

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 neighbours and friends join our Distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you. 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 (Please note, the detail is no longer timely).
- Local Neighbourhood Watch meetings, relevant tit-bits, Crime Prevention Tips
- We always include the Media Release that our Crime Prevention Officer distributes on a Monday morning, covering a few of the incidents from the week before in our Command.

Good advice has been posted on Cyber Bullying, following an increase in reporting of incidents. <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au>. Cyber Safety Contact Centre ph: 1800 880 176. Kids Help Line ph: 1800 55 1800.



Eyewatch Synopsis as at 15th July 2012:

Over our 95 eyewatch pages, there are now 137,367 fans - an Increase of 4,103 this week. Our Potential Audience - 30,798,897 - friends of our followers. We now have 83,096,215 hits - an increase of 8,445,768 hits this week. Total eyewatch groups as at 15th July = 174. We thank you all for your support for eyewatch - Continues to grow rapidly across New South Wales. Have a great week!

Chief Inspector Josh Maxwell - Manager, Eyewatch.

From the **Mounted Unit NSW Police Force**, an invitation to their **Open Day: Saturday 21st July, 10am-2pm**, "A celebration of NSW Police Force's 150th year will be held at the NSW Mounted Police Force's stables showcasing a variety of units that comprise the latest technologies and innovations. The event is free of charge and all are welcome!

Upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meetings:

Turrumurra (Gordon Area 3 / 4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held **Monday 27 August at 8pm** at the Uniting Church Turrumurra, Turrumurra Ave.

East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held **Wednesday July 25th at 7.30pm** at the East Killara Uniting Church Meeting Room, Cnr Wentworth and Fairbairn Avenues (access via carpark).

Two apps to help you find your mobile smartphone. "If you misplace your phone, Apple's Find My iPhone app will pinpoint its location on a map. What's more, if your phone is buried in the couch cushions, the app will instruct your handset to blast a sound for two minutes at full volume — even if it's set on silent mode. And in the unfortunate event that your phone gets stolen, Find My iPhone can remotely cause the personal data in your phone's storage to self destruct." For Androids, a similar app is Where's my Droid: www.appbrain.com/app/wheres-my-droid Where's My Droid can turn the ringer volume up and make your phone ring. The app can also get the GPS coordinates with a link to Google maps if you're not near enough to your phone to hear the ringer. You have the freedom to track your phone from anywhere, either with a text messaged attention word or with our online Commander.

Our **Crime Prevention Officer Snr Con Malcolm Baker** and a team of volunteers recently visited two Retirement Communities in Turrumurra, to discuss Crime Prevention. Residents from Huon Park and The Cotswolds discussed various scenarios and learnt some useful tips, hopefully to make them feel more secure in their homes. A leaflet, "Our Favourite 20 Crime Prevention Tips for Retirement Communities" is being produced to incorporate the best advice for residents. This will include points made by Malcolm during a 'Home Security Audit' of sample units. The Q&A sessions were lively - thanks to everyone for joining in! A lot of time was given to warnings about various scams doing the rounds. "The Little Black Book of Scams" is available from your Crime Prevention Officer and from <http://www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/tag/littleblackbookofscams/>

Retirement Communities Crime Prevention Tip#4: Lock your doors when inside. Don't unlock and/or open your front door in preparation for a visitor or tradesman.

Retirement Communities Crime Prevention Tip#5: Consider wooden dowelling rod in the tracks of sliding doors & windows for added security.

From NSW Rural Fire Service on Sunday: NSW RFS crews provided initial first aid on a male who fell down a four metre cliff in the Hornsby area just after 6pm this evening. FRNSW, NSW Ambulance & Police are on scene and the patient is being rescued now.

From Westfield Rural Fire Brigade:

Westleigh 1 Bravo was responded this morning to the F3 Freeway to reports of a fuel/oil spill. Upon arrival, Westleigh assisted Roads & Maritime Services, Traffic Emergency Patrol who had already commenced the clean-up. A timely reminder to always drive to road conditions, be aware of changes to road conditions and arrive alive.

On **Saturday 28 July**, we will have crews out on the road conducting **property inspections** for residents who have asked our assistance. Please contact ceo@westleighrfb.org.au if you wish for us to visit yours. Prepare. Act. Survive. Have you prepared your Bush Fire Survival Plan?

