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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 includes the **Hornsby** area also. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: 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.

15th April: Here's **Kuring gai LAC's new command bus out and about in Berowra**. Duty Officer Inspector Hogg and Youth Liaison officer S/C Steff Murray were at the Berowra Shopping centre to meet and greet local residents and shoppers. About 30 people had the opportunity to look inside and ask questions, as well as some kids climbing aboard for a look. The command bus can be used for all sorts of community engagement days, as well as a safe secure command centre for major incidents.

12th April: A 31-year-old man will face court next month after he was allegedly caught drink driving. The man was stopped by police about **2.10am today (Friday 12 April 2013)**, while driving along the **Pacific Highway, Turramurra**. The man was breath tested and returned a positive result. He later returned a reading of 0.189 at Gordon Police Station. He was charged with High Range PCA and will appear in Hornsby Local Court on 9 May 2013. Police are concerned that the message of safe and responsible driving is not getting through to drivers.

12th April, Help support our local heroes in their bid to construct a **new SES and RFS Headquarters!** You can help by purchasing a paver with your name embossed on it, which will be used in construction of the project. <http://bit.ly/10RbBQS>

11th April, Bryson's Dream comes true (photos): These still images recount the 'A Current Affair' special which told the story of how the community came together to help Bryson's family renovate their home.

We would like to thank everyone who was involved with the project and made his dream come true. For the full story please visit: <http://aca.ninemsn.com.au/article/8639481/brysons-dream>

11th April, from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary: Hi all! The school holidays start tomorrow so a few things to remember. School zones are still in operation until after 4pm, Friday the 12th April. Residential areas, parks and ovals still have children during the holidays so please drive within the speed limits and conditions of the day. Slow down in the rain. If you're going away remember about driver fatigue. Rest up and change drivers if you can (use the driver reviver sites). Make sure your car is safe and equipped for the trip. Friday afternoon and night traffic is usually heavy, so plan for this or leave at a later time. Same for coming back home. Check you house and make sure it is secured before leaving. Have a neighbour or friend keep an eye on the home while you're away. Most importantly take the time to actually have a break, let the kids be kids. Share some quality time with family and friends. We all live busy lives, so use the time to recharge yourself.

11th April, Police are investigating a carjacking which occurred in Pennant Hills last night. About 10.40pm (Wednesday 10 April 2013), a 59-year-old woman was seated in a vehicle on Ramsay Road, Pennant Hills. There were four young persons - three males and a female - sitting on a wall adjacent to her car. After two of the males left, the female and one of the other male opened her car's door and dragged her from the car and onto the road. The female appeared to be armed with a box cutter. The male got in the driver's seat through the passenger door and the female got into the front passenger seat before they drove off in the car in a westerly direction on Ramsay Street. The woman received a minor laceration to her finger during the incident however she did not require treatment. The car is a 2006 model Toyota Corolla sedan, silver in colour, with NSW registration AN 17 CS. Police from Eastwood Local Area Command are conducting inquiries into the incident. Anyone who sees the vehicle should contact Triple Zero immediately. 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.

10th April, Operation Javelin III will start next **Monday 15 April and run until Thursday 23 May 2013**. Contrary to the name, we will not be throwing spears. Operation Javelin III targets crime and antisocial behaviour across the NSW public transport network. Everyone has a right to feel safe when travelling on public transport. In this period during morning and afternoon peak hours, you can expect to see an extra number of officers from our [Police Transport Command - NSW Police Force](#) on public transport. Ultimately, it's about keeping you as a commuter safe and preventing crime.

9th April, from our Harbourside LAC neighbours: So you're having a quite day at work, no real jobs on the radio, traffic fairly quite and finally getting on top of the paperwork, and then the elderly lady walks into Mosman Police station and wants to hand in the "hand grenade" she has had sitting in the back of the cupboard for many years.

After the initial heart stopping moment and thoughts of fleeing the building and leaving those behind to their fate, one of the Police on duty happen to be an ex-army bomb disposal officer who noticed that the fuse would appear to have been removed some time ago.....or at least he thinks so..... At this point we have army personnel coming to confirm it's defused and it's currently buried in about 5 foot of sand covered in sandbags. If you can avoid going to Mosman Police Station for the next hour or so probably not a bad idea.

