

This email is compiled by **Neighbourhood Watch** volunteers as a service for residents in the **Kuring Gai** Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the **Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai** areas. 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. This includes the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips, etc.

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12th August:

Incident: Malicious Damage incident.

Time/Date: During The evening of Monday the 5th

Place: Moochi at Westfield Hornsby.

Details: Unknown person/s have scratched into the glass surface of an external window at the store. The window faces the Mall area. The scratched tag says "strack".

The window is estimated to cost \$1,800 to replace.



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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**12 August: Hornsby Police news, 12/8/13** The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 3.30pm on Friday the 9th

Place: Grevillea cr, Hornsby Heights

Details: A car owner was attempting to reverse into his own yard, at the time he was accelerating over a hump in the driveway. At this point the car has accelerated at speed over the hump and into the front of another of his own cars; he has then deflected off this car and over a brick retaining wall finally landing against his neighbour's house. A brick pillar of that house was dislodged and collapsed. Engineers have propped the house and removed the car. The driver received a 'TIN' for not reverse with safety.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle.

Time/Date: Between 10am on Tuesday the 6th and 5.50pm on Wednesday the 7th

Place: Dangar road, Brooklyn

Vehicle 1: Mazda 3 sedan

Details: The driver had parked the car in the car park area. At some point unknown person/s have smashed the front window and stolen about \$90 cash from the front Console of the car.

Incident: Stealing offence

Time/Date: About 5.40am on Saturday the 10th

Place: Rail depot, Hornsby

Person 1: 23 year old male

Person 2: 27 year old male

Details: The 2 males were seen inside the secure area of the rail depot. They were witnessed by rail staff to be carrying a bag from the canteen area. The males have scaled a security fence and fled along Jersey street. Police were called and arrested the males nearby (the witnesses had followed them until police arrived). A bag the males were carrying was searched with a number of items being found. Certain admissions were allegedly made by the males. It was also discovered a knife was located in the 23 year old male's possession. The 27 year old received an infringement notice for stealing, with the 23 year old receiving an infringement for having a knife in a public place.

Incident: Stolen outboard motor

Time/Date: Between 7.30pm on Friday the 9th and 8.30am on Sunday the 11th

Place: Mooring at McKell Park Brooklyn.

Details: The owner has left his boat in the mooring area of Brooklyn, between the above times unknown person/s have stolen the outboard motor from the rear of the boat. It was a grey

coloured Yamaha 70 hp valued at an estimated \$8,000.

Incident: Stealing offence

Time/Date: Between 3pm on Saturday the 10th and 8 am on Sunday the 11th

Place: Water street, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have removed and stolen an outside light and support pole from its base of a house in Water street. The replacement cost is estimated to be \$300.

Incident: Stealing offence

Time/Date: Between 10am on Wednesday the 31st and 5pm on Thursday the 8th

Place: JB HiFi Westfield Hornsby

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen 5 portable hard drives from a floor display at JB HiFi. The hard drives had a retail value of \$1,245.

Incident: Steal from dwelling

Time/Date: Between 9pm on Thursday the 8th and 7am on Saturday the 10th

Place: Karuah rd, Turramurra

Details: Unknown person/s have entered the home presumably while it was open. The owner's bedroom was accessed and 3 jewellery items were taken. These include a ladies watch (\$100), a ladies wedding band Yellow Gold (\$1,500), and a yellow gold ladies ring with a 1ct Sapphire and a 2ct Diamond (\$8,000).

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents 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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**9th August: Cafe on Mona Vale road** is alight, all occupants safe. Please be careful if driving on Mona Vale Road. #NSWRFS has five trucks on site, supported by#FRNSW. (Buddha Belly? - ed)



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**9th August: Rural Fire Service - Hazard Reduction Advisory: 12/08/2013 to 12/08/2013  
Hornsby - Nyara Road, near Mt Kuring-gai ( NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service)**

For the latest news got to: [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_more\\_info\\_latest.cfm?CON\\_ID=21044](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_more_info_latest.cfm?CON_ID=21044) .