From our neighbouring Harbourside Command:

Armed robbery of grocery store – #Mosman

Police are appealing for information following the armed robbery of a grocery store at Mosman last night. About 6pm, Friday 13 July 2012, a woman working in the store on Spit Road was in the process of serving a customer when three males, who had their faces covered by scarves, ran into the shop. The trio, who were armed with spanners and a knife, threatened the woman while making demands to be shown the safe. The 26-year-old woman was then struck to the face before the males stole cash and cigarettes. Several customers walked into the store and disturbed the robbers who ran from the shop across Spit Road towards Bickell Road.

Officers from Harbourside Local Area Command were called to the business where they established a crime scene. Detectives are continuing their investigations into the robbery and are looking for the three males involved in the robbery.

All three males are described as being aged in their 20s and about 178cm tall.

The first male is described as having an olive complexion and wearing a white hooded top, blue shorts, white baseball cap, white joggers and a white scarf.

The second male was wearing a brown hooded top, red shorts, black shoes and a blue scarf while the third male was wearing a light/grey hooded top, long black pants and a black scarf.

Anyone who witnessed the robbery or has information about the identity and whereabouts of the three males is asked to contact North Sydney Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

From our neighbouring North Shore Command:

Cement truck crashes into cars, petrol station and power lines – #Chatswood

Police are investigating a serious collision involving a cement truck at Chatswood this morning. About 10:45am, Saturday 14 July 2012, a fully loaded cement truck was travelling north on the Pacific Highway just past Mowbray Road when it was involved in a collision with a taxi. The truck then mounted the kerb before entering a petrol station where it struck several vehicles and a petrol bowser causing a minor fuel spill. Power lines were also brought down in the collision while a water main was struck and burst. The cement truck remains wedged within the petrol

station. The truck driver and taxi driver were treated at the scene by paramedics and taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with minor injuries. Police and other emergency services remain on scene and investigations into the collision are continuing. Motorists are advised the Pacific Highway remains open, however, they should expect traffic delays and consider alternate routes around the area.

From Careflight on Saturday: A fall from a ladder while making repairs to his roof left a man with critical head injuries at Turramurra in Sydney's north today. The 73-year-old man was found unconscious beside the damaged ladder at the side of the house when his son arrived to visit his parents. After stabilisation the man was taken, under continuing treatment by the CareFlight doctor, in a road ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital where he remained in a critical condition on arrival.

Police would like to remind the community to be mindful when approached by **itinerant traders looking for work around your homes**. These people tend to prey on the elderly in an attempt to perform prepaid work that is usually left incomplete, of a substandard quality and charged at exorbitant prices. These people are generally not trained or licensed to perform maintenance and repair work on homes and may start work with or without the occupiers consent. Con artists can be male or female of any age and may work singly or in pairs. Please beware of anyone approaching you to do any kind of home improvement or repairs that you may not want, need or be able to afford to have done. Under no circumstances allow them into your home, give them any personal information or money.

Police have charged a sailing instructor following an investigation into child grooming on Sydney's north shore. Detectives from Harbourside Local Area Command began an investigation after they were told a man conducted a number of online conversations with a 15-year-old boy via a social networking site. This morning (Wednesday 11 July), investigators arrested a 29-year-old man during the execution of a search warrant.

Police will allege the man, who is a sailing instructor, gave sailing lessons to the teenager. The man, from the north shore, was charged with using a carriage service to procure person under 16; using a carriage service to transmit indecent communication to person under 16 and using a carriage service for child pornography material. He was given strict conditional bail to appear at North Sydney Local Court on 8 August 2012.

www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC 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.





Hornsby Police news, 17/07/12. The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command;

Child abduction case charges laid

Police have arrested and charged a man with child abduction and kidnapping offences over incidents involving two girls on Sydney's North Shore. Strike Force Middural was formed by detectives from State Crime Command's Sex Crimes Squad and Kuring Gai Local Area Command to investigate two incidents involving a six-year-old girl at South Turramurra and a 14-year-old girl at Westleigh. In the first incident, police will allege the six-year-old girl was grabbed by a man as she rode her scooter at the Canon Road Netball Courts, South Turramurra, on the afternoon of Thursday 23 February 2012. Several onlookers came to the girl's assistance and the man fled into nearby bushland.

