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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](mailto: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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**4th March: Using Your Credit Card Online:** At some stage most of us will do some form of online shopping. The link gives some useful and handy advice on reducing your risk.

<http://blog.staysmartonline.gov.au/2013/02/28/using-your-credit-card-online/>

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**4th March: Turramurra Conman going to Gaol for fraud. Dimitri De Angelis** of Turramurra was convicted and sentenced in the Sydney District Court on Friday where he faced charges of Fraud in which numerous people and companies were 'conned' out of Millions of dollars. Some of his victims were high profile people. De Angelis will be spending at least 7 1/2 years as a guest of our NSW prison system. (Photo: news.com.au)



<http://www.news.com.au/national-news/nsw-act/photoshop-conman-dimitri-de-angelis-jailed-seven-and-a-half-years/story-fndo4bst-1226588654929>

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**1st March, from Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate:** Car and truck crash on the F3 - 1km north of the Mt Colah off ramp. Fire, police and paramedics are at the scene.



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**28th February: Kuring gai police seize drugs.**

Officers from Kuring gai LAC conducted a search warrant on a home in Geelans road, Arcadia yesterday. 3 potted plants police allege is Cannabis and approximately 33 grams of a green vegetable matter police also allege is Cannabis was seized. A 60 year old female was questioned in relation to the matter. Investigations are continuing with charges expected to be laid in the near future.

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**28th February: Possible SCAM warning.**

With the recent floods and high winds there is the possibility of scammers (con artists) doing their rounds. They may be tree loppers offering to trim downed trees or clean up yards, check and fix damaged roofs etc. Please be mindful of this. If someone 'door knocks' offering work make sure they are licensed and insured. Get several written quotes and compare them. Decide if you really need to have the work done, have a trusted friend or relative assess everything for you and make the decision yourself, not by being pressured from a door-to-door salesman. Consider scanning the local classifieds or ask neighbours who may have had work done for their recommendation. The reason I mention this now is an elderly couple were taken for over \$20,000 recently for just a bit of tree trimming. Information on scams and these 'door knockers' can be found on the Fairtrading website: [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/). Also current scams can be found on the SCAMWATCH website: [www.scamwatch.gov.au/](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/).

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**27th February, from Careflight:** A fall from a ladder while trying to fix a light left a man unconscious with head injuries at his **South Turramurra** home, in Sydney's north, today. The man's wife heard the accident and called ambulance paramedics to the Hopkins Place home shortly after 2 pm. The helicopter landed in a park 100 metres from the home to allow the CareFlight trauma doctor and duty paramedic to start treating the man. The CareFlight doctor said the 72-year-old man fell three metres from the top rung of the ladder he had climbed to change a light bulb. The head injury left the man unconscious for 10 minutes then confused. The CareFlight doctor and ambulance paramedics stabilised the man and continued treatment as he was taken in a road ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital.



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### **27th February: JUST OCCURRED - SEMI TRAILER BLOCKING GALSTON GORGE**

This is not an accidental post from yesterday, **ANOTHER** semi trailer has blocked Galston Gorge. Police have been on the scene since about 2:20pm when the truck became stuck blocking both directions. Please find an alternate route. Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Paul Cleary commented: The local community is

continually amazed at how these drivers can miss all the warning signs on the approach the gorge. The RTA guys are often sitting in the layby at the top of the hill.

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**27th February, Stealing:** About 4.20pm on Tuesday 26 February, Unknown person/s have entered the **Dan Murphy's liquor store at Thornleigh** where it is alleged a 700ml bottle of Jack Daniels from stolen from a display shelf it is alleged the property was placed down the back of the offenders pants. Police would like to speak to the male pictured who may be able to assist police with their inquiries he is described as Caucasian in appearance, aged in early 20s, approx 170cm tall, average build, short dark hair wearing white 't' shirt, tan cargo shorts, black skate shoes and carrying a backpack.



