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This weekly update includes:

- **Project eyewatch:** A selection of stories from facebook, as an example of what's been posted for the week. (NB: The detail is no longer timely.)
- **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.



### **Yesterday, from Hornsby Shire Council: PRAISE AND THANKS FOR FIRE RESPONSE**

Hornsby Shire Council has praised emergency service crews for their response to a serious fire along the Pacific Highway on Tuesday night, while thanking businesses and community members who assisted in the aftermath. Worthy of special thanks is ADCO Constructions and its demolition contractor Peter Vella Enterprises. They volunteered time and equipment to demolish parts of the fire-damaged buildings so forensic police could carry out their investigation. They also removed debris from the footpath and roadway, allowing the Pacific Highway to be reopened far sooner than it would otherwise have been. They were able to respond so quickly because they are currently constructing the Shire's new Aquatic Centre almost alongside the buildings involved in the blaze. Payment for the service was offered but refused, with each stating the work was carried out as a goodwill gesture to the community.

"In all of Council's dealings with these companies they have proved themselves to be honourable, community-minded people and this is simply further evidence of that," Hornsby Mayor Steve Russell says. "They are responsible for creating one of our Shire's most significant pieces of public infrastructure and it's heartening to know they understand the community-minded ideals that exist within our Shire.

**From October 8th, our Crime Prevention Officer:** A reminder to all our community members that from the start of this school term please be vigilant when in and around school zones. Please observe all traffic laws, especially speed-related, parking restrictions, mobile phones and

kids in seat belts! Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) will be proactive in targeting all the 70+ schools within our LAC for the next 2 weeks and will continue this level of police presence throughout the term. To our new Yr 11 & 12 'P' plate drivers please be mindful of all-night study sessions and the effect of fatigue & anxiety of impending exams on your driving manner.

**From October 8th, Rural Fire Service:** NSW RFS crews are currently undertaking a hazard reduction burn in the Warriewood - Ingleside area today. Smoke is highly visible from Mona Vale Road and surrounding areas. ONLY call '000' if you see a fire that does not have a fire truck in attendance.

### SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK - **What to do when you have a vehicle collision**

1. You must STOP immediately and assist any person who has been injured. If required contact both the Police and Ambulance by calling 000.
2. Police must investigate the collision only if any of the following circumstances exist:

A person is killed or injured

A driver involved is believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Any vehicle involved in the collision requires towing.

A driver involved fails to stop and exchange details.

3. If none of the above points have occurred Police DO NOT have to investigate the collision. You can report it within a 24 hour period by attending any Police Station or calling the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.
4. A driver involved in a crash must give the following details to any other driver involved, any person injured, the owner of any damaged property or a Police Officer.

Your name and address

Your drivers licence number

The name and address of the owner of the vehicle

The vehicle's registration number

Your contact telephone number

5. Tips to remember when reporting....

Stay calm. Concentrate on relating those details that will be most helpful to Police.

Tell the operator your name, address, telephone number and exact details of the incident and the location.

Let the operator control the conversation. He/She will ask for certain information in order to dispatch the appropriate emergency resources.

Stay on the telephone line until the operator has finished gathering all required information.

**5th October, from Ku-ring-gai Council:** We are taking on the **fight against abandoned shopping trolleys!** Have your say on our draft policy for the management of abandoned shopping trolleys. The public exhibition of the draft policy closes Friday 26 October.

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Canadian Police have released details of an **Person of Interest** wanted on arrest warrants for failing to appear in Canadian Courts on serious criminal matters. Information supplied to NSW Police indicates **Jamieson Richard Glendinning** may be within the Sydney metropolitan area. Anyone with information should not approach Glendinning but contact CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000 or your nearest Police Station.



A note regarding the **official NSW Government portal**, <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=51053aa904&e=a363be97f2>. It includes links to all kinds of information, including government information and services. Find news, events, jobs, weather, government websites and online services. Similarly, <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=ae9c6acc21&e=a363be97f2> is an online **Beach Safety portal** for all Australians and visitors.

