

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.
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25th December: Want to help us solve crime? Follow this link and you can give us your information completely anonymously. We just want to know what you know, not who you are. Helping your community couldn't be easier: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/mobile/cs.aspx>.

20th December: The deaths of five people in breakdown accidents this year has prompted the NSW government to **issue a safety guide for motorists**, available from the R&MS from January. Announcing the introduction of a breakdown safety guide on Thursday, Roads Minister Duncan Gay said the rising number of such fatalities was a serious concern. "There are too many of these types of crashes occurring on our roads," he said in a statement. Motorists have also been using breakdown lanes for telephone calls, resting and attending to children, he said. "Not all breakdowns happen in a breakdown lane these are high speed environments which should be used only in the case of an emergency. Our aim is to show road users how they can improve their safety if they find themselves breaking down or passing someone who has broken down," Mr Gay said. The guide, which is the first of its kind in the state, recommends high visibility vests and triangles be carried in cars, and provides a range of scenarios in which drivers can learn what to do. It is available both online and in Roads and Maritime Services registries from January: http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/downloads/breakdown_glovebox.pdf.

20th December: Police are seeking help from the public after a **teenager was approached** by a man on Sydney's upper north shore. About 8pm yesterday (Wednesday 19 December 2012), a 13-year-old boy was walking north on Eastern Road, Turramurra when he noticed an unknown man following him. As the teen turned onto Karuah Road and crossed Turramurra Oval, the man continued to follow him. Police have been told [that.at](#) this time, the 13-year-old began running and the man did likewise. The youth headed back onto Eastern Road and, as he neared the

intersection of Burns Road, the man stopped. He was last seen walking south on Eastern Road. The 13-year-old told his father when he arrived home. Officers attached to Kuring Gai Local Area Command were contacted and an investigation into the incident commenced. A canvass of the area was conducted, but the man was not located. Police would like to speak to a man described as being aged in his mid 40s, Caucasian in appearance with dark hair, about 175-180cm tall and of slim build. At the time, he was wearing a purple or dark shirt and possibly shorts. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online reporting page: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

19th December: Police are seeking assistance from members of the public in identifying this male in relation to an incident that occurred at **Gordon Mc Donalds on Wednesday 5th December 2012**. Described as Caucasian male, 20 – 25 years of age, 180 – 185 cm tall, short dark brown hair, and solid build. Wearing grey/blue coloured singlet, beige coloured trousers, blue skate shoes with white laces. Members of the public with information can contact Hornsby Police station on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

19th December: Police are seeking assistance from members of the public in identifying this male in relation to an incident that occurred at **Gordon Mc Donalds on Friday 7th December 2012**. Described as Caucasian male, late 60s, average build, white hair slightly balding, wearing blue shirt, shorts and socks pulled up carrying red bag. Members of the public with information can contact Hornsby Police station on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

19th December: About 11:10am on **Friday the 14th of December 2012 a 63 year old male Pymble resident** was in the upstairs bedroom of his two story house packing some bags when he heard voices in the downstairs area of the house. Believing that it was either his wife or son as he was expecting them home around this time, he continued packing his bags. A short time he heard footsteps walking up the internal staircase to the top level near where he was standing in the master bedroom. The male then heard someone run back down the staircase and into the lower level of the house. Thinking this was strange he went down stairs to investigate and noticed two young males running from the rear yard and into the next door neighbour's driveway. The male chased the young males out into the street. Both young males then went in separate directions to one another and the victim was able to catch up with one of them. The spritely 63 year old male yelled out, "Stop, put the bag down." The young male placed the bag onto the

ground and continued running. The victim then retrieved the dropped bag which contained bottles of alcohol and other property which had been taken from inside his home. Fearing that there may be further person's inside his house the Pymble man returned home and contacted Gordon Police to report the matter. A short time later police arrived and a perimeter was set up in the surrounding streets for a Police Dog handler to try and track the young persons. The police dog was able to track one of the young males to some bushland behind houses in an adjoining street. This young male was apprehended by police and taken into custody. Police then located further stolen property belonging to the victim inside a backpack found on the young male. Also located in the backpack was a bus pass and residential address belonging to the other young male involved in the offence. Police attended an address in Pymble and arrested the second young male involved in the incident. Both young males were then taken to Hornsby Police Station and their respective parents were contacted and attended a short time later. Investigations are continuing