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**8th August:** Although these counterfeit notes were passed in the Brisbane Water LAC they have on occasions turned up in the Hornsby area. Please be on the lookout for them. The feel is normally different. The 'offender' may be a bit suspicious or avoiding eye contact. They usually purchase cheap items with big notes (to launder them). Any notes you believe are counterfeit ring police immediately. If you have CCTV footage of the incident and offender, be prepared to have a copy for attending police. If you have managed to retain the note, secure it for fingerprinting. The usual targets are quick turnover retail stores like service stations, newsagents or other convenience type stores. Hornsby Police: 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000.

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**WARNING RE COUNTERFEIT \$50 NOTES CIRCULATING IN BRISBANE WATER LAC**

Brisbane Water Police are currently investigating several separate incidents this week where counterfeit \$50 notes have been presented at businesses within the Brisbane Water Command. Police warn the public to check their change and report any suspected counterfeit note to your local Police. We also appeal for anyone that has information in regards to this to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333000 or your local police stations.



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**8th August: Police have arrested three men after an alleged aggravated break enter and steal offence at a designer store overnight in the city.** About 12.45am today (Thursday 8 August 2013), multiple alarm activations were detected at a shop in George Street and police were contacted. Officers from City Central LAC - NSW Police Force, The Rocks LAC - NSW Police Force, Surry Hills LAC - NSW Police Force and Kings Cross LAC - NSW Police Force all responded and established a perimeter around the premises. Police were assisted by three dog handlers who searched the entire building complex. Three men were arrested in the lower basement car park about an hour later after allegedly attempting to steal a car. Another stolen car, an Audi, was also located outside the store. The three men, 32, 19 and 18 years old were all taken to The Rocks Police Station where they are currently assisting with inquiries. Police will allege that a large amount of property was removed and that numerous fittings in the store were also damaged. Inquiries into the incident continue.

Police are urging anyone with information about these incidents to 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.

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**8th August: Hornsby police are investigating the theft of a bottle of Jack Daniels Whiskey from the Liquorland Store in Westfield, Hornsby.** The incident occurred sometime between 11.50am and 12pm on Friday the 26th of July. Police believe the male depicted in the photo may be able to assist in their inquiries into the theft.



Any person who has information into the theft can call **Hornsby police on 9476 9799** or **crime stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report information anonymously.

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**7th August: Hornsby Police news, 7/8/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:**

Car on fire M1 Motorway at Brooklyn.

A Chrysler Voyager was being drive along the M1 when the owner noticed noises coming from under the bonnet. The owner stopped and inspected the engine bay, all the drive belts were tangled in the pulleys, at this time smoke was seen coming from the car. The owner opened the front door to inspect inside then returned to the engine bay, at this time flames were seen. The owner removed a number of items from the rear area before the car was engulfed in flames. Fire brigade units attended and put the fire our. The owner was not hurt. The car was a total loss.

Between 9am on Saturday the 3rd and 6am on Monday the 5th unknown person/s have entered the toilet block at West Pymble Public school. While there a small fire was lit, a number of toilet cisterns had faeces lodged in them which caused a blockage. 8 Cubicle doors had their locks damaged. The estimated cost for repairs is about \$5,000.

Fraud SCAM:

Between 8pm and 11pm on Monday the 5th an 80 year old lady received call on her land line. The

caller a male with a heavy accent has advised the owner her credit card had been used fraudulently and that a series of text messages were to follow with codes. The caller (Obviously a scammer) was very well versed in what to say and convinced the lady to quote back those codes to him, advising this was to ensure the fraudsters did not get money and that it would 'reset' her card. Over the course of the next 3 hours several texts were received by the lady with the male ringing to get the codes. The victim went to the bank the next day where the fraud was revealed. A total of \$8932 was fraudulently obtained that night. One transaction included the conversion of \$4,032 into Indian Rupees.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents to contact Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

Please talk to all your friends, especially the elderly (who are targeted frequently) about all kinds of fraud, phone scams and internet scams. The best thing to do is simply hang up and never reply to an email from anyone you don't know.