**4th October: Police appeal for information following fire – Hornsby**

Police are appealing for assistance from the public after a fire destroyed a restaurant at Hornsby today. About 2.10am (Wednesday 3 October 2012), police from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command were patrolling the Pacific Highway when they saw the store on fire. Fire and Rescue NSW were contacted and extinguished the fire. A crime scene was established and currently being examined by forensic specialists. Four people were evacuated from surrounding buildings. The business has been completely destroyed. The Pacific Highway is closed in both directions at Station Street and Coronation Street, Hornsby, and will not reopen until sometime on Thursday 4 October 2012. Commuters are advised to avoid the area until further notice.

Anyone with information about the fire or who may have seen anyone acting suspiciously, is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**4th October**, from Live Traffic New South Wales: Galston Gorge has reopened to traffic in both directions now that an oversize truck has been removed. A crane had to be brought in to move the vehicle from Galston Road. There are no delays for motorists in the area.

### **Global action busts scammers posing as Microsoft**

Joint action between three international regulators has thwarted a massive global phone scam, with US authorities this week winning court orders to close down and freeze funds of imposters posing as Microsoft employees offering to fix PC viruses. The Australian Communications and Media Authority, the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) collaborated to share key intelligence about the operations of the Microsoft imposters.

Australia was one of the first targets of this scam which subsequently spread to other countries. For three years, the ACMA has been tracking the 'Microsoft Imposter' scammers and working with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and the FTC. The scam generated nearly 10,000 calls to the Do Not Call complaint line over the past two years, and at its peak was about 50 per cent of all reports.

Australians can list their phone number with the **Do Not Call Register by calling 1300 792 958** or at [www.donotcall.gov.au](http://www.donotcall.gov.au).

For more information on this scam, please go to the ACMA Media Release at

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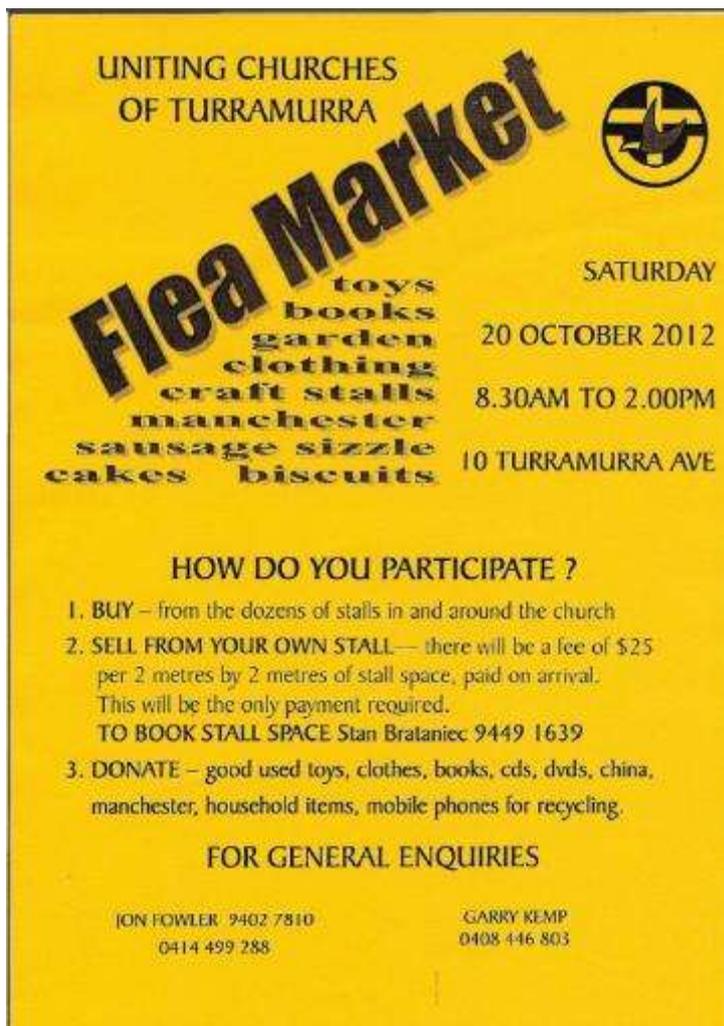
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### **Do you know? NEW LAW – Removal of Unattended Vehicles**

On 21 September 2012 the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 1999 ("the Regulation") was amended to include a freeway within an area from which an unattended

vehicle can be removed. Section 76 of the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999 allows an authorised officer to remove an unattended vehicle or trailer from a prescribed place if the vehicle is causing, or unless removed is likely to cause, danger to the public or undue traffic congestion.