19th December: Police are seeking assistance from members of the public in identifying this male in relation to an incident that occurred at **Westfields Hornsby on Tuesday 18th December 2012**. Described as male, Aboriginal appearance, 45-55 years old, slim build, wearing black Adidas baseball cap, Navy coloured jumper with Nike Athletic in orange/red writing, grey track pants. Members of the public with information can contact Hornsby Police station on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

18th December, our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary suggested we all watch this video - As we enter the bonanza period for burglars, self-confessed criminals have come forward to reveal what they look for before breaking into a home: <http://au.news.yahoo.com/today-tonight/lifestyle/article/-/15618664/christmas-crooks-confessions/>

18th December: Congratulations and well done to Kuring Gai Local Area Command for reaching over **1,000 'Likes'** (fans) on your facebook page, a stellar effort. Thank you to the community for your support of the Kuring Gai LAC Police, and their 'facebook' page - "well done!" Regards, The team at 'eyewatch'.

18th December: Police are appealing for information after two children were approached by a man while walking home from Hamilton Park in Turramurra.

About 5:30pm on Monday (17 December 2012), two girls were walking along Kissing Point Road when a car stopped near them. A man sitting inside the driver's seat of the vehicle beckoned them towards him, however, both girls ran home. One of the girls, an 11-year-old, told her parents who immediately reported the incident to police. The vehicle was described to police as a small white van with a small bonnet area. It had tinted front windows and had a yellow and black coloured number plate. The man was described as being of Caucasian appearance, 40-50 years-old with short brown/grey hair. He was wearing a white collared shirt with blue pin stripes and black Aviator style sunglasses. Police from Kuring Gai Local Area Command were alerted to the incident and immediately commenced an investigation.

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. Meanwhile, the incident has again prompted police to encourage parents to discuss the '**Safe People, Safe Places**' messages with their children, including;

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

A NEW RECRUIT STARTS HIS FIRST DAY AT KURING GAI LOCAL AREA COMMAND

Issued at 4 pm, Monday 17 December 2012

Kuring gai Local Area Command has welcomed a new officer Probationary Constable Charlie Kennedy to the area after marching off the parade ground during the latest attestation ceremony held in Goulburn on Friday 14 December 2012. The probationary constable will strengthen policing in the community after being assigned to Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Superintendent Jeff Philippi said the officer will face an extremely challenging but satisfying career and this is just the first stage in his development. "I am very pleased to welcome our new recruit to Kuring gai Local Area Command, and look forward to overseeing his development as he embarks on this exciting and rewarding career," Superintendent Jeff Philippi said. "By passing the course at the NSW Police Force Academy each officer has demonstrated their dedication and commitment to becoming a police officer and serving the community. The officer and his family should be very proud of reaching the first of what I hope to be many milestones during his career within the NSW Police Force". Superintendent Jeff Philippi also said his arrival is fantastic news for the local communities and a welcome boost to policing resources in the area.

17th December, from NSW Fair Trading: Our Crime Prevention Officer Snr Con Paul Cleary mentioned this NSW Fair Trading article when he was on Triple H Community Radio StreetBeat program last week. Check out the full list of unsafe products (with photos) for children's toys and electrical Xmas tree lights removed from sale: http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/Businesses/Christmas_products_safety_survey_2012.pdf and http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/Businesses/Unapproved_or_unsafe_electrical_products_2012.pdf

And our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, advised that if you see any of these toys at the markets, take a photo and note the store or market location & business name, then call the Department of Fair Trading (phone 13 32 20) and report to them. They are the governing body and have the appropriate powers to prosecute and have the items removed from sale. If you are asked why you are taking a photo, advise so you can show your partner etc, but don't place yourself at risk.

From news.com.au: **SMARTPHONE apps that read out and respond to text messages while you're driving are a dangerous distraction and should not be used, police warn.**

Text Star, available for Australian Android phones in early 2013, automatically replies to all texts and emails with a preset message of your choice whenever it detects you travelling faster than 16km/h.

Another free android app that's already on the market, DriveSafe.ly, uses text-to-speech technology to automatically read out loud text messages and emails the instant they're received, so you can keep your hands on the wheel and avoid a hefty fine and demerit points.

