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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 colleagues, family, neighbours and friends join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. 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.
- **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 a few of the incidents from the week before in our LAC.

National SES Week, 12-18 November. Put this date in your diary now! It would be great to see lots of our volunteers and friends come down to **sign the truck at Hornsby fountain.**

RBT results from a joint operation: Kuring gai LAC Hornsby General Duties police in conjunction with Highway Patrol officers conducted an RBT operation in early October. The results from this operation were pleasing in that the community is heeding the 'don't drink and drive' rule. The results for 1 weeken, 3,002 tests with only 8 drink driving offences. In one stint 916 tests for one (1) middle range drink driving offence. Of note though is 1 driver was detected driving without a licence. His licence had expired in 1985, yes driving in your community unlicensed for 27 years. He now has to face Hornsby Local Court. If you suspect another

motorist may be driving while intoxicated please call 000 or Hornsby police on 9476 9799. Tell tale signs can be weaving in and out of their lane, driving slower than other motorists or slow reactions.

Great Work by Kuring Gai Detectives and the public:

Project eyewatch would like acknowledge the work of the public who provided information to NSW Police relating to Mr Glendinning. Following on from information supplied to eyewatch via the Department of Immigration, his picture and story was posted on eyewatch, City Central and other inner city facebook pages. Subsequently a State Media Release was issued relating to Glendinning. The Sydney Morning Herald (we thank the SMH for publishing the story) published the story about Glendinning. Police received a number of pieces of information, supplied to Crimestoppers. Local Detectives from Kuring Gai LAC, (who were managing the case after a reported sighting of Glendinning in Kuring Gai) attended Hyde Park - based on information supplied to Crimestoppers and the SMH. There Police located Glendinning and he was subsequently detained as an illegal immigrant. He is expected to be returned to Canada to face serious sexual assault allegations. The power of social media, traditional media, community and police working together. A great result!

Project "eyewatch" is excited to announce the upcoming **Firearms Registry facebook page** which will be launched shortly. Keep an eye out for it, we will advise when it is up and running. In the meantime, here is the link to everything you may need to know on the subject:

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=11a11be131&e=a363be97f2>

Why offenders Target Locations for Break and Enter? Source: <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=9cdb0d9477&e=a363be97f2>

Interviews with convicted offenders reveal clear targeting preferences. Offenders consider likely occupancy, accessibility and neighbourhood type. Brown and Altman suggest that offenders prefer neighbourhoods characterized by unstable and non-cohesive social structures because the anonymity amongst residents implies a lower level of territoriality as residents will be less likely to identify or be suspicious of strangers, and intervene if concerned.

Offenders also perceive limited risk of surveillance and apprehension in areas such as these. Further research revealed that most offenders targeted properties close to home based on issues associated with walking long distances with heavy objects and the advantage of knowing the area in detail.

Nee and Meenaghan found that offenders did several checks before selecting a target, based on

general upkeep and décor, visible expensive items and type of car. Similarly, Hearndon and Magill identified that the single most attractive feature of a potential target was the perceived likelihood of finding high value goods – expensive looking dwellings and cars were positive indicators for offenders that there may be valuable items inside the premises.

Layout cues are also important; offenders consider the degree of cover, access and getaway routes. Additionally, dwellings that look harder to gain entry to are passed over in favour of 'easier pickings' – homes without security grills, locks and other security mechanisms.

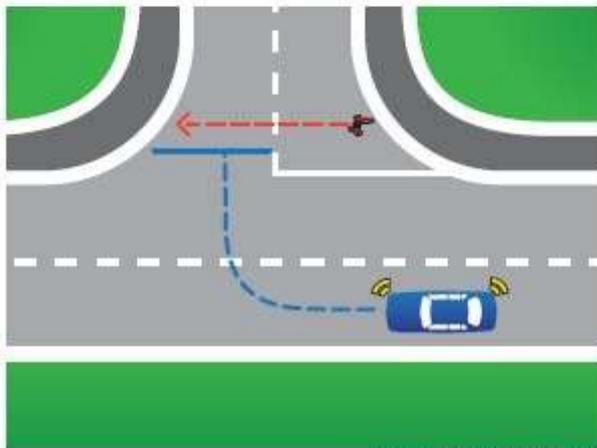
Inside the home, the vast majority (93%) of offenders begin with the master bedroom to locate cash, jewellery and other small valuables by looking inside dressers, bedside tables, under the bed and wardrobes, superficial searches of other rooms and then leaving within minutes.

Changes to the Road Rules effective November 1st: Two more highlights:

Giving way to pedestrians when turning at an intersection

When turning into a road at an intersection, a driver must give way to any pedestrian who may be crossing the particular road the driver is entering. The image below illustrates this.