**Thank you** to our NHW volunteer, Stan, who delivered Neighbourhood Watch information leaflets and fridge magnets to over 500 households surrounding Turramurra Uniting Church. He took the opportunity to deliver for us at the same time as the Flea Market flyer for the church. There is no Neighbourhood Watch group currently in that area, so we are very grateful for the assistance.



UNITING CHURCHES  
OF TURRAMURRA

**Flea Market**

toys  
books  
garden  
clothing  
craft stalls  
manchester  
sausage sizzle  
cakes biscuits

SATURDAY  
20 OCTOBER 2012  
8.30AM TO 2.00PM  
10 TURRAMURRA AVE

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE ?

1. BUY – from the dozens of stalls in and around the church
2. SELL FROM YOUR OWN STALL— there will be a fee of \$25 per 2 metres by 2 metres of stall space, paid on arrival. This will be the only payment required.  
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3. DONATE – good used toys, clothes, books, cds, dvds, china, manchester, household items, mobile phones for recycling.

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**Kuring Gai Local Area Command** conducted an operation over the October long weekend that involved police from numerous areas of the command. The Kuring gai launch conducted over

one hundred and thirty vessel stops on the Hawkesbury waterway with vessels subject to RBT, fisheries and RMS inspections. Further to that police conducted over three thousand RBT's throughout the Kuring Gai Command. Resulting in over twenty infringement notices and 12 charges been laid, ranging from PCA, a speeding offence where it is alleged speed exceeded 45 km/h. And a male was charged when it was noted his licence had expired in 1985. Although police are pleased the large percentage of drivers complied with the road rules in relation to the volume of vehicles and vessels stopped. It is important to remind drivers of their obligations when travelling in a vehicle on our roads. Kuring Gai police advise they will be continuing to target road and water safety over the coming summer months.

**3rd October, from the Hornsby Advocate:** POLICE are appealing for public help as an investigation into a fire at a restaurant in Hornsby on Wednesday morning continues.

The Pacific Highway was closed there in both directions for two days while forensic specialists investigated the suspicious blaze. The damaged buildings are unstable and on Wednesday night a wall collapsed, scattering bricks over the highway. The My Sophia Lebanese restaurant was gutted by a fire which began about 2.10am on Wednesday morning and nearby shops, along the Pacific Highway near Dural St, were damaged. Victor Aguilera, who lives nearby saw the shop on fire.

"I heard a huge explosion and I immediately thought it was an earthquake," he said. "I was just going to to bed and 'boom' - all the windows shook, that's what made me think it was an earthquake, I've never heard anything like it." By the time he reached the street, emergency services and patrons from the nearby 24 gym were there. Debris was scattered across the highway. The fire spread to a neighbouring music shop called Pro Guitar and Sound and a cafe called Cafe Duende, as well as a Richardson and Wrench real estate agency.



**2nd October, from Ku-ring-gai Council:** Help shape Ku-ring-gai's economic and social future! We're looking for business people to join our new economic and social development committee. [www.bit.ly/S4JJb1](http://www.bit.ly/S4JJb1)

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Do you want to **be part of Project eyewatch - designed to help Police & community find local solutions to local problems?**

Worried about going to Hornsby station after dark? Need advice about securing your Hornsby Heights home? Do you want access to an officer to ask something that's been bugging you? Want to know more about the crime in Brooklyn, or the vandalism near to your business in Pymble? There are hundreds of reasons like these to join in with the **'21st Century Neighbourhood Watch'**. Click on the link to find out more about Project eyewatch:

[http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about\\_us/](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about_us/)

[structure/operations\\_command/project\\_eyewatch/about\\_project\\_eyewatch](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/structure/operations_command/project_eyewatch/about_project_eyewatch). Then download the 'eyewatch group joining form' at the following link: [http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/)

[pdf\\_file/0011/208577/Eyewatch\\_application\\_form2.pdf](http://pdf_file/0011/208577/Eyewatch_application_form2.pdf). Complete the form and bring it along to Hornsby Police Station with your driver's licence: Once security checked you will be invited to join in with the Hornsby area, or the Ku-ring-gai area groups. If you have any questions, **phone 9476 9723** to speak with Paul or Mal, your Crime Prevention Officers.