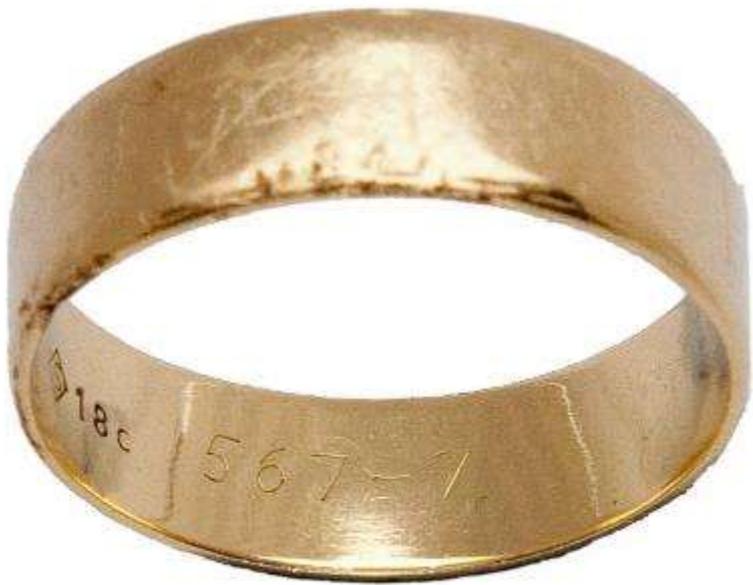
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**7th August:** A man who died when **struck by a train near Redfern** at the weekend is still unidentified and **police are now appealing for public assistance**. Inquiries by police have so far been unable to identify the man, whose body was found on tracks beneath the Cleveland Street overpass shortly before 5am on Sunday (4 August 2013). Photographs of the man's possessions have today been released by police. These include a gold ring, a distinctive cap, a key chain and keys. The man is described as being Caucasian, 40 to 70 years of age, with a thin build, medium-length grey hair and at the time he was wearing a blue/grey-coloured jacket, black pants and black sneakers.

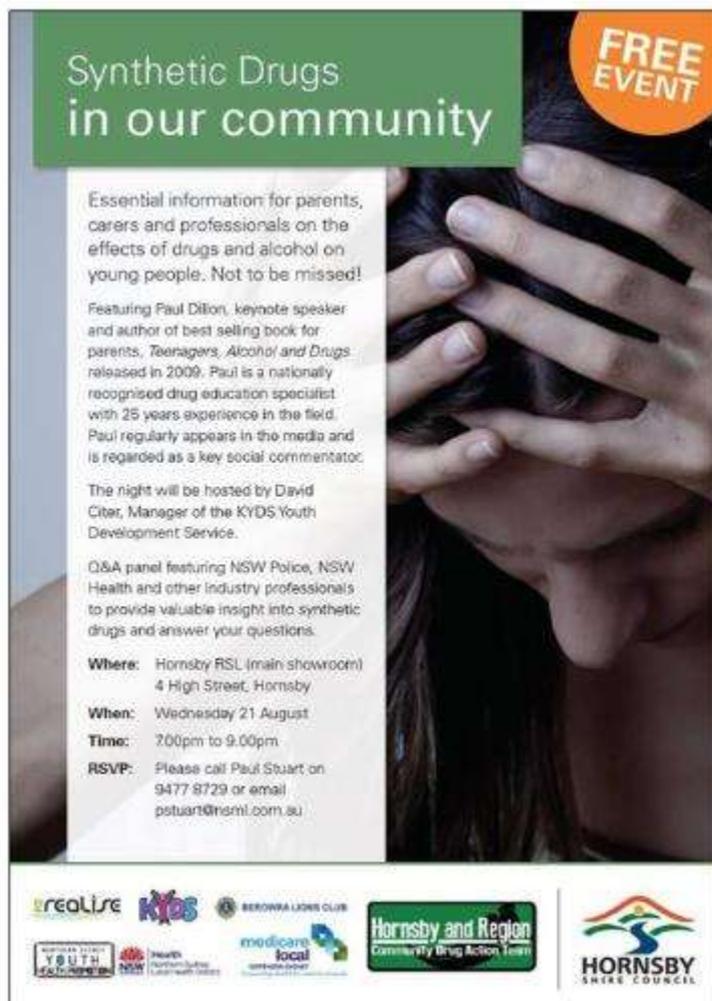
Police are urging anyone with information about these incidents to call Redfern Police on 02 8303 5199 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.





