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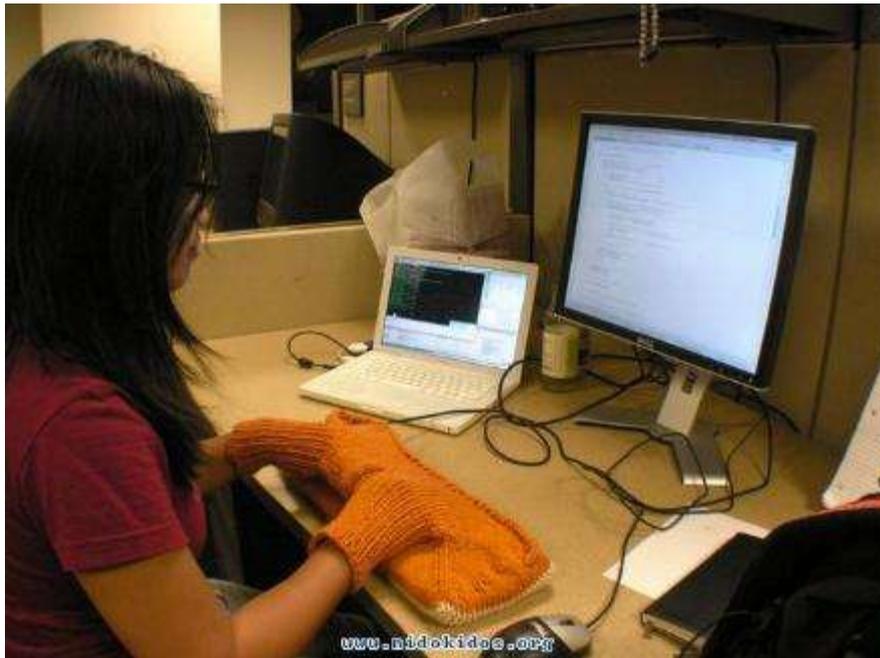


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This weekly update includes:

- **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.

**PROTECT YOUR PASSWORD!**



**From Oct 19th, The Telegraph:** AN ELDERLY woman has died in Sydney following a three vehicle accident when a Rural Fire Service truck was leaving the F3 scene of a major 18-car crash. The deceased was found on the road by emergency services following a crash on the F3 at Berowra near Sydney's northern suburbs where two cars collided with an RFS truck about 10.30pm. The Kariong-based truck was part of the cleanup where 18 cars were damaged when a semi-trailer car carrier lost its tail shaft two kilometres south of the Hawkesbury River Bridge nearby at about 9.15pm. Police said the RFS truck was performing a U-turn on the freeway when a Toyota Corolla and a Mazda 3 crashed into it about 10.30pm. The 64-year-old female passenger of the Toyota was ejected from the vehicle before being run over by the other car. It is believed she was killed instantly.

The 76-year-old driver of the Toyota Corolla was cut free from the wreckage and taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment of head, internal and suspected spinal injuries. He's believed to be in a critical condition this morning. The 33-year-old male driver of the RFS truck was taken to Hornsby Hospital. The 24-year-old female driver of a Mazda 3 was also taken to Hornsby Hospital suffering relatively minor injuries.

All three motorists will undergo mandatory blood and urine tests.

**St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch** next meeting: **Tonight, Tuesday 23rd November** at **8pm** at **St Ives North Public School**, Memorial Ave, St Ives.

**From 20th Oct & 19th Oct, NSW Fire Media:**

#NSWRFS have 146 Volunteers on the ground and 7 water bombing aircraft working on the #NSWRFS burn at the Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Nat' Park. Falling temps helping firefighters.

#NSWRFS have Hazard reduction operations currently underway in Mt Colah, #smoke is visible in the #Hornsby area. Please only call '000' if you see a fire without fire trucks on scene.

Have you prepared your Bush Fire Survival Plan? PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

Thanks to Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate for these two heads up:

Just found out the **F3 will be shut down at Berowra on Sunday October 28** for a "contra-flow exercise". Northbound traffic will be transferred to the southbound carriageway. The road will be shut from 5.30am until 7am while the contra-flow is set up, then from 7-8 there'll be a 40km/h limit and we all get to drive on the opposi...

te side of the highway - then the road is closed for another hour while it all gets packed up. Expect delays.

**Night work on the Pacific Highway** this week. On Thursday there will be work at Wahroonga between P-H Rd and Carden Ave. On Friday there will be new surfacing and line markings done near Edgeworth David Ave at Hornsby. On Monday Pymble gets the same treatment between Post Office Ln and Warrangi St. All work between 8pm and 5am.