Penalty: 3 demerit points (4 in a school zone) and \$298 (\$397 in a school zone)



Giving way to pedestrians

Entering blocked crossings

Drivers approaching an intersection without traffic lights can stop on a pedestrian crossing immediately before the intersection if the crossing is not blocked, but only after giving way to pedestrians using the crossing. This is to allow drivers to check for traffic at an intersection.

Penalty: 2 demerit points (3 in a school zone) and \$232 (\$298 in a school zone)

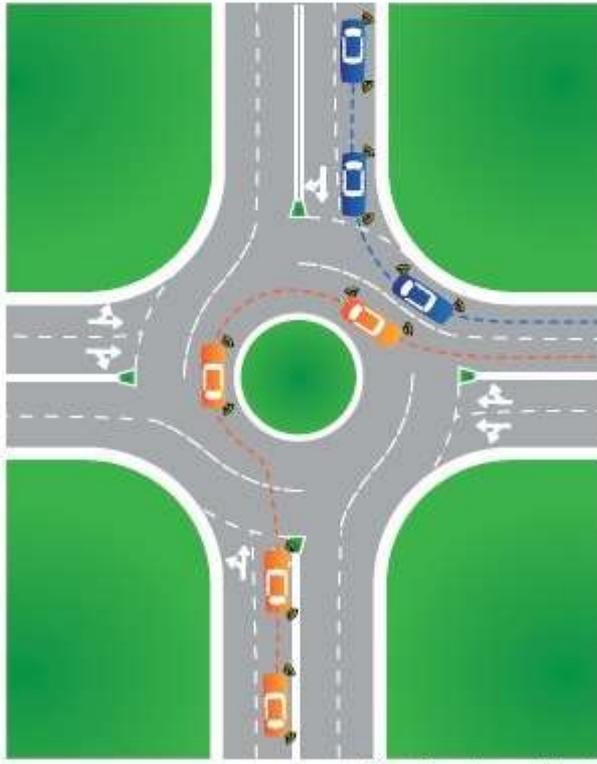
Signalling at a roundabout

Drivers entering a roundabout and intending to turn either left or right, must give sufficient warning to other road users by signalling before entering the roundabout. The image below illustrates this.

Previously a driver had to indicate only when entering the roundabout.

When exiting a roundabout, whether turning left, right or even straight ahead, drivers must always indicate a left turn just before exiting, unless it is not practical to do so.

Penalty: 2 demerit points and \$165



Signalling at a roundabout

Further information can be found at <http://facebook.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=267dd32438&e=a363be97f2>.

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Two charged after restaurant fire - Hornsby Saturday, 03 November 2012 07:42:03 AM

Two men are facing court today (Saturday 3 November 2012) after a fire at a restaurant at Hornsby last month. About 2.10am on Wednesday 3 October 2012, police from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command attended a Lebanese restaurant on the Pacific Highway, following reports of a large explosion. Fire and Rescue NSW were contacted and extinguished the blaze. A crime

scene was established and examined by specialist police and the NSW Fire Investigators. Strike Force Elke, comprising detectives from the State Crime Command's Property Crime Squad Arson Unit and Kuring-Gai Local Area Command, was established to investigate the cause of the fire. Yesterday (Friday 2 November 2012), strike force detectives arrested two Hornsby Heights men aged 27 and 26. Both were subsequently charged with dishonestly destroy property by fire and malicious damage by fire. The 26-year-old was also charged with two counts of do act with intent to influence witness. They both were refused bail and will appear in Parramatta Local Court today.

Goods in Custody – Cremorne: At 1:35am on Sunday 28th October 2012 police stopped four young persons on a street in Cremorne. Police exercised police powers and searched the young people. Police allegedly found a pair of gloves and an Iphone on a **16 year old man from Wahroonga**. The man allegedly admitted that the phone was not his. He was charged with 'Goods in personal custody suspected of being stolen' and is due to appear in Bidura Children's court on Monday 19th November 2012.

Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 is holding a meeting on annual meeting & get-together, **Thursday 8th November, 7pm at Gordon Bowling Club**. Do come and join us! Local businesses have been invited this year, as we are extending the welcome to everyone interested in a crackdown on graffiti. Are you fed up with the ugly tags appearing more and more in Gordon? Wade Lane and the alleyways between the car park and the Pacific Highway?

We are lucky to have as our special guest **Anthony Krkac of VandalTrak**. Anthony set up VandalTrak to create a database of all the graffiti tags in the neighbourhood. This has been so successful that he now works closely with Quakers Hill Police identifying offenders across all NSW, including the Kuring Gai and Hornsby areas. Anyone can upload a photo of graffiti, identifying its GPS position, and from then on it is automatically processed and followed-up by VandalTrak personnel and the Police. If an offender is caught, it is then possible to identify other tags of theirs, so that subsequent sentencing can take into account the complete history.



