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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\*\*](mailto: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.

**From Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade:**

NEW STALL HOLDERS WELCOME



Arcadia  
Public School

# Markets

*Taste, browse, play, shop,  
socialise and more  
at this  
vibrant community event!*

**Saturday 17 NOVEMBER 2012**

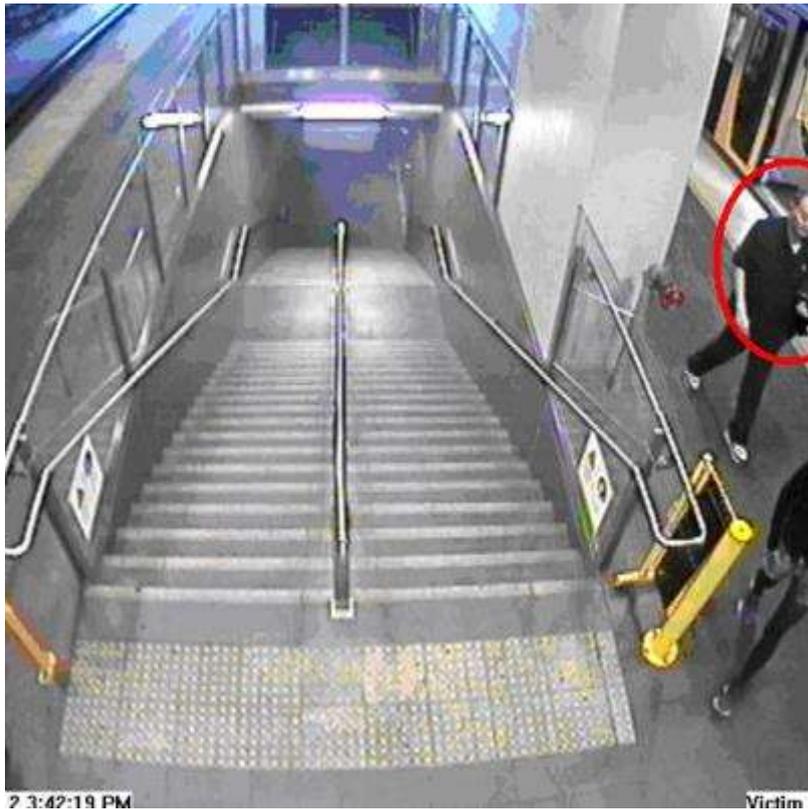
8am - 3pm

*A treasure trove for Christmas shopping*

140 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:  
**[www.arcadiaschool.com.au](http://www.arcadiaschool.com.au)**

From today: Hello All, Chatswood Police need your help to identify and locate this man. On 12th September 2012 this man lost some property at Chatswood Train Station and we would like to return it to him. Any info would be appreciated. Just call Chatswood Police 9414 8499. Thanks again.



**Listen to Triple h Radio tomorrow, Tuesday 13th November, from approx 4:15- 4:45pm to hear your Crime Prevention Officer Snr Con Malcolm Baker and Project *eyewatch* Precinct Coordinator Julia on 100.1FM**



**Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12** held an annual meeting & get-together on **Thursday 8th November**, at **Gordon Bowling Club**: Special guest was **Anthony Krkac of VandalTrak**. 26 people attended. Julia Eagles, Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24 Coordinator said: "Thank you Anthony. Everyone was thoroughly enthusiastic about the subject of graffiti. I think you made an impact on the councillors present an

d we are hoping they took word back to council. We shall see whether the local community registers with you and puts their photo where their mouth is! Good luck with the VandalTrak App launch. I can't wait... "

VandalTrak's website is <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=16adfd9ef6&e=a363be97f2> .