Should this happen to you or you find a suspicious item, there are 3 rules you should abide by: **Don't Touch, Tilt or Tamper with it. Call the Police and leave the immediate area.**

9th April, A **FREE** community fun activity on personal safety and stress management is planned for **10-12noon, Thursday 6th of May in Berowra**. It is being run jointly by Hornsby Police and Hornsby Council. Please view for details: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/all-events/free-events/personal-safety-and-stress-management> Bookings essential. For more information or to book please phone Jian on 9847 6994 or Fiona on 9476 9715 or email: jzhao@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

9th April, from Marine Area Command: Please keep a look out for this stolen vessel. **Between 6.50am and 6.30pm on Thursday 4 April 2013 vessel PH350CN and trailer K68520** were stolen from a **Terry Hills** residential street. At the time of the theft the engine was in need of new rings and pistons and was inoperable.

9th April: Here are the **crime stats for the Kuring gai LAC 4 April to 9 April**. Not a bad weekend. Hope we can keep this going!

8th April: A man has been charged and a large number of firearms seized following a domestic-related incident on Sydney's North Shore.

About 1.30am yesterday (Sunday 7 April 2013), an 18-year-old woman attended North Sydney Police Station to report that she had just been threatened by her former partner. Following inquiries, police attended a home on Huntington Street, Crows Nest, about 10.30am and spoke to a 31-year-old man. Police located and seized 19 firearms and a large amount of ammunition. The firearms were all registered to the 31-year-old. Eight hydroponically-cultivated cannabis plants, and loose cannabis leaf, were also located. The man was arrested and charged with a total of 12 offences. He's been bail refused and will appear at Central Local Court today (Monday 8 April 2013).

2nd April, 2**New laws: On 29 October 2012, the Swimming Pool Amendment Bill 2012** came into force. All pool owners will be required to register their pool on a new state-wide online register from the end of April 2013, and must have completed registration by 28 October 2013. www.dlg.nsw.gov.au topic= backyard swimming pools. Our volunteers haven't found any register as yet...

National Cyber Security Awareness Week – 20 to 24 May 2013. [National Cyber Security Awareness Week](#)

Ku-ring-gai Council 'Festival on the Green', Sunday 5 May, 10am - 4pm at the St Ives Village Green. Please come to the Police stall for all your Crime Prevention questions answered.

Fatal Text - unfinished message found on driver's phone.

This photo provided by the Greeley Police shows the text message University of Northern Colorado student Alexander Heit was typing when his car ran off the road. *Photo: AP* Alexander Heit's final text cut off in mid-sentence. Before he could send it, police say, the 22-year-old University of Northern Colorado student drifted into oncoming traffic, jerked the steering wheel and ran off the road, rolling his car. Mr Heit died shortly after the crash on April 3, but his parents and police are hoping the photo of the mundane text on his iPhone will serve as a stark reminder to drivers.

Australian Law: Under changes to the law that came into effect on November 1 last year, a driver may only use a mobile phone to make or receive a call, or use the audio playing function, if the mobile phone is secured in a fixed mounting, or the mobile phone does not require the driver to touch or manipulate the phone in any way. All other functions, including texting, video messaging, online chatting, reading messages and emailing, are prohibited.

From the NRMA Motoring & Services, AIRBAG RECALL: An airbag recall for a range of vehicles has been announced overnight. A passenger-side airbag inflator, that produces large volumes of gas to inflate an airbag in a crash, has been found to be faulty in some vehicles built from 2000-2004. The component was manufactured by Takata, a supplier to vehicle manufacturers including Toyota, Honda, Nissan and Mazda, some US and possibly some European manufacturers. There have only been 5 instances of the component malfunctioning worldwide and it is not clear yet how many Australian vehicles are affected. See www.recalls.gov.au. If your vehicle is involved, contact your dealer without delay to get the airbag inflator serviced.

From Ku-ring-gai Council: Have you seen Popcorn? This friendly cockatiel flew away from his home at Kimbarra Rd, Pymble on April 9. He has clipped wings so wouldn't have flown very far. Please share and let us know if you have any info.

Shared today on facebook: Chantelle, our Project eyewatch Wahroonga Precinct Coordinator, was amongst those who 'did time' on Saturday 13th April in Hornsby Mall to raise money for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai PCYC.

Also in the photo: Peter Kirkwood PCYC, Cllr David Citer, Snr Con Stef Murray Kuring Gai LAC Youth Liaison Officer.

www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Have you had a look? (The page can be accessed without being logged in to facebook.)
Email NHWGordon@gmail.com with any crime prevention questions you may have that could be shared with the community.

The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 15/04/13:

Incident: Highway patrol operation

Time/Date: Saturday 13th PM.

Place: Pacific highway, Cowan.