In the second incident, police will allege the 14-year-old girl was approached by a man as she walked across a footbridge near the Benowie Walking Track and Great Northern Walk, Westleigh, just before 3pm on Thursday 26 April 2012. The man put his hands around the teenager's throat and threatened her with a knife before pushing her backwards towards a side track near the bridge. He continued to threaten the girl before she fell to the ground. As some people walked nearby, the girl managed to run away and raise the alarm.

Following exhaustive inquiries, strike force detectives arrested a 49-year-old man at a Castle Hill house just before 7pm yesterday (Sunday 15 July 2012). He was taken to Castle Hill Police Station for questioning before being charged with:

- Take/detain person with intent to obtain advantage (two counts);
- Take/detain child with intent to remove from parental control; and
- Being armed with intent to commit an indictable offence.

He's been refused bail to appear in Parramatta Local Court today (Monday 16 July 2012). Commander of the Sex Crimes Squad, Detective Superintendent John Kerlatec, praised Strike Force Middural detectives for last night's arrest. "This was an exhaustive investigation by dedicated detectives with a commendable result," Detective Superintendent Kerlatec said. "But I would also like to extend that praise to the community for their assistance with this investigation. "Police made numerous appeals to the public whilst investigating these matters, and I applaud those many people who came forward to assist us with information.

"The eyes and ears of the community are an integral part of investigative policing."

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Time/Date : 9.00pm Saturday 14th July 2012

Place: Berowra Community Hall

Incident: Out of control party

Around 9.00pm on Saturday 14th July 2012, Police shutdown an out of control birthday party at Berowra, Following reports from concerned community members, Officers from Kuring Gai Local Area Command responded immediately and attended the community hall on The Gully Road. Upon arrival at the scene, they discovered around 200 revellers inside and outside the venue. One partygoer made threats towards police before leading them on a foot chase. Additional resources from the Public Order and Riot Squad were brought in to assist local police disperse the large crowd.

A 17-year-old male youth was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station, where he was issued a Criminal Infringement Notice (CIN) for failing to comply with a police direction.

The community centre sustained extensive damage during the event. Investigations by police are continuing.

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Time/Date: Between the hours of 9am and 9 pm on Thursday 12th July 2012

Place: Hornsby Westfield's Shopping Complex and surroundings.

Incident: Shoplifting operation

Details: Between 9.00am and 9.00pm on Thursday, 12th July 2012, police from the Kuring-gai Local Area Command undertook an operation within the Westfield Hornsby Shopping Mall. Which resulted in the following: 2 Arrests, 6 Criminal Infringement Notices, 4 Juvenile Cautions, 1 charge relating to Possession of Drugs, 3 Move On Directions. 10 Person Searches were conducted. One person was charged with Trespass. One person was charged with Stealing. The age of offenders ranged from 15 to 72 years.

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Time/Date: About 1:25pm Thursday the 12th of July 2012

Place: Westfields Hornsby

Incident: Trespass

Person: 15 year old male

Details: On Thursday the 5th of July 2012 a fifteen year old Hornsby youth was issued with a Banning Notice from Westfield's Security Hornsby excluding him from entering any part of Westfield Hornsby from 05/07/2012 until 05/10/2012 inclusive.

About 1:25pm Thursday the 12th of July 2012 the same young person was seen walking in the food court area He was then stopped by police and spoken too, at which point he was placed under arrest and conveyed to Hornsby police station.

A fifteen year old Hornsby youth will appear before Hornsby Children's Court on Thursday 19th July 2012, charged with trespass.

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Time/Date: About 10:30pm Friday the 13th of July 2012

Place: Pacific Highway, Mt Colah

Incident: Drug detection

Person: 25 year old male from a Kanwal address

Details: About 10:30pm Friday the 13th of July 2012 police were patrolling along Pacific Highway, Mt Colah when they stopped a motor vehicle travelling south.

Police conducted a random breath test but could smell cannabis smoke inside the vehicle. A search has located a plastic bag police will allege contains cannabis, also another plastic bag containing a small brown coloured tablet and a small rock of white powder.

A 25 year old male will appear before Hornsby Local Court charged with possess prohibited drug.

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Time/Date: Around 8.15pm Tuesday 10th July 2012

Place: George St at intersection with Pacific Hwy, Hornsby

Incident: Motor vehicle collision involving pedestrian

Pedestrian: 21 year old Hornsby man

Details: About 8pm on Tuesday the 10th of July 2012, the pedestrian, a 21 year old male from a Hornsby address was standing at the corner of George Street and Pacific Highway Hornsby.