#### **From Oct 17th, NSW Fair Trading:**

NSW Fair Trading Minister Anthony Roberts has alerted the public to an urgent safety recall of novelty cigarette lighters that pose a risk to young children. The novelty lighters resemble toys and come in the shape of a turtle, duck, Santa Claus, handbag, ice cream cone, snowman, pig, racing car and skateboard. "The design of these lighters makes them very appealing to children under the age of five who could mistake them for toys and suffer serious burns as a result," Mr Roberts said. "Any consumer in possession of these lighters should return them to the place of purchase to receive a full refund," Mr Roberts said.



Woman charged with high-range PCA - **Turrumurra Wednesday, 17 October 2012 08:49:04 PM** A woman has been charged with high-range drink-driving after being stopped by police on

Sydney's Upper North Shore.

Police from Kuring Gai Local Area Command were called to Turramurra about 4pm today (Wednesday 17 October 2012), following concerns about a female driver. Officers stopped a silver Mazda 3 on Leaura Crescent and spoke to a 41-year-old woman. The woman, who had her 10-year-old son with her in the car, was arrested after allegedly failing a roadside breath test. She was taken to Hornsby Police Station where she returned an alleged breath analysis reading of 0.249. The Turramurra woman was charged with high range PCA and bailed to appear at Hornsby Local Court on 15 November 2012.

**From our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary:** Hi all, I know this information was only sent out a month ago but Hornsby police find the need to resend it. (Sorry, images not great - email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) if you want originals.)

There has been an increase in the number of stealings from cars both utes (tradesmans tools) and passenger cars (wallets, phones, laptops etc). If it can be seen it increases the risk of being stolen. Remove all property from your car when you are not in it.

Also REMOTE CONTROLS for garage doors etc please REMOVE them from your cars whenever you are away from it. Hornsby police have taken reports of homes being the subject of break ins by person/s using remote controls left in owners cars over night. The cars were parked outside the home in the driveway with the remote control to the garage inside. If the car is broken into and the remote is there the crooks know what it does. Just like leaving a front door key there, all too easy.

Lastly a few of my contacts have sent through information on SCAMS they have received sometimes by email, sometimes by phone. Example -

A caller purportedly from Windows security may say you have a security issue with your computer and ask you to log on and grant them access to fix your computer. DO NOT under any circumstances follow their request. In all likelihood it is a scam to give the caller access to your computer and all your info (ID, Bank details, passwords, contacts etc).

Same goes for an unsolicited email asking you to 'follow or click on a link'. NEVER, repeat NEVER, click on a link requested from an email.

A bank will NEVER ask you to click a link to 'update or reset' your password. Also never call a number that (they) have given you to call. If you have any doubts about whether or not your bank

details have been compromised, call the bank yourself by the number YOU look up. That way you know you are talking to the correct people. ALWAYS manually type in the bank web address yourself.

If you think your computer has been infected with a virus etc. Call a trusted friend or relative or contact a local professional business (registered business) to check. Time to get your virus protection updated.

## Keeping Your Valuables Safe...

**DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE IN YOUR CAR**

🚗 Avoid leaving your car in an area which appears unsafe.

🚗 Engraving small items such as CD's, can also aid in identification at pawn shops.

🚗 If you have a car alarm make sure it is activated.

🚗 Use existing door locks - a number of vehicles are not locked when parked.

🚗 Remove ANYTHING of value from your car and take it with you.



🚗 Many reports of theft have included items such as wallets, handbags and laptops left on seats of cars.

🚗 If you have a car alarm make sure it is activated.

🚗 Car stereos, GPS, CD players and CD's are increasingly stolen from vehicles and sold in pawn shops. Only keep copies of CD's in your car and keep the originals at home.

🚗 Installing a steering lock, engine immobiliser, fuel switch or alarm system can be deterrents against thieves.



🚗 Parking in well lit, well designed carpark will also improve your vehicle's security.

🚗 Keep the interior of your vehicle clean and free from dust and dirt. This helps in the fingerprinting process to help identify offenders should a theft occur.

🚗 We can all do our part to protect our property against theft.

See Something, Hear Something, Say Something.

**Crime Stoppers**

**1800333000**

# ***Park Smarter***

Thieves are at work! If they're not after your vehicle, then you can bet they're after any valuables you've left inside. In this local area, thieves are stealing laptops, cash from consoles, mobile phones, sunglasses, CDs, wallets and handbags left in vehicles.

You can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of theft by parking smarter. You should always:

- Remove the ignition keys and lock your doors and windows
- Take everything of value from your vehicle each time you leave it
- Avoid parking in dimly lit or isolated areas
- Remove any documents in your vehicle which identify where you live – your home might be the thieves' next target
- Don't hide any spare keys inside or under your vehicle – thieves know just where to look
- Engrave or mark your vehicle's accessories with your licence number.