Details: Highway patrol officers conducted a motor cycle compliance operation at Cowan on Saturday. This was in response to several reports and community concerns to police about motor cycle rider behaviour while using the length of road to Brooklyn. Police

detected several speeding offences as well as several bikes receiving defects.

Incident: Speeding offence

Time/Date: About 3.35 pm on Saturday the 14th

Place: F3 Freeway Berowra (near the Pacific highway interchange).

Vehicle 1: Mazda Ute.

Driver 1: 18 year old P2 male driver.

Details: The Mazda ute was observed by highway patrol officers and appeared to be travelling over the posted 110 speed limit. The ute was then allegedly detected by Lidar to be travelling at 134 in the 110 speed zone. The ute was stopped and the driver was confirmed as a P2 18 year old male with a 100 km/h speed limit imposed. The male received a ticket for travelling over 30 km/h and had his license suspended by police for 3 months.

Incident: Car crash Person injured.

Time/Date: About 2.10pm on Friday the 12th

Place: Ada Avenue, Wahroonga

Vehicle 1: Honda Civic

Driver 1: 66 year old female

Details: The Honda being driven by a 66 year old female has exited the driveway of Abbotsleigh private school and for unknown reasons the Honda has accelerated across the road and collided with a sandstone wall opposite the driveway. The driver and her passenger were trapped for a short time and finally released. They were taken to the RNSH with the passenger suffering shock and the driver a bleed to the kidneys. Police will wait for the results of blood tests before deciding what if any action is to be taken.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 9 pm and 4.30 pm on Thursday the 11th

Place: Hicks Avenue, Turramurra.

Details: A home in Hicks Avenue was broken into by forcing a lock on a ground floor rear window. At this stage it appears about \$3,000 in cash was taken by person/s unknown.

Incident: Berowra Girl Guides.

Time/Date: Between 9 pm on Thursday the 11th and 9 am on Saturday the 13th

Place: Berowra Girl Guides.

Details: Unknown person/s have used Pink and Black and White spray paint to 'tag' the local Girl Guides building at Berowra. This location is in close proximity to the local skate park and has seen an increase in tagging over the past few months. This latest tagging seems to have coincided with the start of the school holidays ☹️.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm on Friday the 12th

Place: Bouvardia St, Asquith.

Details: A Mazda 3 was parked while the owner was at work. The owner returned about 3 hours later to find the car had been broken into. A \$1,500 laptop was stolen - this had been left on a rear seat.

Incident: Aggravated Break & Enter with intent to steal.

Time/Date: About 9.40 pm on Saturday the 13th

Place: Alma St, Pymble

Person 1: Described as being a Caucasian Male, about 175cm tall, thin build, about 20 years old

with 'shaggy' blonde hair. He was wearing a dark tracksuit top and dark pants.

Details: The female home owner was in her ensuite at this point at the male has entered the ensuite holding a number of the owner's belongings. The male has allegedly said words to the effect of "don't call the cops and I'll give the stuff back and leave. I won't do it again". The female retrieved the items, the male left the house jumping a rear fence and was last seen heading towards Pymble Railway station. The items a laptop, handbag and a mobile have been retrieved and are to be finger printed for the possible identification of the offender.

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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Male rescued from Waratah Walking track Berowra.

About 6am on Friday the 12th a fisherman has commenced walking along the Waratah walking track to go fishing. When about 5 Km in from the Pacific Highway the fisherman heard muffled cries for help coming from a ravine below him. It was at this point a male was seen injured further down the ravine. The injured male a 39 year old had been down there all night and could not get out himself due to his injuries. The fisherman ran the 5 kms back and called Ambulance officers. Police and ambulance officers organised a medical team to be winched in by air ambulance but due to the difficult terrain could not safely land or winch the male out. Fire brigade, Police and Ambulance staff then walked in and found the male soon after. It is believed the male has slid on the track and fallen about 10 metres over a rock wall and into the ravine landing on rocks in a creek bed. The male was stabilized with a second air ambulance being called. After some difficulty the male was winched out with medical staff. Police, Fire brigade and ambulance staff were able to join a nearby water police launch to exit the area. The male is believed to have suffered Spinal and rib fractures, Extensive lacerations and internal bruising. Additionally the male was suffering

exposure and severe loss of body heat due to low overnight temps. The male is currently in RNSH and his condition is not considered life-threatening. Police would like to commend the fisherman who found the injured male and 'ran' for help. It was also a fantastic that all emergency services came together in what would have been a very difficult location to access. We hope the injured male makes a speedy recovery without any long term injuries.

Photos of the rescue can be found on the Kuring gai LAC Facebook page, see link:

<http://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC>

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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