There was so much shared that evening that it is difficult to summarise for you. Needless to say there were plenty of anecdotal stories of 'capture'. Anthony's emphasis was more on the kids than the crime. He spoke of the role VandalTrak plays in helping these offenders. They may not realise it, but these youths are lucky to be stopped before they can move on to worse crimes - graffiti is a 'gateway crime'. Since VandalTrak was started, not one of those caught so far has reoffended. If we all upload photos whenever we see graffiti (and the system points out any duplications) a huge database is created. VandalTrak employs a professional to interpret the tags, who can identify such things as left- and right-handed tags, the angle of the spraycan, the colours and brands, etc. Now we have VandalTrak, the taggers can't get away with it - there is too much information available now to the Police. We will win, both as a community looking after our streets, and as a community setting the youths onto a better path as early as possible, addressing their real problems.

Anthony's message for us? He is encouraging grandparents to take notice of the tag drawings on their grandkids' books, because this is where the kids practise.



Standing: Julia Eagles (NHW

Gordon Area 24 Coord, Project eyewatch Precinct Coord Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC), Bruce Edwards (NHW Gordon Area 12 Coord), Carroll Howe (NHW Gordon Area 3/4 aka Turramurra Coord, Chair Kuring gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC), Project eyewatch Precinct Coord Kuring Gai LAC etc) Sitting: Cllr Christiane Berlioz (St Ives), Kuring Gai LAC Crime Prevention Officer Snr Con Paul Cleary, [Anthony Krkac](#) of VandalTrak.

is wanted on a revocation of parole warrant. Aaron comes from the Northern Beaches area and may be frequenting the suburb of Dee Why. He is described as caucasian, 175cm tall, medium build with brown hair and green eyes. He has a tattoo on his lower left arm reading, "Australian Made".

If sighted or you know of his whereabouts please do not make comment on Facebook and do not approach him. Contact Manly Police on 9976 8099 and or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



**From News.com.au November 12th:** The death of a fisherman at a southeastern Sydney beach could have been avoided if he had been wearing a life jacket, police say.

**The 39-year-old Warrawee man** was swept off rocks at Little Bay on Sunday morning. He had been fishing with two friends when they were hit by a large wave. Despite them trying to hold onto each other, the trio were washed into the ocean and separated. Only one of the three was wearing a life jacket. He was able to clamber back on to the rock ledge and then help another man to safety. The pair tried to help their 39-year-old mate by throwing a rope out to him, but neither could swim, according to Superintendent Gavin Dengate, Eastern Beaches Local Area Commander. The man was eventually washed towards the rocks and was pulled from the water, with the help of a passerby. Emergency services were called, but paramedics could not save the man.

"If you are going to fish from rocks, it is imperative that you are properly equipped and that means wearing a life jacket at all times," said Supt Dengate. "Sadly, I believe this tragedy could have been easily avoided if all present had been wearing these essential items." A report will be prepared for the coroner.

**November 12th;** About 10:15pm Thursday 8 November 2012, police attached to Kuring Gai PTC attended the **Hornsby Rail Yards** in relation to a suspicious male. Police observed a 26 year old male from Ryde exiting the rail yard. Police conducted a search of the male and located 7 cans of spray paint. The male was arrested and charged. The male has strict bail conditions not to possess graffiti implements and not to enter the rail corridor and is set to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 5th of December 2012.

**Carroll Howe, Project eyewatch Precinct Coordinator,** organised a **Project eyewatch Community Training Workshop on Thursday 8th November, held at Hornsby TAFE.** Thank you on behalf of Carroll Howe and everyone at Kuring Gai LAC for Rod Murphy's help with this

Community Training Workshop. We appreciate you coming all the way, especially the same day as receiving your awards. Have actually converted several of the attendees and already seen them on facebook. Thanks to our Commander-Kuring Gai Lac Supt Jeff Phillipi for giving such a warm and complimentary welcome. Thanks to Sue Klajman-Tafe for providing the venue at Hornsby TAFE.



Our Commander, Supt Jeff

Phillipi with Sgt Rod Murphy from the Project eyewatch team.

**November 7th: An update about the 'App' from VandalTrak**, whose founder, Anthony Krkac, was speaker at the Gordon Area 12/24 Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Thursday night:

We are waiting on Apple to approve our app for upload to itunes. This had blown out our release date dramatically. However we are near the end of that tunnel. Today fingers crossed we will be checking with apple to confirm if we have the green light. Our android app will be released at the same time.