Remember, security is important all of the time. Protect your property by following these tips and contact your local police or Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000. (TTY 9211 3776 for speech and hearing impaired)



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### TIPS FOR VEHICLE SECURITY

1. **Visible belongings are a risk.** Always take personal belongings with you when you leave your vehicle.
2. **Install a high quality electronic alarm.** A high quality, audible car alarm is a good deterrent to theft. Make sure you activate it every time you park, even if it's just for a few minutes.
3. **Lock up everytime.** Always lock doors, close windows and your sunroof every time you leave your car.
4. **Never leave your keys in the ignition.** Even if you leave your car for a minute or two, never leave your keys in the ignition. Your car can be stolen in an instant.
5. **Install an engine immobiliser.** Installing an engine immobiliser is one of the best safeguards against opportunistic vehicle theft. (Immobilisers should meet Australian Standard 4601-1999).
6. **Park wisely.** Park in well lit areas at night. Try to avoid parking in quiet back streets where there are few passers-by.
7. **Steering wheel locks are a deterrent.** While the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) recommends immobilisers as an effective vehicle theft deterrent, high quality steering wheel locks can also deter car theft. The NMVTRC suggests that, due to the time taken to fit a wheel lock, they are often neglected and left on the floor of the vehicle. If relying on a wheel lock to deter vehicle theft, you must fit the lock to the steering wheel every time you park your car.
8. **Lock up your bike.** Lock your motor bike, scooter or bicycle with a high quality lock, to something secure such as rails or ground anchors, every time you leave it unattended.

### FIVE FAST FACTS

1. On average 1 in 70 Australian households had a vehicle stolen in the last 12 months.\*
2. The majority of stolen vehicles are more than 10 years old.\*\*
3. 54% of car theft victims admit they could have done more to prevent the theft.\*\*\*
4. 41% of victims of steal from motor vehicle crime admitted item/s stolen from their vehicles were visible from the street.\*\*
5. Most motor vehicle thefts are a crime of opportunity.\*\*

\* National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) (2005) \*\* NMVTRC 2005 \*\*\* ANI Motor Vehicle Security Index 2005

### SAFEGUARD YOUR KEYS

Keeping your keys safe and secure will prevent vehicle theft.

- **Don't make your keys an easy target.** Never leave your keys on your desk at work or in easily accessible places like in your bag or on a table. Don't leave your keys in an obvious place at home.
- **Don't hide spare keys on your vehicle.** Never hide spare keys on your vehicle, even if they are not visible. Thieves know where to look.
- **Never label your keys with your home address or vehicle registration.**

**From Oct 15th, The Telegraph:** A TODDLER has been rescued after being locked inside a car for 90 minutes. The little girl was found crying in the backseat of a car in a carpark at the Belrose Shopping Centre, just before midday. It took emergency crews more than an hour to free the little girl, who was dehydrated. The child did not require hospital treatment, however, paramedics said if the carpark wasn't underground, the result could have been a lot more serious. The father of the child is currently assisting police with enquiries.

**Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 annual meeting & get-together**, Thursday 8th November, 7pm at Gordon Bowling Club. We are lucky to get as our special guest **Anthony Krkac of VandalTrak**. Anthony set up VandalTrak to create a database of all the graffiti tags in the neighbourhood. This has been so successful that he now works closely with Quakers Hill Police identifying offenders across all NSW, including the Kuring Gai and Hornsby areas. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** Even if you don't reside in the Gordon NHW area, please feel welcome to come along, so that you can take advantage of this opportunity.

Neighbourhood Watch community table at Westfield Hornsby Shopping Mall, Saturday 3rd November. Come along and see how Neighbourhood Watch is being reinvigorated in the Ku-

ring-gai and Hornsby areas. Browse the new literature available from the "Our Favourite 20 Tips..." series. Have a look at a demo of 'Project eyewatch', showing your local Police's facebook page and how you can join in with the Police online in a secure environment. Ask advice on Crime Prevention issues, facebook privacy settings, book a 'security audit' with one of our Crime Prevention Officers, who will take time out to assist us on the day, or pick up the latest copy of the 'Little Black Book of Scams'.

For those of you in the Neighbourhood Watch Community - please would you be able to assist on the stall for an hour or two on the day? Thanks, Julia.

**From Ku-ring-gai Council:** Safely dispose of your unwanted household chemicals at our free chemical collection weekend on 17 and 18 November at St Ives Showground! Check out what materials will be accepted here: <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=10736ec39e&e=a363be97f2>

### **From Blue Mountains Police: Protecting Your Smart Devices !**

NSWPF are seeing an increase in the reporting of thefts of smart phones and I-pads/tablets. On many occasions the owners have not enabled any tracking applications.

These tracking applications are freely obtainable from your regular app supplier whether that is for Apple or Android products.

A simple search through your favourite inte...

net search engine will be able to provide you with many suitable sites. Police are encouraging the owners of these products to ensure that they take every opportunity to enable any tracking apps, so that, in the unfortunate circumstances that your smart phone/Ipad/tablet is stolen or lost you have the ability to track it.

