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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 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.**

Chief Inspector Josh Maxwell and the Project **eyewatch** team came on Friday, August 24th to the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers and helped Ku-ring-gai with a '**Project eyewatch Community Training Workshop**'. Very informative, very interesting, thank you. We were also treated to a short presentation by Anthony Krkac from VandalTrak, the graffiti management system.

Posted: Thankyou to our Mayor for supporting Friday's Project eyewatch Community Training Workshop at the Ku-ring-gai council chambers. Great speech, showing how Jennifer understands the relationship between the community and the Police when it comes to Crime Prevention, and how social media can help that communication! All those involved appreciated Jennifer giving her time and support. Let's hope she has <like>ed her local Kuring Gai LAC Police facebook page.



August 22nd: Fair Trading Minister Anthony Roberts tonight said the NSW Government's taskforce tracking travelling conmen had a family group in its sights and was warning the public to protect themselves. Mr Roberts said at least seven members of the Warrilow extended family were of interest to NSW Fair Trading. "A number of members of this family group are currently before NSW courts," he said. "I have instructed the Fair Trading travelling conmen taskforce to continue working closely with NSW police on this and other conmen investigations. Seven members of the extended Warrilow family are of interest to Fair Trading:

- Darren Peter Warrilow (also known as Ian Walter Grierson)
- Matthew Addison (son of Darren Peter Warrilow)
- Jason Mathew Robinson (cousin of Matthew Addison)
- Darren Henry Warrilow (son of Darren Peter Warrilow)
- Tammy Marie Warrilow
- Rovalee Carbonel Penelope, and
- Thomas Charles Warrilow (nephew of Darren Peter Warrilow).

From Wahroonga eyewatch:

Can you pick the con man?

They all could be. You can't tell if someone is dodgy just by the way they look. Be wary of people who turn up at your door unexpectedly with 'special' deals on equipment or work around your property.

Jobs such as painting, roof repairs and sealing driveways are common tasks they offer at a cheap rate.

Travelling con men move from place-to-place, often in well organised groups and put pressure on residents to have work done on their house. They ask for cash up front and often take the money and run, leaving the job unfinished or poorly done.



What should I look out for?

You can't tell if they are dodgy just by the way they look. Be suspicious of people who:

- offer cheap deals 'for today only'
- ask for cash up front
- offer to drive you to the bank to get money for payment
- make you feel pressured to accept their offer
- disappear and leave the job unfinished or of poor standard.

What if a con man calls on me?

This is what you should do:

- don't open the door if you are unsure who the caller is
- say no
- record as much information as you can, such as their name and vehicle registration
- report them to NSW Fair Trading by calling 13 32 20
- warn your friends, family and neighbours.

Protect yourself

Don't be tempted by unexpected cheap deals - they may be much more expensive in the long run. If you decide you need to get work done on your house, you should:

- shop around for the quote that is right for you
- only use licensed tradespeople who provide written quotes
- don't sign any agreement until you are ready
- ask for contact details of previous clients for references.

Computer Passwords:

Use strong passwords and use different passwords for different uses. For example, a strong secure password for banking, different to the everyday easier-to-remember password used for your Ku-ring-gai Library ticket.

Strong means a mixture of upper and lower case letters, numbers and special characters.

Passwords are often difficult to remember, especially as we get older. If you must write them down somewhere, consider typing them into an encryption device such as the free Steganos LockNote, or the KeePass Password Safe.

Some people like to use songs as a memory aid - using the first letter of each word in a favourite song. eg 'Mary had a little lamb...' would become MHALLWFWWAS.

If you have a special word that you use, consider using capitals and changing the i's to 1's, e's to 3's, o's to zeros, s's to 5's and vice versa and so on, to make the password more complicated. eg 'favourite' would become 'Fav0ur1t3'.

If you would like to change your password more often, consider adding the month to the password. eg 'enterprise' would become 'enterpriseaugust', or 'enterprise8', or even better would be '3nt3rpr1s3augu5t'.

Even a simple password can be lengthened if need be by doubling it.

Do change passwords regularly please.

Do remember to have a strong password on your computer at home.

Do remember to have a strong password on any family history documents, websites or resumes,

to reduce the chances of identity theft.

Always untick the <remember login> option for passwords as you enter sites on the Internet.

East Wahroonga Neighbourhood Watch, had a wonderful Community Fair on Sunday! Well done Rohit Ralli for excellent organisation and for pulling it off in such a short time frame. Rohit was on the cover of the Advocate last week, telling his story of how this fair was as a response to several break-ins in the East Wahroonga area.



Thanks must go to:

Ku-Ring-Gai Youth Development Service (KYDS), Project **eyewatch**, Kuring Gai LAC and Highway Patrol, Century 21 Cordeau Marshall, **AMDG Photography**, the Bush School, GDM Electrical, East Wahroonga Pharmacy, Ku-ring-gai SES, NSW Fire & Rescue, the Hon Barry O'Farrell, Paul Fletcher, our Mayor Jennifer Anderson, Neighbourhood Watch, Jane Hart Trio, Tom the greengrocer. Thank you to all the volunteers. It was a great community day!

From our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary:

Tips for Carers #2: If you are caring for someone and leave the home, please don't leave a message in a visible place, such as a note in the door jamb, ready for the next carer's attention. Anything obvious like that leaves the client at risk. It would be better to leave the note in the letterbox, or work out a non-recognisable clue system, such as a pair of orange shoes left outside the door (!)

August 22nd: Safety tip of the week - **Always put the paint in the boot!** The people in the blue car had a 25-litre bucket of paint on the back seat... Although funny its clear example of

how an unsecured item in the back seat can cause so much damage/possible injury when involved in an MVA.



