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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. 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.

13th December: "Amendments to NSW Graffiti Control Act cleans off smile from graffiti artists." The main object of these amendments is to make further provision with respect to the punishment of graffiti offences and removal or obliteration of graffiti.

What is a graffiti offence? A graffiti offence is defined as an offence under the Graffiti Act, including:

- damaging or defacing property by means of a graffiti implement (s 4)
- possession of a graffiti implement (s 5)
- affixing bill posters or marking premises by chalk (s 6), and
- sale or supply of paint cans to, or possession of spray cans by, persons under 18 years of age (ss 7, 8A, 8B).

The Young Offender's Act is amended with respect to a graffiti offence as follows:

- police can no longer issue a warning (s 13), give a caution (s 18), or refer a child to a conference administrator for a conference (s 37 & s 38)
- the DPP can no longer refer a child to a conference administrator for a conference (s 40(1)) and
- a court may still issue a caution (s 31(1)(a)) or refer a child to a conference administrator for a conference (s 40(1A)).

Additional penalties – graffiti clean up and driver licence orders A court may:

- instead of imposing a fine, for an offence against section 4 or section 5 of the Graffiti Act, make a community service order directing the person to perform community service work (graffiti clean up conditions) (s13B), and / or
- in addition to imposing a fine, sentence or any other order, make a driver licence order (s 13C(b)).

What is a driver licence order?

- if the person is a holder of a learner or provisional licence – an order extending the person’s learner licence period or provisional licence period for 6 months or less, commencing from the date of expiry of the licence, or
- an order requiring the person not to incur 4 demerit points or more for a period of 6 months or less, commencing on the day the order is made (graffiti licence order period) (s 13C).

A court cannot make a driver licence order if 10 or more demerit points have been recorded against a person during the previous 3 years. In making a driver licence order, the court must explain or cause to be explained:

- the requirements to be complied with by the person under the order, and
- the consequences that may follow if the persons fails to comply with the requirements.

Graffiti cleanup orders

The *Children (Community Service Orders) Act 1987* and the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999* are amended to provide that if a court imposes a community service order (‘CSO’) for a graffiti offence, it must, unless it is not practicable in the circumstances, contain graffiti cleanup conditions. These conditions may require the offender to undertake the following work:

- remove graffiti from buildings, vehicles, vessels and places,
- restore the appearance of buildings, vehicles, vessels and places consequent on

removing graffiti from them.

13th December, from the **Kuring Gai Local Area Command facebook page**: A big thank you to all our friends we now have **1,002 likes**. That's fantastic! Please spread the word, the information on these pages is for all of our community. Paul (our Crime Prevention Officer - ed)

13th December: About 10:30am on Thursday 13th December 2012 a 63 year old female resident of **Cliffview Road, Berowra Hts** was clearing out an old bar cabinet for roadside collection. While doing this she has come across a heavy metal item, and not knowing what it was, believed it may be unsafe. The resident has taken the item into the garden and covered it with leaves then notified police. Police attended and upon speaking with the resident was advised her husband had been a gunner in the Australian army and it was originally his property. Police have evacuated residents from the immediate vicinity and the bomb disposal unit was notified. After photographs were taken and further inspection it was deemed the item was safe. The item being identified as a **50mm 'knee' mortar round**, which was collected, and transported to Hornsby Police station, to be destroyed.

12th December: Police are seeking the assistance of the community in locating **Matthew ALLEN** who is described as 18 years of age, 185 cm tall, medium build weighing around 85 kgs, fair skin, blue eyes, and dark brown hair.



Matthew was last seen wearing rectangular shaped grey / silver framed spectacles, blue jeans, white joggers with blue stripes, black T-shirt with a red back spider motif on the front and back, and a black long sleeved zip up jacket and a straight turned up collar. Matthew ALLEN attended Castle Hill TAFE where he was studying accountancy. He is believed to have frequented the Castle Hill AMF Bowling Centre, the JB Hi-Fi Castle Hill and Castle Hill TAFE. Matthew was known to be frequenting the area each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Matthew has been missing since 27/11/2012 when he left his address in Westleigh however it is possible that he may be frequenting the Castle Hill area. Police have serious concerns on the welfare of Matthew ALLEN and advise persons with any information to contact Hornsby Police Station (02) 9476 9708 or Crime Stoppers ASAP.

12th December: A **53 year old Wahroonga man** was conveyed to Hornsby Hospital with cuts to his hands and possible fractures to his ribs when he has fallen three metres from the roof of his house, landing onto a pile of bricks. The male was **installing Christmas lights** when he has

lost his footing.