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**27th February, borrowed from a neighbouring LAC, but the message is still the same.**

Drinking to excess can and does cause numerous problems especially when violence is involved. If you know someone with an alcohol or drug problem do something about it. Talk to them and encourage them to get help. It is a social problem, a community problem - your community. Don't put up with do your bit to stamp it out. It comes down to responsibility, respect and moderation. Video 'Punch Drunk' shared:

<http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2013/02/25/3695353.htm>

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**27th February: Police officers from Kuring gai LAC are part of a contingent of police officers from around NSW walking in honour of Senior Constable David Rixon.** Officers from Kuring gai include our commander Superintendent Jeff Philippi, Sergeant David Maher and

Senior Constables Deb Birmingham, Stef Murray, Natasha Dogget and Bianca Taylor. Our commander walked from Wyong police station to Newcastle police station, a total of 67km - well done boss. Dave Maher walked just over 60Km and as of today will have walked for 3 days. Bianca walked about 50Km with Deb, Stef, Natasha walked varying distances over 20Km. All in all they showed support for a family devastated by a tragic event and Police legacy as a supporter of families going it tough. As for our now very sore boss Mr Philippi after 67Km in one stint, it showed a great deal of leadership and support which is greatly appreciated by his 'troops'. Members of the community can make donations to support the walk for "Our Mates, our Families" via direct deposit to Police Bank - Acc Name: OUR MATES OUR FAMILIES, BSB: 815000 Acc No: 272676S1



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**25th February, from North Shore LAC:** PLEASE KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THIS BOAT! This boat was stolen from Chatswood over the weekend. It is a Malibu Marlin Wakesetter with a black Easytow.

If you see it, or have any information, please call Chatswood Police 9414 8499.



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**More from NSW Fair Trading:**

Do not deal with **JOHN WOLF!** NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe has issued a warning to the public not to deal with John Wolf, also known as John Luppi, his companies Yacht Market Pty Ltd and The Boat Market Pty Ltd, and the websites [www.theboatmarket.com.au](http://www.theboatmarket.com.au) and [www.boatmarket.net.au](http://www.boatmarket.net.au).

After failing to attend Parramatta Local Court last week, a warrant has been issued for the arrest of **STEVEN MILLER**. Miller, also known as **Mustafa Malas and Steve Malas**, was found guilty in his absence of six breaches of the Australian Consumer Law on 22 February 2013. he was ordered to pay \$33,162 in fines and court costs, and a further \$24,224 to six of his victims who paid him thousands of dollars for **landscaping construction** work he never undertook.



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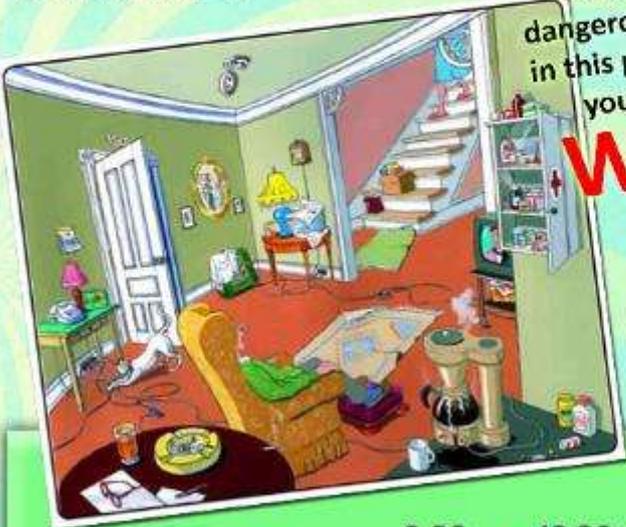
**Seniors Security Expo - Feel Safe, Be Safe! Tuesday, 19th March 9:30am - 12:30pm at Turrumurra Uniting Church, Turrumurra Avenue, Turrumurra.** Thank you to those who have offered their time on the day. What a good feeling! Neighbourhood Watch doing something very useful for our community.

# 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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**From Ku-ring-gai Council:** Pick up some teaching tips (and survival techniques) at our upcoming **supervisor of learner drivers workshop** on **Tuesday 19 March, 6.30pm!** Bookings

essential. <http://bit.ly/YaOr8x>

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**From Kuring gai Police & Community Safety Committee in partnership with Ku-ring-gai Council: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminars 2013.**

Please mark the following dates in your diaries: **Monday 18 March**, Monday 17 June, Monday 17 September. 6.00pm for 6:30pm at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, level 3, 818 Pacific Hwy, Gordon (access via rear entrance). Vital information about the current driving test explained. For parents and their young drivers. Facilitated by Jeff McDougall. Light refreshments available. Bookings essential - phone Carroll on 0405 558 660 or email [carroll.howe@gmail.com](mailto:carroll.howe@gmail.com).

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Spotted by one of our volunteers, from this week's **North Shore Times**:

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## WARRAWEE

### Thief was 'looking for acceptance'

A TURRAMURRA man found guilty of stealing was suffering the pressures of having high-achieving siblings, Hornsby Local Court was told on Wednesday.