Please do not take matter into your own hands. If you have tracked your device, immediately contact the police, let the Police do the inquiries.

**Business or residential 'Security Audit':** Contact Snr Con Malcolm Baker, Crime Prevention Officer, on 9476 9723 if you would like a FREE Security Audit giving advice on the safety of your home or business.

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=b2f991f654&e=a363be97f2> 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.



The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 22/10/12:

Incident: Drive while suspended  
Time/date: About 4.15pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012  
Location: Pacific Hwy, Hornsby

About 4:15pm on the 21st October 2012 police stopped a white motor vehicle after it made a left turn from Coronation Street into Pacific Hwy. Police questioned the driver and will allege it was being driven by a driver who had a NSW learner's driver's licence, which was endorsed as suspended.

A twenty two year old male from a Westleigh address will appear at Hornsby local court.

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Incident: Break and Enter  
Time/date: Around 4.30pm on Tuesday 16 October 2012  
Location: Residence in Alice St, Turramurra

Male offender: Described as Caucasian with Olive skin, in his mid 20's, 5'8" tall, short dark hair, slim build, wearing a white T-shirt and dark shorts

At 4.30pm Tuesday 16 October 2012 a 13 year old female has returned home in Alice St Turramurra from school. Upon returning home she has sighted a male at the rear of the house. He was standing at the open rear door to the premises, The male was then seem to jump from the deck and flee over the rear fence.

Police attended and patrolled the area without result. Investigation showed the rear bedroom door and been jemmied how ever nothing was taken as it is believed the male offender was disturbed upon entering the premises.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal  
Time/date: Between 17:00 and 18:30 on Tuesday 16 October 2012  
Location: Residence in Malsbury Road, Normanhurst

Between 17:00 and 18:30 on Tuesday 16 October 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to the front ground floor door of a granny flat located at the rear of a residence in Malsbury Road, Normanhurst. Once inside offender/s have stolen a set of keys containing keys to four vehicles, house keys to the main property and house keys to a granny flat. It is believed the residents were home at the time of the incident

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Incident: Malicious damage on school grounds  
Time/date: Between 15:00 on Friday 21 September 2012 and 14:00 on Thursday 27 September 2012  
Location: Normanhurst Public School

Between 15:00 on Friday 21 September 2012 and 14:00 on Thursday 27 September 2012 unknown person/s have smashed 5 windows in 2 demountable rooms at Normanhurst Public school.

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Incident: Drug Detection  
Time/date: 4:10pm, Sunday 21 October 2012  
Location: Bridge Road, Hornsby

A 40 year old female from a Hornsby address was issued a future court attendance notice to appear at Hornsby Local court charged with possess prohibited drug. Police will allege at about 4.10pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012 a vehicle the female was in was stopped and searched. Police have located an amount of green vegetable matter police will allege is Cannabis. The female was arrested.

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Incident: Retail theft  
Time/date: 11:15am on Saturday 20th October 2012  
Location: Retail store on Grandview St, Pymble

About 11:15am on Sat 20th Oct 2012 at a retail store in Grand View Street, Pymble the owner has walked to the front of the store as a result of hearing the front door bell. He observed two

males at the front counter, one male allegedly had his hand in the cash drawer located behind the counter, on seeing the owner the two males have run from the location, with one of the males yelling sorry as he ran away with the other male. They have stolen around \$70 from the register.

The males are described as between 17 and 22 years of age one was Caucasian with fair hair. The other had olive skin, dark hair, wearing a blue hat, blue shorts and a white T-shirt.

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Incident: Steal from Motor Vehicle

Time/date: Between 21:30 on Wednesday 17 October 2012 and 08:00 on Thursday 18 October 2012

Location: Beryl Avenue, Mt Colah

Between 21:30 on Wednesday 17 October 2012 and 08:00 on Thursday 18 October 2012 a black four wheel drive was parked and locked on Beryl Avenue, Mt Colah. The rear window has been smashed and unknown offenders have rummaged through the vehicle searching for property. Numerous items were stolen including a portable tape/CD player, mobile phone charger, some coins, a boat key, head torch and 2 pairs of sunglasses.

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Incident: Steal from dwelling

Time/date: Between Mon 30<sup>th</sup> July and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Location: Residence in Bobbin Head Road, Turramurra

Between Monday 30 July 2012 and Wednesday 10 October 2012. Person/s unknown have stolen a mobile phone from its box located on the bookshelf in the study at a residence in Bobbin Head Road, Turramurra. The resident of the premises stated that during the incident time frame the house had been on sale and subject to several open inspections. The premises have since been sold and the owner vacated the house. The victim did not realise the mobile phone had been stolen until he went to use the phone and found it gone.

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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.

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).

"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 :)

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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