12th December: About 11:45pm on Tuesday the 11th of December 2012 a 53 year old male was asleep at his residence in **Gilroy Road, Turramurra**. He was awoken by a **loud explosion** quickly leaving his home to investigate finding two motor vehicles alight. Emergency services were contacted and the male has used a garden hose to put out the fire. Emergency services were quickly on the scene observing the engine compartment of one of the vehicle's destroyed by the fire. The two vehicles were approximately two metres away from each other, making the chance that fire jumped from one vehicle to the other unlikely. Investigations are continuing.

12th December: Between 10:00am on Monday 10th December 2012 and 1:00pm on Tuesday 11th December 2012, unknown person/s have entered a property in **Tennyson Avenue, Turramurra** and removed a side gate on the eastern side of the premises which backs onto a car park. The offenders have then **stolen a ride on mower**, green and yellow in colour, which police believe was loaded onto a vehicle in the car park of the Eastern Road shops. Part of the fence adjoining the gate was damaged as a result of the incident. Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 or ring Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

11th December: Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian today announced extra public transport and new traffic arrangements for people moving to and from the Sydney CBD for Christmas parties, late night shopping and New Year's Eve. "If you are heading into the city during the lead up to Christmas, avoid the congestion, leave your car behind and catch public transport, as there will be plenty of extra services running," Ms Berejiklian said. "Until 24 December, the free CBD shuttle bus will have extended hours until 9pm to move customers around the city at no cost. "There'll also be extra evening and late night bus services to get customers home between now and Christmas Eve, with more than 100 additional Sydney Bus services as well as extra Forest Coach Lines and Hillsbus services." Extra CBD secure taxi ranks are also in place now until New Year's Eve. There'll also be additional taxi compliance patrols to monitor taxis and hire cars. To reduce congestion additional special event clearways are operating between 4pm and 8pm along sections of Elizabeth Street, King Street, Market Street and Bathurst Street and will remain in place until Christmas Eve. The Police motorcycle squad is also doing extra patrols in the CBD during the morning and afternoon peak. Motorists are advised to check signs as vehicles parked in clearways will be towed away and fees will apply. There will also be extra public transport on New Year's Eve so those travelling into the CBD can leave their cars at home.

Visit 131500.com.au and plan your trip using the Trip Planner or call 131 500.

11th December: Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man who is wanted by

virtue of a revocation of parole warrant after absconding from the Newcastle area at the weekend. **Jason Robert Herbert, 40**, was last seen near the Pacific Highway at Hexham shortly after 2am on Saturday (8 December 2012). He had previously served a gaol sentence after being convicted of unlawfully causing grievous bodily harm and armed robbery with a sentence of 15 years. He has been described as being of Caucasian appearance and between 185cm to 190cm tall. He has a medium build, hazel eyes and brown short hair. Jason Herbert is considered to be dangerous and should not be approached. Police believe that he may be heading for Western Australia and have urged anyone with information about his whereabouts to contact triple zero (000) 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.

11th December: REMINDER - Only 2 weeks to Christmas and Police are reminding the community to keep their valuables safe while out shopping. Remember the tips:

- A. keep your handbag firmly under your arm. Remember, a thief will observe how you carry it and will be looking for an easy grab.
- B. always keep a firm hold on your handbag, purse or wallet.
- C. don't get complacent or distracted while shopping.

NEVER leave your handbag, purse or wallet unattended on a counter, in shopping trolleys, on the seat beside you, on public transport, in a coffee shop or food court.

If you are the victim of a 'bag snatch' or stealing and you see the offender call 000 and alert any security at the scene. Always report incidents to Police via the Police Assistance Line – 131444 (non urgent).

Australian airline Jetstar warned its customers about **fake itinerary emails** carrying malware as an attached .zip file. If you receive an unsolicited or suspicious looking email claiming to be an itinerary from Jetstar, do not open the attached file. It contains a known type of Trojan that can compromise your computer. Although Jetstar is the first Australian airline to be targeted, other international airlines have been similarly targeted in recent months. US airlines Delta, American Airlines and US Airways have all previously issued alerts for similar scams. Up to date anti-virus protection should quarantine this malware. If you're suspicious of any email you receive, you can go independently to the airline's website and check your itinerary and flight details.

Jetstar's Facebook post is available at:

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=4096404a34&e=a363be97f2>

SCAMwatch's post is available at:

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=d5eaa128a3&e=a363be97f2>

Stay Smart Online offers useful advice on avoiding scams:

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=8080e401af&e=a363be97f2>

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If you have any doubts about an email's source, verify the sender by independent means - use their official contact details to check the email is legitimate before clicking on links or opening attachments.



Crime Prevention Tip #7 for Businesses: REGISTER ANY CAMERAS ON YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM WITH THE NSW POLICE FORCE CCTV REGISTER (CAM-FIND).