We appreciate everyone's patience. It has been frustrating to say the least as we expected to have it released over a month ago.

**November 7th: From Hornsby Shire Council: PROPOSED NO LEFT TURN FROM BEECROFT ROAD**



Hornsby Shire Council is seeking public comment on a proposed “no left turn” to be introduced into Albert Road (east) from Beecroft Road, Beecroft. It would operate during school drop-off and pick-

up hours and is designed to improve traffic conditions in Wongala Crescent during those times. If approved, the work will be carried out by the Roads and Maritime Service, at no cost to Council. An estimated 290 vehicles will need to find an alternate route during the morning period and 20 vehicles in the afternoon. Some motorists may use Chapman Avenue and Hannah Street as an alternative to Albert Road. These streets are constructed to a higher standard and do not have the narrow carriageway that causes traffic congestion in Wongala Crescent. All comments from the public will be forwarded to the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee, which will then make a recommendation to Council.

Those wishing to comment should mark their submission ‘Proposed No Left Turn into Albert Road (East) from Beecroft Road Beecroft – Reference Number F2012/00793’ and address it to:

The General Manager  
 Hornsby Shire Council  
 PO BOX 37  
 HORNSBY NSW 1630

Alternatively, they can email [hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au) .

**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.

**From the Community Table at Westfield Hornsby the previous Saturday:**



Information sheets were available on Project eyewatch, Neighbourhood Watch, The Little Black Book of Scams, the various 20 Tips Crime Prevention series (for Seniors, Retirement Communities,

Tradies, Mailboxes, Car Owners, Businesses, more coming... contact [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) ) Giveaways included colouring-in, Project eyewatch crayons, notebooks & pens, balloons, wristbands, Child Safety books, but the most successful of all - the ink stamp of Constable Charlie on kids' hands! And as Carroll, our Precinct Coordinator for Hornsby, pointed out they never ran out.

**A message from Hornsby Shire Council's road safety officer:**

A recent study by the Centre for Cognitive Brain Imaging found that talking on the phone while driving draws approximately 37 percent of the brain's mental resources away from the

task of driving, even when talking on a hands-free device. Studies have shown that driving while talking on a mobile phone is very different from talking to a passenger. It requires a different thought process and narrows your visual field, making you four times more likely to crash.



**National SES Week, 12-18 November.** This week is National SES Week - the week when we take the time to thank our Nation's SES volunteers for their dedication and commitment. In the past year they have contributed hundreds of thousands of hours to helping communities in need. On Wednesday it's WOW Day - Wear Orange Wednesday. Please wear something orange that day as a way of saying "thanks". [Come down to sign the truck at Hornsby fountain.](#)

**Note for the diary: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch** (Gordon Area 3.4) is meeting **Monday 26th November 8pm at the Turramurra Uniting Church.** More info nearer the date.

**Notes from Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch's November newsletter:** Mt Colah has a distribution of 2700 copies, which this month included the delivery of the NHW/Police/Project **eyewatch** fridge magnet to each household (sponsored by Brad Sullivan of BCS Home Building). If you wish to contact Mt Colah NHW, please email them at [mtcolahnw@hotmail.com](mailto:mtcolahnw@hotmail.com) . As well as the new facebook page, Mt Colah are the only NHW group to have a website:

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

[manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=f629ea6aaa&e=a363be97f2](http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=f629ea6aaa&e=a363be97f2) . Mt

Colah's facebook page is currently beating all others in the Command with 45 likes! This month's newsletter has the feature article by Captain Scott Jones of the Mt Kuring-gai Rural Fire Brigade: *'Dry Winter has Local Fires on Alert'*. Its message - preparation is the key! Download your Bush Fire Survival Plan from <http://facebook.us2.list->

[manage2.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=62b0d0dbd6&e=a363be97f2](http://facebook.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=62b0d0dbd6&e=a363be97f2) .