Police and road authorities say while such apps would help drivers avoid fines for holding or operating a mobile phone, which is prohibited in all states, they could still result in fines for driving while distracted, or even cause accidents.

Lots of useful information and resources about securities & investment fraud from the Australian Institute of Criminology: http://www.aic.gov.au/crime_types/economic/fraud/investment.html

The **Smoke-free Environment Act 2000** has been amended to ban smoking in the following **outdoor places from 7 January 2013:**

- Within 10 metres of children's play equipment in outdoor public places;
- Public swimming pools;
- Spectator areas at... sports grounds or other recreational areas used for organised sporting events;
- Public transport stops and platforms; including ferry wharves and taxi ranks;
- Within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building; and
- From 2015, in commercial outdoor dining areas.

More information at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smokefree-areas-faq.aspx>

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

The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 04/01/13:

Incident: Car crash
Time/Date: About 12:15 am Sunday 23rd
Place: Cobah Rd, X Sunnyridge Rd, Arcadia
Vehicle 1: Toyota Yaris
Driver 1: 17 year old P1 Male driver

Details: The car was being driven along Cobar road and at some point has veered onto the gravel road edge. The driver has over corrected the car and eventually stopped in shrubs on the grass verge. The driver was not injured but the car had substantial undercarriage damage and had to be towed from the scene. The driver received a ticket for negligent driving.

Incident: Fire
Time/Date: About 2.20 am on Friday the 28th
Place: Red Cedar Drive, Mount Colah

Details: Unknown person/s have allegedly thrown what is believed to be 'Molotov cocktail' (glass bottle with apparent petrol inside) at the front of a home. The bottle has landed about 3 metres from the front door bursting into flames and has burnt a small area of concrete. A number of items were retrieved by forensic officers for analysis. Investigations are continuing.

Incident: Drug offence
Time/Date: About 6.30 pm on Monday the 24th
Place: Greengate hotel, Killara
Person 1: 21 year old female

Details: Police with the assistance of a drug dog were conducting an operation at the hotel. The female was searched as a result of a reaction from the drug dog. Police allegedly located a small amount of Cannabis on the female with some admissions allegedly also being made by the female. The female received a caution for the offence, the drug was seized for destruction.

Incident: Offensive behaviour charges.
Time/Date: About 6.50 pm on Monday 24th
Place: Greengate hotel Killara
Person 1: 24 year old male from Berowra

Details: During a police operation at the hotel the male was spoken to by police at which point he is alleged to have taken his wallet out throwing it to the ground while swearing at police. The

male was asked to move off the premises so police could speak to him further. The male has refused and was still allegedly swearing at police. The male has then sighted a female officer and is alleged to have made sexual comments to her. While still speaking to the male he is alleged to then take off his shirt and shorts now standing in his underpants still continually swearing, flexing his muscles and screaming at police. The male was arrested and taken to Hornsby police. He was unable to be interviewed due to his intoxication.

Court: The male is to appear at the Hornsby Local Court on the 16th of January charged with Offensive behaviour and remain in vicinity of licensed premises.

Incident: Shop Stealing

Time/Date: About 4.30 pm on Friday the 28th

Place: Chemist Depot, Westfield Shopping Centre, Hornsby

Person 1: 58 year old male from Pennant Hills

Details: The male has purchased a number of items in the chemist and as he left the store is alleged to have picked up 2 x packets of Condoms, he has then left the store without paying for them. This was witnessed by a staff member. The male is alleged to have dropped 1 packet outside the chemist and then pick it up again. The male was detained by the store manager and police were called. Investigations are still continuing into the matter.

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 3 am on Saturday the 22nd

Place: 7 - Eleven, Mona Vale Rd St Ives

Person 1: 18 year old male from St Ives Chase.

Details: The above male was seen by an off duty security guard to allegedly steal a bottle of Mount Franklin water from the store. The male was detained and police called. Certain admissions were allegedly made. The male received an infringement notice for stealing (\$300 ticket).

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 3.50 pm and 4.20pm on Friday the 21st

Place: Home in Bobbin Head Road, Turramurra

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home by forcing a window. The owner has returned to the home and discovered his pet reptiles 2x bearded dragons (reptile) pets and 1x Murray Darling carpet python had been taken from their secure enclosures. Several other rooms had been ransacked. 3 x rifles have been stolen from a gun safe at the location.

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

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