relevant tit-bits, Crime Prevention Tips**
 - We always include the Media Release that our Crime Prevention Officer distributes on a Monday morning, covering a few of the incidents from the week before in our Command.**
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Sunday 2nd September: Missing boys found, third remains missing - Central Coast / Sydney

Two boys missing from their Central Coast homes have been found safe, but police are now concerned for the welfare of a third boy who remains missing. The two 13-year-olds returned to their home this morning and police were alerted by their parents. They had been reported missing after being last seen in Gosford on Friday evening (31 August 2012). It's believed the boys caught a train to Sydney with three other teenagers. One of those three teenagers, Ryan Risbridger, remains missing and there are now serious concerns for his welfare. The 13-year-old is believed to have caught a train from Central in Sydney back to the Central Coast this morning but has not been seen since. The boy suffers from a number of health conditions for which he has not taken his medication. Ryan is of Caucasian appearance, slim build, with 'moppy' dyed black hair and two piercings in his bottom lip. He was last seen wearing an apple green coloured hoodie, black jeans and black skate style shoes.



Anyone with information about this incident should 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.

On Father's Day:

MANifesto for fathers against violence

A father should be a model of positive, non-violent behaviour for his children, by:

- 1 Respecting the mother of his children**
- 2 Being a true partner in the raising of his children**
- 3 Promoting gender equality for his children**
- 4 Sharing the duties in the home**
- 5 Making the most of leave entitlements and family-friendly work conditions**
- 6 Sharing financial decisions and resources**

August 29th: 20 dinghies burned in a blaze at Brooklyn, a day after a hazard reduction burn there. Story: <http://hornsby-advocate.whereilive.com.au/news/story/20-dinghies-destroyed-by-fire-at-parsley-bay/>



August 29th: Police are appealing for the public's help after a **boy was approached by a man** in Sydney's northwest this morning.

About 8.10am (Tuesday 28 August), the 10-year-old boy got off his school bus on Galston Road at Hornsby Heights. He began walking north along the road when a man in a white 4WD yelled out to him. The boy ignored the man and continued walking onto Bushlands Road. The man pulled up alongside the boy, opened the passenger side door and yelled for him to come closer. The boy kept walking to his nearby school and reported the incident. Police from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command patrolled the area but the man and vehicle could not be located.

The man is described as being Caucasian, aged between 20 and 30 and was wearing a white cap with a red motif, a white t-shirt with red writing and dark jeans. His car is described as a white 4WD with black and gold registration plates and black cursive lettering on the bottom of

the side panels. Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

With the **snake season** now in full swing I recommend you all bookmark this great site, especially those in rural areas. Halden Boyd - Snake Handler <http://www.whatsnakeisthat.com.au/>

Can under 18s smoke? under the Public Health Act 1991, in short the answer is **No**. A person under the age of 18 cannot smoke in a "public place", even with parents permission. Under the Public Health Amendment (Juvenile Smoking) Act 2002 No 9, Section 58 - Seizure of tobacco products or non-tobacco smoking products in possession of minors - A police officer may seize a tobacco product or non-tobacco smoking product in the possession of a person in a public place, if the officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is under the age of 18 years.

The under 18 year old is NOT guilty of any offence and there is no fine or penalty. The offence is when a person SELLS tobacco to an under 18 year old or buys tobacco on behalf of an under 18 year old, they then commit an offence. For more information see the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/healthpromotion/tobacco>

SAFETY ON WHEELS All riders and passengers on bicycles must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened on the rider's head.

Riding on the footpath Children under 12 years and older riders who are accompanying and supervising them may ride bikes on the footpath unless there are signs that specifically prohibit cycling. Riders must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians.

Cyclists must make sure they are not a hazard to pedestrians. They have to take extra care so that their cycling isn't dangerous, especially to young children, older people or animals on shared paths. Parents and carers may need to actively guide and supervise children up to ten years old.

Riding on the road Cyclists 12 years and over must not ride on the footpath unless it is signposted as a shared footpath. When riding on the road they should keep to the left, as traffic does, and they should use a marked bicycle lane wherever possible.