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**7th August:** A Forum is being held about '**Synthetic Drugs in Our Community**' on **Wednesday 21st August 7-9pm at the Hornsby RSL**, arranged by Hornsby Council. It is aimed at Parents, Carers and Professionals. FREE, on a first-come-first-served basis. Please see flyer for details. Tell your friends.



**Synthetic Drugs  
in our community**

**FREE  
EVENT**

Essential information for parents, carers and professionals on the effects of drugs and alcohol on young people. Not to be missed!

Featuring Paul Dillon, keynote speaker and author of best selling book for parents, *Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs* released in 2009. Paul is a nationally recognised drug education specialist with 25 years experience in the field. Paul regularly appears in the media and is regarded as a key social commentator.

The night will be hosted by David Citer, Manager of the KYDS Youth Development Service.

Q&A panel featuring NSW Police, NSW Health and other industry professionals to provide valuable insight into synthetic drugs and answer your questions.

**Where:** Hornsby RSL (main showroom)  
4 High Street, Hornsby

**When:** Wednesday 21 August

**Time:** 7:00pm to 9:00pm

**RSVP:** Please call Paul Stuart on 9477 8729 or email pstuart@neml.com.au







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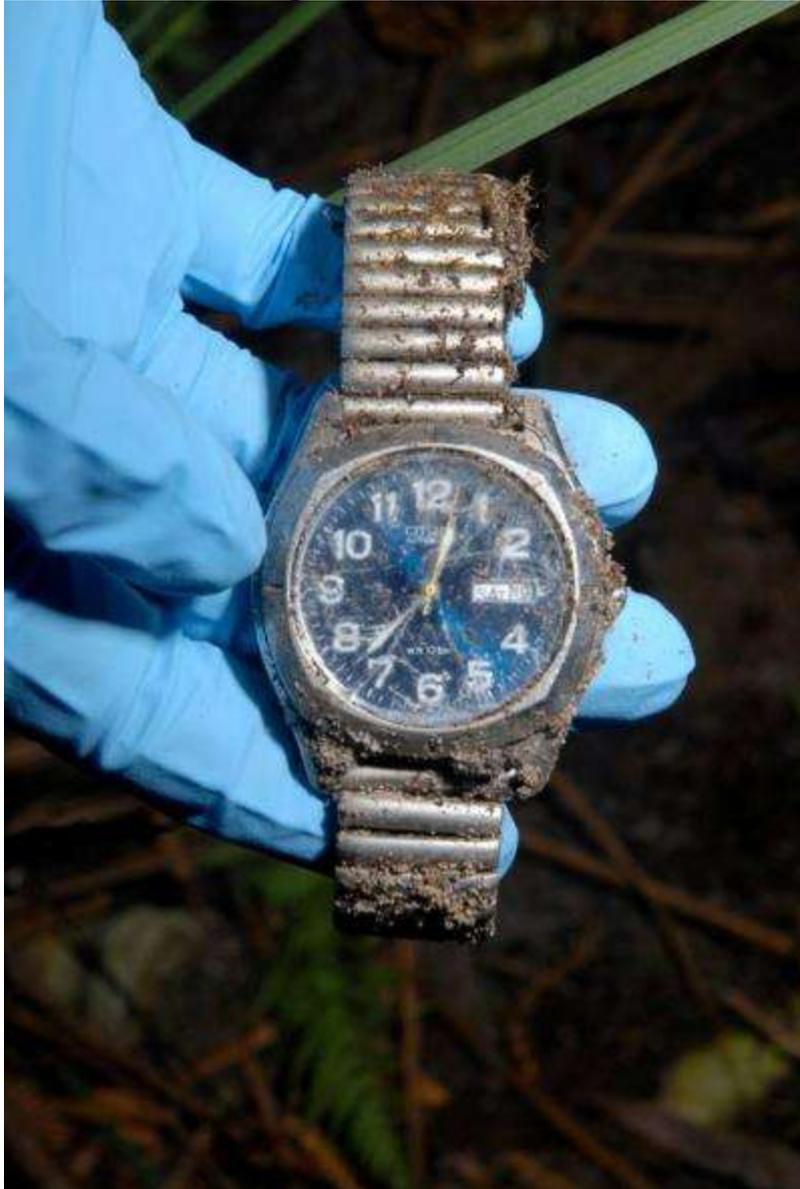
**6th August:** Have you told your mates about this local Police facebook page [www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC](http://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC), with information for the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby communities? 39 more <likes> and we reach the magic 2K! Thanks everyone.