EVERYONE WELCOME! Even if you don't reside in the Gordon NHW area, please feel welcome to come along and meet others who feel the same way as you do about a safe community.

Neighbourhood Watch community table at Westfield Hornsby Shopping Mall, Saturday

3rd November: A wonderful turn-out of volunteers from Neighbourhood Watch groups across the command. Thank you. We were promoting Project **eyewatch**, as well as as reinvigorating interest in Neighbourhood Watch. Around 1200 fridge magnets were given away, which are printed with all the emergency contact numbers, as well as a QR code & details to find our Kuring Gai LAC facebook page (How many ways are there to spell Kuring Gai?). It was a great way to mingle with the public and hear their concerns or particular issues. Thank you to those who came up and chatted. Fingers crossed more people will be following our facebook page now. The public is our eyes and ears! Neighbourhood Watch is alive and kicking. Here's a photo of our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Malcolm Baker, who is a wow with the kids.



From Friday: A **CareFlight trauma team** landed in the middle of Brooklyn Bridge, on the F3 above the Hawkesbury River north of Sydney, to treat a man who was knocked unconscious when his car crashed into a bridge railing today. Police briefly blocked north-bound traffic shortly after 1 pm to allow CareFlight's helicopter to land. The CareFlight specialist doctor teamed with ambulance paramedics to treat the man who was left unconscious for about five minutes after

the crash. The CareFlight doctor said the 29-year-old man, from inner Sydney Ultimo, was the driver of the car and suffered facial and head injuries. Following assesment and initial tratment the man was taken by road ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.

Brigidine College student Jessica Matthews had her **HSC artwork stolen** on the eve of her HSC marking. If you have any information on where her charcoal painting of Mick Jagger is, contact Ku-ring-gai police on 9476-9799.



From Carroll Howe, Project eyewatch Precinct Coordinator: Have you booked your place? We don't know when the next opportunity will be...

Project eyewatch



Community Training Workshop

This workshop will provide an introduction into how Facebook is used for crime prevention – a new communication link between the community and the Police. Sponsored by the Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee.



Thursday 8 November 2012, 2pm to 4pm

NSI Hornsby College Library Conference Room,
1st Floor 205, Pacific Highway, Hornsby

Open to anyone in the community, especially those involved with Neighbourhood Watch, or those who would like to learn more about eyewatch for use in their own community organisations.

5 reasons to follow NSW Police on Facebook and attend the training workshop:



1. Find out about crimes in your area
2. Get emergency alerts and warnings
3. Help police solve and prevent crime
4. Ask police for advice or assistance
5. Attend eyewatch meetings

Bookings essential by Tuesday 6 November
carroll.howe@gmail.com or phone 0405 558 660



Local Solutions
for Local Problems



From Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade on Friday: A number of Hazard Reduction Burns are planned for the Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai District over the next few days (East Killara, North Turramurra and Hornsby). Smoke and fire activity will increase in our local area and this is an ideal time to discuss your Bush Fire Survival Plan with your family and prepare your property. Do not leave your planning until it's too late. PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE. Report all fires to Triple Zero (000).

Extract from an article on passwords - Several people commented on last week's article explaining such a simple way to set a safe password, one that you can also manage to remember! Simply use 3 words separated by spaces - you get an extremely secure password!

White Ribbon Breakfast for Domestic Violence. Friday 30th November, 7:30-9:30am
Asquith Golf Club, Lord St, Mt Colah, \$25 per person, of which \$5 of each will be donated to

the Hornsby & Kuring Gai Domestic Violence Network and the White Ribbon Foundation. Tickets from Natasha on 9476 9775.

Computer Recycling (It's timely because November 12-18th is National Recycling Week)

The National Computer Recycling Scheme is now available to Ku-ring-gai residents at Kimbriki Waste Management Centre. **Kimbriki Waste Management Centre is located on Kimbriki Road, off Mona Vale Road, Terry Hills.** View Guide for households for more information on the recycling scheme. For enquiries contact Council on 9424 0000 or Kimbriki Waste Management Centre on 9486 3512 or 9486 3542.

Computers and TVs are accepted under the following conditions:

Any household or small business, in a car, ute or trailer, may deliver up to 15 items free. Items must be placed in the designated 'Television and computer recycling' area. Customers must unload their own waste.

Items that are accepted:

Televisions

Computer monitors,

Personal and portable computers

Printers, scanners, computer peripherals and parts, cords and cables

Items not accepted:

Toner cartridges

DVD players

Video recorders

Radios and games consoles

Appliances

Mobile phones

Power tools

Please also note commercial loads over 15 items are not accepted.