Bicycles must be fitted with a working brake and a bell, and if used at night, the bike must have a front white light, a rear red light and a rear red reflector. For more information go to www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au

August 28th, from Live Traffic NSW:

Motorists travelling on the M2 Motorway continue to face significant delays after traffic was slowed to avoid a team of ducks (**5 ducklings and 2 adult ducks**). The ducks were running in and out of live citybound lanes on the M2 Motorway between Delhi Road and Mowbray Road in North Ryde. Both NSW Police and M2 traffic crews were dispatched to safely remove the ducks to neighbouring bushland. The ducks have now been removed from the motorway. Significant delays continue for citybound motorists, and buses travelling into the city via the M2 are experiencing delays up to 30 minutes. Now all lanes have been reopened, traffic is slowly returning to normal. Motorists are advised to exercise caution and expect some delays citybound delays on the M2.

August 28th, from Marine Area Command: KLo4 vessel IDP290N, a Supra Launch 22V and trailer U71839, which were stolen between 24/08 and 25/08 from a driveway in Camden Park. Total value is \$88,000.



August 28th, from the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service: If this great weather stays with us, we can expect to see an increase in **Hazard Reduction** activity across the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District in the coming weeks and months. Keep up to date with where these are planned by following www.rfs.nsw.gov.au. Remember to only call Triple Zero (000) if you see an unattended fire. Prepare. Act. Survive. Have you prepared your Bush Fire Survival Plan?

Neighbourhood Watch/Police/Project eyewatch **fridge magnets** have been printed thanks to two sponsors: those that are to be distributed in the Ku-ring-gai Council area have been sponsored by **Century 21 Cordeau Marshall**: those that are to be distributed in the Hornsby Shire Council area have been sponsored by **BCS Home Building**. Thank you to BoxedStudios for help with the artwork. Thank you to Snap Printing Waitara for help with the printing. Thank you to all Neighbourhood Watch groups and numerous organisations for help distributing them.

A **QR Code** (abbreviated from Quick Response Code) has been included on the fridge magnet - see the black square? QR codes are popping up all over, for example you may have seen them included in real estate adverts. Those of you with a smart phone may know that there are several QR Code Reader Apps available, which work in a similar manner to the barcode scanner at the

supermarket. The App scans the QR Code and converts it to a website link. One click and you can view the website there and then using your phone. The website on our fridge magnet is the facebook page for our local Police. Hopefully this will encourage people to visit the 'Kuring Gai LAC' page.

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Old saying: "If there were no laws, wise men would lead the same lives."

It has been known for criminals to **smash a street light** in order to give better cover for a **break & enter**. If you see a street light not working, please report it. Street lights help keep the community safe and secure. Any faults should be reported to Ausgrid via their website: www.ausgrid.com.au or call the 24hr contact centre on 1800 044 808.

Faults include:

- lights that don't come on at night
- lights that remain on during daylight hours
- lights repeatedly turning on and off during the night
- broken lights, e.g. damaged lens
- other faults with the light or pole

If either vegetation is obstructing a street light, or you feel additional lighting is required, send a request to Ku-ring-gai Council via kmc@kmc.nsw.gov.au or phone 9424 0000. (A contribution towards the cost of additional lighting will be requested.) The same information couldn't be found on the Hornsby Shire Council website. We suggest you contact them on:

hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or phone 9847 6666.

Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers: Presented by **Ku-ring-gai Police and Community Safety Committee**, this FREE in-depth seminar is for parents and supervising drivers, together with young drivers. It aims to educate parents on teaching children to drive and how to cope with the chaos!

When: Monday 24 September, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Council Chambers, L3 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Cost: Free (light refreshments included)

Bookings essential

To make a booking or for more information contact Carroll Howe on 0405 558 660 or carroll.howe@gmail.com.

Scam Warning from Coles: On 28 August 2012, following Woolworth's warning about similar scams, Coles has also issued a warning about scams targeting its customers, as follows:

Unfortunately, there is another 'Free \$500 Gift Card' link being shared. This is a scam & has no association with Coles. It has been reported & we're sorry if you or your friends have been misled by this hoax. Sign-up for scam alerts at the government website:

www.staysmartonline.gov.au.