As a result of a green light a vehicle has progressed through the intersection at which point the pedestrian has stepped off the kerbside, into the path of the oncoming vehicle. Resulting in the vehicle colliding with the pedestrian throwing him approximately 2 metres into the air and three metres forward. The pedestrian was conveyed to Royal North Shore hospital with a suspected fractured scapula.

Witnesses at the scene allege the pedestrian was seen to be looking down at this phone as he has attempted to cross the road.

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Time/Date: 3.30pm Thursday 12th July 2012

Place: City Beach Retail Store, Westfield's Hornsby

Incident: Steal from Retail store

Details: A 15 year old St Ives male will appear before Hornsby Childrens Court on Wednesday 8th August charged with Stealing.

The youth was in the City Beach store on Thursday 12th July 2012, and has removed a pair of blue cotton, size 12 shorts with a retail value of \$34.99 from the store shelf. The youth has placed the pair of shorts inside his jumper and zipped up the jumper concealing the shorts.

Upon attempting to leave the store the alarm system has activated alerting staff. The youth has been approached and stopped and returned to the store with the staff member. At which point the youth has unzipped his jumper and removed the pair of shorts, and handing them to the staff member

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Time/Date: Around 12.30pm on Monday the 16th of July 2012

Place: A residence in Nithdale Street, Pymble

Incident: Drug detection

Details: On Monday the 16th of July 2012, Police, made application to Hornsby Local Court for a Search Warrant on residential a premises in Nithdale Street, Pymble

As a result around 12.30pm Police attended the location to execute the warrant. No was person home and, police were unable to contact the occupier, police then made entry. Police located a sophisticated Hydroponics Setup within two bedrooms containing up to 60 cannabis plants. There were a number of lights and exhaust fans installed in the rooms and within the roof Cavity. Police also located a large amount of Hydroponics equipment estimated value of the equipment seized to be over \$100,000. All seized items were returned to Hornsby Police station.

Police are following a number of investigative avenues in relation to apprehending the occupiers of the property.

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Time/Date: 12.30am on Saturday 14th July 2012

Place: F3 Freeway, Wahroonga

Incident: Drive under the influence

Details: About 12:28am Saturday 14th July 2012, a year old male was stopped upon the F3 Freeway, Wahroonga for the purpose of a random breath / drug test.

The male was submitted to an oral fluid test, which gave a positive indication to an illicit substance. The male was placed under arrest for the purpose of a secondary oral fluid test and taken to a nearby Drug testing truck.

The male was issued a 24 hour Notice of Prohibition from driving, the blood sample provided was subsequently analysed.

The male was notified of the result and subsequently charged with Drive with illicit drug present in oral fluid, blood, urine.

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Cyber bullying

Recently police have been recording an increasing number of reported incidents of Cyber bullying. This has resulted in inquiries from members of the public, requesting advice on how to protect themselves, or their children from cyber bullying. Police advise by following these basic steps the chances of becoming a victim are dramatically reduced.

Check the settings on your social networking page, change it so only those you know and trust can see anything about you. Check it regularly as the settings may be changed by the Host site. Be aware that even though your settings may be secure, your friends' settings may not be the same which can leave you vulnerable.

Review the profile you have placed on line, how much does it reveal about you. Are you happy for everyone to know all this about you?

Don't put your photo, contact details or your current school on your profile. If you need to, give these details out to people you know and trust. What you place on the internet is no longer private and is no longer under your control. Others may use it for any purpose they wish.

Think before you hit the 'send' button. Once you have hit the send button, all of your information is available for many to see. Depending on the material, this may be humiliating, causing embarrassment for you and your family.

Most cyber bullying messages are taunting and insulting. While these messages can cause a significant amount of stress and anxiety for the victims and parents, the actions rarely amount to a criminal offence. If you are being bullied online or by mobile phone:

- a. Tell your parents
- b. Tell your school
- c. Tell your site (Facebook, twitter, etc)
- d. Tell the police if it escalates to threats of violence.

The following sites offer further information and advice on these issues:

www.cybersmart.gov.au

www.thinkuknow.org.au

Or search for "NSW education cyber bullying".

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.

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