Residents wishing to recycle items in the not accepted list should visit Planet Ark's Recycling Near You website to search for alternative recycling programs in the area:

<http://facebook.us2.list->

manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=a729484e6b&e=a363be97f2.

Council accepts printing / toner cartridges and mobile phones for recycling at Council Chambers in Gordon. Mobile phones can also be dropped off for recycling at all Council libraries.

Moving with the Emergency Services theme.. for those in Australia check out this 'Emergency

Phone App' - to receive updates and also share information for others to stay informed: <http://emergencyaus.info/discover/app/>



Ku-ring-gai Council is reminding dog owners to be vigilant after a small dog was attacked and killed in West Pymble.

Some tips from a dog trainer and some thoughts from local dog owners here:

<http://north-shore-times.whereilive.com.au/news/story/keep-your-dogs-on-tight-leash-dog-safety-dog-attacks/>

A note forwarded on facebook: Dear Girls,

Some of you may remember early last year I rallied a bra collection for Project UPlift

(www.upliftbras.org) which was very successful. Recently I have become more involved and am now the NSW Coordinator for UPlift.

Since 2005, UPlift, with assistance from Rotary Australia World Community Service, has sent 480,000 bras through secure channels, making sure they get to the women who need them without compromising their dignity. Uplift has sent bras to Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Philippines, Bali, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and the Northern Territory.

I would love you to drop off or post (**17 Brentwood Ave Warrawee NSW 2074**) any bras you no longer have use for - you know they have been sitting in the drawer for ages - Vinnies/Salvos don't accept them - so instead of sending them to landfill please donate them to UPlift - The women are so grateful for them - often the bra received through UPlift is the only bra that woman owns, so spread the word, mention it to your colleagues/clubs/family/friends - we are always collecting - there is always a need for SUPPORT!!

Thank you so much, Love Anna

Anna Davis

Uplift Project - NSW Coordinator nsw@upliftbras.org



From Hornsby Council: TIGHT SQUEEZE Congratulations to the resident who tried to fit this stump into their green bin. Unfortunately, it was too large and the bin could not be lifted by the truck.

If you have large green waste items, please bring them to our free chipping days. Your green bin is for grass clippings, flowers, weeds, prunings, leaf litter, twigs and small branches (up to 75mm). Anything larger should be brought to our free chipping days. To see the calendar of chipping days and find out the next one near you, please visit <http://facebook.us2.list->

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manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=56fd44971a&e=a363be97f2 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) 05/11/2012:

Incident: Speeding and suspended driver charged
Time/Date: About 3.20pm on Thursday the 1st
Place: F3 freeway.
Vehicle 1: Mitsubishi Triton Ute

Driver 1: 22 year male P2 driver

Details: Highway patrol police observed the Triton ute which appeared to be travelling above the 80 km/h posted speed limit. A check on radar showed the Triton was travelling at an alleged 111 -110 km/h. The driver was stopped and spoken to where he was allegedly a suspended driver.

Court: The male driver is to appear at the Hornsby local Court at a date yet to be set for travelling at over 20 km/h and driving whilst licence is suspended.

Incident: Break Enter.

Time/Date: About 4.40 pm on Thursday the 1st

Place: Coonanbarra rd, Wahroonga

Person 1: 16 year old male.

Details: The male is alleged to have broken into the home by smashing a rear window. The youth has entered the home. The youth has allegedly removed items but for some reason did not take them and left the house. The youth is alleged to have cut his finger during the incident and left a blood trail which the home owner followed. The youth was seen nearby and police called. He was arrested and is alleged to have made certain admissions into the offence.

Court: The male youth is to face Hornsby Children's Court on the 22nd of November charged with Break & Enter with intent to steal.

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 11 am on Friday the 2nd

Place: Ice Design Westfield Hornsby.

Person/s: 15 year old female and a 14 year old female.

Details: Both females have entered the store and taken a total of 8 items into the change rooms. A short time later a staff member has notice price tags drop to the floor. The females have then exited the store allegedly without paying for the items. They were detained and police called. The females are to receive a caution for the offence. The items were valued \$266.

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: 3.30 pm on Sunday the 4th
Place: Dan Murphy's Westfield Hornsby
Person 1: 19 year old male

Details: The 19 year old male was allegedly seen to taken a bottle of Vodka and leave the store. The male was stopped and detained until police arrived. The male is to receive a Criminal infringement notice. The Vodka was valued at \$28.

Incident: 4 x cars broken into in same street.
Time/Date: During the evening of Monday the 29th and Tuesday Morning.
Place: Kooloona cres, West Pymble.

Details: 4 cars were broken into while parked on street and in driveways during the evening. Property stolen includes a GPS unit, sunglasses and CD's. Of note 2 of the cars were unlocked.

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

"Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale."

It's not aging, it's the door!(Whew! Thank goodness for studies :)

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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