Introduction to social media for seniors - Learn how to connect with your family and friends online. Anne-Maree Kerr from Tri Community Exchange will talk about a range of social media

sites.

Date: Thursday 20 September

Time: 10am to 12.15pm

Venue: Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers - Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Cost: \$10 - morning tea provided during break

More info & application form at: www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/www/html/373-seniors-events.asp?intSiteID=1

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



The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 3/9/12:

Incident: Exceed speed
Time/Date: About 4.40 pm on Monday the 27th
Place: Telegraph road, Pymble
Vehicle 1: Jeep Wrangler
Driver 1: 19 year old male P2 driver

Details: Highway patrol police conducting radar duties have detected the Jeep travelling at an alleged 90 km/h in a 50 speed zone. The driver was issued a ticket for exceeding the speed limit by more than 30 km/h his license was also suspended by police.

Incident: Gas leak.
Time/Date: Between 2 pm and 2.50 pm

Place: Nambucca Street - TURRAMURRA

Details: A gas line was punctured by contractors. As a result police and fire brigade were called. A safety perimeter was set up while the gas leak was sealed and the line fixed. This caused minor disruptions of about 50 minutes to local residents.

Incident: Stolen Landcruiser suspect arrested.

Time/Date: During Wednesday the 29th

Place: Holmes street, Turramurra.

Vehicle 1: Toyota Landcruiser

Person: 28 year old male

Details: The Landcruiser's owner had parked the car outside his home. The car was missing presumed stolen. The Landcruiser was later involved in a crash at Port Macquarie. Port Macquarie police had concerns about the ownership of the Landcruiser and made enquiries (great intuition). The male was then arrested for allegedly stealing the Landcruiser and was charged.

Court: The male was refused bail and is to attend Port Macquarie Local Court on the 15th of October charged with stealing a motor vehicle, Negligent driving, drive whilst disqualified and Break and Enter offences.

Incident: Mail boxes broken into.

Time/Date: During the evening of Wednesday the 29th

Place: Bruce Ave, KILLARA

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into a number of mail boxes at a unit complex. Mail was left strewn around by the offenders. They were presumably after ID etc. (See crimes of the week below).

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 10.30 am and 12 pm on Wednesday the 29th

Place: Collins Road, St Ives.

Details: Unknown person/s have forced a ground floor window open and entered the

home. An amount of jewellery, a tablet device and some foreign currency was taken with an estimated value of \$18,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal
Time/Date: Between 9 am and 4.30 pm on Monday the 27th
Place: Fox Valley Rd, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have forced a lock on a ground floor sliding door. Several electronic items were stolen with an estimated value of \$6440.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal
Time/Date: Between 9 am and 7 pm on Monday the 27th
Place: Munderah street, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have forced a ground floor side door and entered the home. A Rolex watch was taken with an estimated value of \$14,000.

Incident: Malicious damage by fire
Time/Date: About 2.20 am on Thursday the 30th.
Place: Nursery St Hornsby

Details: A box trailer which was parked on Nursery street, Hornsby had some garden clippings in it. Unknown person/s have set the clippings on fire totally destroying the trailer. Damage is estimated to be \$1,500.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident 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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ADDITIONAL INFO: Crime of the week. Mail box bandits.

Mail boxes in unit complexes are being targeted by brazen thieves. Mail boxes are mostly

outside the security of the foyer of the complex and normally hidden from view. Thieves are after any form of identity, like licenses, bank and credit card statements. Power and phone bills. These are then used to obtain fake ID of the innocent victim. This can cause several problems for the victim including bad credit ratings and a long drawn out 'fight' to clear your name and reputation. So ensure your mail box is secured with a key lock. Clear your contents REGULARLY. If anybody is seen lingering about near mailboxes or anywhere nearby that shouldn't be there then call someone for help and call the police. Look out for each other and keep an eye on your neighbourhood.

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.

This email has been forwarded to you by Gordon Area 12 / 24 Neighbourhood Watch group. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai LAC, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

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