Crime Prevention Tip #8 for Businesses: THE POWER BOARD TO YOUR BUSINESS SHOULD BE HOUSED WITHIN A METAL CABINET LOCKED WITH AN ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY LOCK to restrict tampering with the power supply.

Crime Prevention Tip #9 for Businesses: FORM A 'NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH' WITH ALL BUSINESSES, RETAILERS, COMMERCIAL PREMISES, HOUSEHOLDERS ETC IN YOUR LOCAL AREA. You are the eyes and ears of your community.

Crime Prevention Tip #9 for Businesses: WHEN SETTING THE BURGLAR ALARM, LOOK AROUND AND DOUBLE-CHECK NO ONE CAN SEE THE ENTERED PIN.

Further Crime Prevention tips from the "**Our Favourite 20 Tips**" series can be requested from NHWGordon@gmail.com .

Some helpful hints that you may want to use if you do see a suspect car or a crime occurring;

- If you're in the garden, write the rego number in the dirt.
- Put the rego number into your mobile.
- Use a rock or other hard item and scratch the number on the gutter or on your driveway.
- If you have a pen write the number on your arm;
- Try and note the different licence plate colour and/or type:
- Try to see if it's NSW or Qld etc and describe the colour and/or arrangement of the letters and numbers.

Identity Theft: Did you know you can get a FREE personal annual credit check? Phone Veda Advantage 1300 850 211 or visit <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=5e7d4083c4&e=a363be97f2>

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NB: There's a charge for the alert service, and there's a charge if you need the information immediately. But if you don't need it immediately, it's an interesting exercise to see what's in your file.

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=e70a26e930&e=a363be97f2> is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Look also for Gordon NHW, Mount Colah NHW,

eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara NHW, Berowra and other Neighbourhood Watch areas.



The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 17/12/12:

Incident: Armed robbery
Time/Date: About 4.30am on Thursday the 13th
Place: Thornleigh railway station
Person 1: 22 year old male from Granville
Person 2: 21 year old male from Penrith

Details: The victim a 37 year old male had just parked his car and was on the pedestrian over bridge. He was approached by the 2 males and a 3rd unknown male. The 3rd male has allegedly produced a knife threatening the victim before robbing him. An iphone 4s and his car keys were allegedly taken. The offenders have run to the adjacent commuter car park stealing the victim's car. Police were called and CCTV was viewed. The car was later found partially burnt out in the outer western area of Sydney. The 2 males (above) were later arrested and charged with a total of 6 robbery and car stealing offences each. They were refused bail to attend Gosford Local Court on the 8th of February, 2013. The victim was not injured in the robbery. A 3rd male is yet to be located.

Incident: Shop stealing
Time/Date: About 4pm on Thursday the 13th
Place: ICE, Westfield Hornsby

Details: About 4pm a 15 year old female entered the ICE store, while there she has selected a Black dress and entered the change room. It is alleged the female has taken tags off the dress and placed in her bag before allegedly walking out the store. The female was detained and police called. As a result of this incident the female is to receive a caution at a later date. The dress was returned to the store.

Incident: Stealing offence
Time/Date: About 4 pm on Monday the 10th
Place: Myer within Westfield Hornsby

Details: The victim placed her mobile phone on a counter while in a clothing section. Soon after the victim realised the phone was missing. CCTV shows 2 young males allegedly near the counter at the time of it being stolen. The CCTV shows the 2 young males near an old man. Of note the young males were wearing high school uniforms, this line of inquiry will be pursued by police. The mobile was valued at \$800.

Incident: Graffiti
Time/Date: During the evening of Sunday the 9th
Place: Water Street, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have attended the location a house under development in Water street and using paint have written graffiti tags over various parts of the home, pool, a trailer and a Landcruiser. Damage is estimated to be \$5,000.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle
Time/Date: Between 1 am and am on Saturday the 15th
Place: Kirkpatrick street North Turramurra.

Details: The victim has parked his car and has forgotten to lock it. Unknown person/s have entered the car a Land Rover and stolen a Blackberry mobile valued at \$1,000.

Incident: Steal from dwelling (house).
Time/Date: Between 3 pm on Tuesday the 11th and 8 am On Saturday the 15th
Place: Woodbury street, St Ives.

Details: The victim has apparently left a door open on her home during the above times. Unknown person/s have entered the home and stolen a jewellery box containing an estimated \$20,000 worth of jewellery from a bedroom. There is CCTV footage which shows a female had been hiding in the garden area, then entering the home and running back out. Enquiries are continuing.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 11 pm on Friday the 14th and 8 am on Saturday the 15th.

Place: Curagul road, North Turramurra.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home and stolen a Push bike and mobile phones with a total value of \$6,000.

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.

END

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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