**Helping learner drivers become safer drivers.** FREE workshop for parents, Wednesday 31st October 2012, at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, [818 Pacific Highway, Gordon](#). Contact **Diane on 9424 0798**. Run by Roads & Maritime Services (formally RTA). The 2-hour workshop will provide parents & supervisors with practical advice.

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=1267569902&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) 9/10/12:**

Incident: Car crash into Fence.  
Time/Date: About 12:10 am on Saturday the 6th  
Place: Bambil road , Berowra  
Vehicle 1: Commodore station wagon  
Driver 1: 40 year old male from Berowra

Details: The commodore was driven on Bambil road and at the intersection of Bali place has allegedly lost control and crashed through the fence of number 2 Bali place. It is alleged the driver left the scene in the car but returned some time later and spoke to police. A roadside breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol and a subsequent test at Hornsby police station was .112. His license was suspended by police

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 25th of October charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol, negligent driving and other alcohol related offences.

Incident: Car crash person injured.  
Time/Date: About 1:10 am on Sunday the 7th  
Place: The Comenarra Parkway West Pymble, cross of Parker avenue.  
Vehicle 1: Subaru  
Driver 1: 30 year old male from Concord

Details: The driver has rounded a bend in the road and over a crest for unknown reasons the car has spun out and crashed into a retaining wall and a power pole. The driver was trapped in the car and had to be removed by fire rescue (car cut open). The driver was taken to RNSH with internal bleeding. The car's airbags were also deployed in the crash. Police will wait on the results of blood tests prior to taking any action.

Incident: Car crash into power pole.  
Time/Date: About 8.30 pm on Saturday the 6th  
Place: Warrimoo avenue, St Ives, cross Gould avenue.  
Vehicle 1: Hyundai Getz  
Driver 1: 19 year old female (P2 driver) from Bateau Bay

Details: The driver has driven South on Warrimoo avenue and has allegedly spun out on the slippery roadway and collided with a power pole. The driver was taken to Hornsby Hospital suffering various cuts. Police will wait on the results of blood tests prior to taking any action.

Incident: Arrest and charge for shop stealing  
Time/Date: About 1 pm on Friday the 5th  
Place: Bunnings Thornleigh  
Person 1: 37 year old male from Dulwich Hill  
Person 2: 34 year old male from Belmore

Details: The 2 males 'above' were observed by the stores security to allegedly place door locks under their shirts and leave the store, the store security have detained the males and called police. Investigation revealed the 2 males were allegedly wanted for numerous stealing offences

from Bunnings stores throughout Sydney. They were charged with numerous shop stealing and trespass offences.

Court: The males were charged and refused bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court on the 6th of October. They were then granted conditional bail to attend Sutherland Court on 18th October.

Incident: Drug and stealing offences  
Time/Date: About 2.30pm on Tuesday the 2nd  
Place: Hornsby Mall  
Person 1: 15 year old male

Details: Time and date above police were contacted by members of the public about reports of a young male smoking cannabis in the Hornsby Mall. Police have attended and observed a male youth. The youth was followed to the railway and is alleged to have 'jumped' the barriers. Police have stopped and questioned the youth. He was subsequently arrested.

Action: The youth is to have a caution for various offences.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal  
Time/Date: Between 11.30 pm on Tuesday the 2nd and 7 am Wednesday the 3rd.  
Place: Lucinda avenue, Wahroonga.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor rear door. Once inside the offenders have searched various rooms and stolen a number of electrical items including laptop computers and cash (\$1,900). Total value of stolen items is estimated to be \$8050.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal  
Time/Date: Between 3 pm and 9 pm on Wednesday the 3rd .  
Place: Roma Road, St Ives.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor rear door. Once inside the offenders have stolen a number of jewellery items and cash (\$800). The total value of the jewellery stolen is estimated to be \$20,000.

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](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

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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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