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**6th August: Police investigating the discovery of bones north of Sydney last month have today released new information in the hope of identifying the remains.**

About 3.30pm on Thursday 4 July 2013, a 46-year-old woman and her 13-year-old son were walking along a bush track that runs from the end of William Street, to Sandy Bay at Brooklyn. As they approached an area at the base of a cliff, the pair located a human skeleton. Police from Kuring Gai Local Area Command established a crime scene and the bones were removed for forensic testing. Last month, investigators released an image of a 'Citizen' brand watch found with the skeleton. Further inquiries reveal the watch was available in Australia from February 2008 onwards. Forensic testing of the bones shows they belonged to a male of Caucasian appearance, aged 30-60, and about 177-189cm tall. The man did not have wisdom teeth, and it's also possible he was left-handed, with arthritis in his bones. Kuring Gai Crime Manager, Detective Inspector Ian Mitchell believes this new information might be the key to identifying the remains. "The release of this new information may be crucial in solving this case and providing the next of kin the closure they

deserve,” Det Insp Mitchell said. I am appealing for anyone who believes they have information, no matter how small or insignificant, to come forward,” he said.



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.

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**5th August:** Setting up at Brooklyn as part of **Homeless Week**. We are here with the Kuring gai LAC Police Command Bus providing a bbq and meeting the community.



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### **HOON DRIVERS - REPORT IT TO THE POLICE - CALL 131 444**

Anti-social behaviour and speeding by some drivers on our roads, who cause damage, disturb the peace and threaten the safety of our neighbourhoods, should not be tolerated in our area. There is tough legislation available to our Police to deal with the hooners responsible and stop these incidents from happening. Police often need public assistance to deal with these matters. **Don't put up with it! Call the Police! Report it!** What information do Police need from you? When you 'dob' in a Hoon, the more information you provide, the better. Things to note include:

- Description of driving, for example burn-outs, drag-racing
- Description of the driver
- Date and time of the offence
- Precise location of the offence
- Vehicle details including registration, make, model and colour.

Provision of photographic or video evidence is a powerful tool that can assist Police with their enquiries into hooning complaints, however, if you intend taking these images **please consider your safety and do not put yourself in any danger when taking them.**

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**A reminder from Mt Kuring-gai Rural Fire Brigade:** Picture this.....a house or bush fire occurs in Glenview Rd, Mt Kuring-gai, and the first fire truck on scene is confronted by this when they open up the closest hydrant to access water. Quick & clear access to hydrants is imperative for all fire

agencies in an emergency situation. YOU can play your part.....keep grass & soil clear of any hydrant, and report any leaking hydrant to Sydney Water !



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**Thanks to the Telegraph: FIRE engines will be fitted with "rumbler" sirens that will cause nearby cars to shake - alerting drivers to get out of the way.**

The sirens emit low-frequency sound waves - similar to that of a subwoofer - which can penetrate objects within 60m, including the most sound-proof of modern cars. The vibration will also alert drivers who have not heard the conventional sirens over loud music or a phone call. For more: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/shaking-sirens-vibe-for-drivers-rumbling-the-roads-clear/story-fni0cx12-1226694533667>

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**Why not have a look at the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Inc**

**website?** <http://www.nhwa.com.au/>

**Survey results** are back and reported at: [http://www.nhwa.com.au/images/NHWA\\_Survey\\_Executive\\_Summary\\_March\\_2013.pdf](http://www.nhwa.com.au/images/NHWA_Survey_Executive_Summary_March_2013.pdf)

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#### **WHAT TO DO...**

**If you suspect someone is inside your house**, don't go inside, go to your neighbour's house and call the Police.

**If you see an intruder leaving your home**, make a note of their physical appearance, what sort of vehicle they're driving, including the number plate. Those details will be important when you report the burglary to Police.

**If the burglar has gone**, don't touch anything. Police may be able to gather evidence including any DNA or fingerprint samples. New police technology is catching more criminals faster.