Police questioned Toshio Takeshima, 30, after they saw him looking into parked cars near Warrawee train station and opening a passenger door by "unknown means".

According to the police statement of facts, later checks found the mobile phone Takeshima was using had been stolen in December 2011.

A legal representative for Takeshima told the court his client had a "history of being marginalised".

"His only acceptance is by people who want to use him," he said.

Takeshima was sentenced to a seven-month suspended jail sentence, five-month good behaviour bond and \$350 fine.

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**Know this App?** Use the FREE NRMA **Insurance Valuables Vault App** to take snapshots, store and organise important information about your assets or valuables, so it's easier to make a claim if you need to. To keep your information secure, use the optional password feature. Download the app from [www.nrma.com.au/apps](http://www.nrma.com.au/apps).

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**And a reminder from our Warrawee Valley E-Watch group:** "People living in multi-storey apartment buildings need to make sure that all windows and doors facing verandahs are locked

securely and all loose valuable items on verandahs are locked away securely to help avoid easy entry and theft respectively by thieves absailing down the outside of the building”.

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[www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC](http://www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC) is the link to your local Police's facebook page. **YOU DON'T NEED TO JOIN WITH FACEBOOK TO VIEW THE PAGE.**



#### **Incidents in the Kuring gai Local Area Command dated Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

Incident: Bus vs Car crash  
Time/Date: About 8.40am on Friday the 1st  
Place: Brooklyn rd, Brooklyn  
Vehicle 1: Mercedes  
Driver 1: 68 Year old male  
Vehicle 2: School bus

Details: The bus was driving East on Brooklyn road with 11 School children on board. From witness accounts a Mercedes travelling in the opposite direction has rounded a bend and crossed to the wrong side of the road colliding with the school bus. As a result of the crash 4 school children were injured and taken to hospital with listed injuries: 2 shock, 1 lacerations and 1 with a broken arm. The 68 year old Mercedes driver was trapped in the wreckage before being freed by NSW Fire and Rescue and taken to RNSH where he remains in a critical condition. Investigations are continuing.

Incident: Drug arrest  
Time/Date: About 12.45pm Monday 4 March  
Place: Jersey street North, Hornsby  
Person: 30 year old female

Details: Police observed a BMW travelling North on the Pacific highway and pulled the BMW over as a result of a traffic matter. The driver was spoken to and following a number of inquiries a search of the car and the 30 year old female driver was made. On her person police allegedly found some green vegetable matter police allege is Cannabis. The female was arrested and a further search allegedly revealed an amount of a white crystal substance police will allege is methamphetamine (commonly known as ICE).

Court: The female is to face Hornsby Local Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April charged with Possess prohibited drug and Supply prohibited drug. She was granted bail.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 11pm and 7am on Thursday 28th February

Place: Braeside street, Wahroonga

Details: The family home has been broken into with a handbag containing various cards and cash was taken. Also taken was a set of car keys and the families grey 2011 Range Rover Prestige which was valued at \$110,000.

Incident: There were 3 x Break Enter & Steal offences in Brooklyn area.

Time/Date: between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March

Place: Bridge street, William street, Brooklyn and Barr Point

Details: 3 Homes in the Brooklyn area were broken into over the weekend. All were entered by the ground floor, with one home having its window open but had its flyscreen cut to enter the home. Various electrical and computer items were taken.

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.

Rescue of stranded bushwalkers (again).

About 5.00pm on Friday the 1st of March, 6 scouts aged 13 and 14 and their scout leaders were on an organised walk for 3 days on the Great North Walk. They planned to walk along the Benowie walking track to Crosslands. There are in excess of 8 creek/stream crossings on this planned route. After about 2.5 kilometres and about 4 crossings they realised they could not go further due to the water depth of the creek crossings and about 9.15pm they called 000. About

11.30pm police have entered the track and found the scouts huddled near a stream sometime after midnight. Police have 'walked' the scouts out of the bush to Crosslands where they were met by worried parents. The scouts suffered no obvious or reported injuries apart from having leeches on them. Police had some minor abrasions and leeches also.

Despite rain and the prospect of more rain the scouts and their leaders started their walk at 5pm. It is well known that rain and creeks means a real likely hood of flash flooding. Police have better things to do other than entering the bush at midnight in rain to rescue people from ill planned walks.

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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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