**From Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 East Killara:** Next meeting **Wednesday 14th November at 7:30pm, at East Killara Uniting Church Meeting Room** (cnr Wentworth &

Fairbairn Avenues access via carpark). Everyone welcome, particularly new residents to the area! Like them on facebook at <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=ddf4f8d208&e=a363be97f2> . Email them on [nhw25.26@gmail.com](mailto:nhw25.26@gmail.com) .

Their latest newsletter includes the request to please contact **Killara High School security on 1300-880-021** if you see anything suspicious at the school. Also mentioned is their purchase of **an ultraviolet pen** which can be borrowed for marking property - contact **Wally Knowles 9498 4736**.

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=21cb620268&e=a363be97f2> is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Look also for Gordon, Mount Colah, eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara, Berowra and other Neighbourhood Watch areas.



The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 12/11/2012:

Incident: Break enter and Steal  
Location: Holford Crescent, Gordon  
Time/Date: Between 9.00am and 12 noon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Between 9.00am and 12 noon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012, unknown person/s have gained entry to numerous residential properties in Holford Crescent, Gordon. Computers and other electrical items were targeted by the offenders.

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Incident: Stealing  
Time/Date: About 11.45pm on Friday the 9th November 2012

Location: Target Store Westfields Hornsby

About 11.45pm on Friday the 9th November 2012, a 38 year old female from a Hornsby address will appear in Hornsby Local court after being issued with a criminal infringement notice. Police will allege she has attempted to conceal a number of items in the back of a pram and covered these items with an enviro bag.

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Incident: Malicious Damage to Schools

Time/Date: Between Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

Location: Schools

Between Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012, a number of schools were victims of malicious damage offences, the schools targeted were Normanhurst, Wahroonga, and Pymble Public along with Galston High School.

Police have stepped up patrols around the school areas and request members of the community to contact police if any suspicious behaviour is observed on school grounds.

"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 :)

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Incident: Driving Offences

Time/Date: 11.45pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Location: F3 Freeway, Cowan cross Emergency phone 447

Driver: 23 year old female from a Hornsby address

Around 11.45pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012 a grey Mazda was travelling north along the F3 at Cowan, driven by a 49 year old female from a Springfield address. During an overtaking manoeuvre the vehicle has collided with a mattress that was laying on the road, the result of an insecure load. The result was extensive front end damage to the vehicle

which required towing from the scene.

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Incident: Road rage

Date: About 7:40am on Friday the 9th November 2012

Location: Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh

The 50 year old male from a Bateau Bay address will appear at Hornsby Local court charged with assaulting a 27 year old male from a Beecroft address.

Police allege an incident occurred on Pennant Hills Road at Thornleigh about 7:40am on Friday the 9th November 2012 an argument over a manner of driving has resulted in the driver of one vehicle assaulting another driver.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: Between 7pm Saturday 10 November and 3.25pm Sunday 11 November 2012

Location: Sheather Avenue, St Ives

Between 7pm Saturday 10 November and 3.25pm Sunday 11 November 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to a shed in the rear yard of a residential premises in Sheather Avenue, St Ives by opening a closed but unlocked shed door. Upon entry the offender/s have stolen a step ladder. At which point the ladder was used in an attempt to gain entry to the premises next door.

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Incident: Possess prohibited weapon

Time/Date: About 1.00pm on Saturday the 10th of November, 2012

Location: K Mart Florence Street, Hornsby

About 1.00pm on Saturday the 10th of November, 2012 a 33 year old male from a Bidwill address has entered K Mart in Florence Street Hornsby. When spoken to by store staff he has produced a box cutting knife. Police have attended and informed the male he was being issued with a criminal infringement notice to appear at Hornsby Local Court charged with

possession of knife in a public place.

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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.

Police are again advising Kuring gai residents with school holidays upon us it is now a good time to remind residents who live near our schools, or are walking or driving past, to be alert to any activity on the schools grounds. This is a time when damage to schools becomes a major issue in the Command. Don't hesitate to call Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 if you see any suspicious activity.

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).

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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