**Report** stolen credit cards and cheques to your bank as soon as possible.

**Check with your neighbours** to see if they noticed anything suspicious.

Contact your insurance company which will ask for your Police 'event number'. An assessor may want to visit and will want full details of what's been taken.

*You know what is and isn't suspicious in your neighbourhood. If you see something odd, report it!*

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**From Dural Rural Fire Brigade:** It has been an exciting time for Dural RFB. Last night two of our fireys James and Luke completed their BAO course and are now qualified operators! They would like to thank their instructors and brigade members for training them the last month. Also last weekend our newest batch of probationary firefighters started their basic Bush firefighter course. We wish them well as they take their first steps in becoming operational members of the NSWRF. Dural RFB



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### **Graffiti Removal Day 20 October 2013**

Graffiti vandalism is a problem across NSW and costs local communities millions of dollars each year. The NSW government is committed to reducing this vandalism by encouraging local communities to get involved in the fight against graffiti. To support this goal, the government has established a state-wide graffiti removal and prevention day known as "Graffiti Removal Day". The aim of the Day is to encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. Graffiti Removal Day is a joint initiative between the NSW government and Rotary Down Under. This year Graffiti Removal Day will take place on Sunday 20 October 2013. To know more about the Day or to get involved, click on the link <http://www.graffitiremovalday.org.au/> or call us on 1300 665 310.

**Nominate a site:** <http://www.graffitiremovalday.org.au/nominate-a-site/>

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### **Scheduled Road Works:**

**Mount Colah, Pac Hwy 100-400m north of Playfair Rd. Tue 6 Aug - Mon 12 Aug (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am)** Advice : Check signage. Reduce speed. Road maintenance work will take place over one night shift, during the week specified. Kerb and gutter replacement will require lane closures. Minor delays and some noise is expected.

**Normanhurst, Pennant Hills Rd between Stuart Ave and Dartford Rd. Fri 2 Aug - Fri 30 Aug (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am)** Both directions affected. Advice: Reduce speed. Exercise caution. Road Maintenance. Four night shifts will be required to complete these works.

**The Berowra Waters ferry will be out of service** on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm, until Tuesday 10th December 2013.

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### **CONDUCT YOUR OWN HOME SECURITY AUDIT - The more 'yes' answers, the harder you make it for burglars!**

Is your house number visible from the street?

Are your trees and shrubs trimmed so it's hard for burglars to hide behind?

Do you have solid core doors?

Do you have locks or deadbolts fitted, or deadlocks fitted?

Do you have security screens on doors and windows?

Does your door have a peephole?

Do your windows have key-locks or security devices?

Does your house have an automatic light timer or sensor lights?

Do you leave lights on when you go out at night?

Are the entrances to your home well lit?

Is your home fitted with an alarm?

Is the garage or shed kept locked?

Are your tools and ladders stored away?

Is the meter box locked?

Are your contents and valuables engraved or marked for easy identification?

Have you recorded the serial numbers?

Do you have window stickers letting burglars know you have an alarm and your property is marked?

Is there a phone or mobile in the bedroom with emergency numbers handy?

Do you have a dog?

Have you joined Neighbourhood Watch?

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**NSW Food Authority has a website with a 'name and shame' register of food penalty notices.** We searched by suburb and found two for Hornsby, one in West Pymble, two for Wahroonga, five for Brooklyn, one for Pennant Hills. <http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/penalty-notices/>

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**From Turramurra Vet Hospital:** RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY IS HERE AGAIN ! ON THE 19TH OF AUGUST AND ALL THAT WEEK WE WILL BE SELLING TASTY CUPCAKES TO HELP THE FIGHT TO STOP ANIMAL ABUSE! PLEASE COME IN AND HAVE A WONDERFUL GUILT FREE TREAT FOR YOUR AFTERNOON TEA. CAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE TOO!



**Video about a major ATM warning, thanks to**

**NineMSN:** <http://aca.ninemsn.com.au/article.aspx?id=8702895>

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Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) with any crime prevention questions you may have and we can share the answers with other residents in the community.

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**Your local Police have a facebook page.** Have you had a look? The page can be accessed without logging in to facebook. Simply click on the link: [www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC](http://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC). This

page is where our volunteers copy and paste the posts from, in order to create the email content above.

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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, family, colleagues and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list at [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

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