From Stan: 'The Circle of Safety'

WVK SAFETY FLASH 18 May 2012

Look around your vehicle before leaving your driveway/parking area

All,
Please see this young child in the wheel well of the truck. A crew working for another Utility Company found this child while conducting a CIRCLE OF SAFETY of the company truck the crew members were driving.
I don't want to think about what would have happened if the employee had gotten in the truck and drove off without doing a walk around. Please share this eye opening, bone chilling photo and experience with your work groups.



Just another reason for us to do the vehicle **CIRCLE OF SAFETY** before driving off in our vehicles.



Be safe at work and at home!!!

From St Ives E-Watch#1: A typical scam e-mail doing the rounds at the moment;

Dear E-mail Owner

This is e-mail generator notification system, You have exceeded your mail storage limit, We are temporarily blocking you access to your account.

Because you have reached your daily limit quote, To regain access to this account, please verify your account now with the below link

Please Login with your account to validate it, And once Login it will automatically be verified.

If you are unable to Do do that, contact our Member Services at 1-310-735-4139 for further assistance.

Thanks for Cooperation

From Management Terms

This is an attempt to get you to log on to a web site that will give the perpetrators access to your computer. **Do not access the link provided** and trash the e-mails. Note the poor spelling and grammar used.

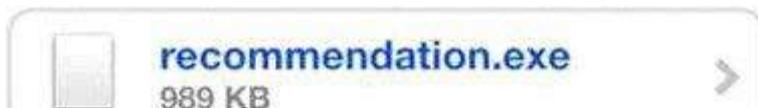
Watch out for this scam email everyone! If you come across it, **don't download** the link, delete the email immediately. Spread the word to ensure your family and friends aren't fooled.

E-tax Refunds Statement!



Dear E-tax user,

Your refund to your E-tax has been processed download your E-tax statement of account below to claim your refunds.



August 27th from Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade, an alert:

Incident Name: Smoking Sighting Berowra

Alert Level: Advice

Location: Berowra Railway Station. Between F3 and Pacific Hwy, Berowra

Council Area: Hornsby

Status: Contained

Type: Scrub fire

Last updated: 27/08 : 02:25PM

GDM Electrical offer, following East Wahroonga Community Fair:

GDM ELECTRICAL HOME SECURITY
(Most all prices include labour and GST)

STAY ASSURED STAY SECURED

Australian Bureau reported 430,000 homes in Australia were victims of break-ins over the last 12 months, that is approximately 60 houses every hour

Security camera:

- * Wireless Day/Night Quality Security Camera, records once movement is detected. Records to your computer and alerts to your smart phone, (iPhone etc.) for real time viewing. Includes camera, programming to computer (Wi-Fi network required) and 240 volt mains power feed to camera location. Price: \$329ea
- * LED outdoor "dummy camera", looks like the real thing, great visual deterrent, battery LED. Price: \$49ea

Security lighting:

- * "House watch" quality brand sensor light, supply and install new light to existing switch and cabling. Price: \$189ea
- * "House watch" quality brand sensor light, supply and install new sensor light, new override switch and new cabling. Price: \$299ea (Cheaper branded "netion" sensor light \$119 and \$228)

Other security:

- * Power feed to new camera position, and repair camera (client supplying own camera). Price: \$199ea
- * Security sticker pack, supply and install surveillance sticker pack to home windows/letter box. Price: \$59ea
- * Bosch Burglar Alarm systems, supply and install alarm system with up to 4 x sensors, remotes for easy on/off operation, keypad to main entry, siren box to exterior with tamper alarm, monitoring to mobile phone over land line. Price: \$2699

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Note: these prices are an estimate and based on houses with normal access into rear spaces and total hours to allow cabling to be run within these areas, prices may vary slightly if access is hindered to these areas – any change in price will be agreed upon before commencing work.

August 23rd: Wild winds in Hornsby at the moment, drive to the conditions and take a bit longer for your journey to arrive safely, especially those commuters among you! Safe travelling!

Followed by: Tree branches on wires near the tracks at Thornleigh station are reportedly causing delays for commuters.

And from the SES: Sydney Northern is operational with over 170 requests for assistance received across the region due to the damaging winds. We are expecting further wind and

storms this evening. Please take care and remember to secure any loose items around your home and do not park your cars under trees. If you require assistance in storms and floods call the SES on 132500 or if Life threatening, call 000.

August 23rd: A man is under police guard in hospital following an incident at a school on **Sydney's Northern Beaches**. About 2.30pm today (Thursday 23 August 2012), a man allegedly attended a school in Abbott Road at Harbord and threatened a 13-year-old girl with an iron bar. Police attended and attempted to arrest the man, however he allegedly threatened them with the iron bar, hitting a Highway Patrol officer and biting him on the arm. Capsicum spray was deployed and a taser was also used. The man was arrested and taken to hospital for treatment. An investigation is underway into the circumstances surrounding the incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

On August 22nd: 30 fire fighters from the NSW RFS are conducting a hazard reduction burn at **Dead Horse Bay in Brooklyn** today, north of Sydney. Photo credit to NSW RFS Firefighter Filip Mincev of Westleigh Brigade.



From August 21st: Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash on Sydney's Northern Beaches this afternoon. About 12.50pm today (Tuesday 21 August 2012) a car and a truck collided on the Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen. Wakehurst Parkway is closed in both directions in Narrabeen. Emergency services and traffic crews are on site. There is no forecast as to when

the parkway will be reopened.

Interesting App: If you're taking a long list of meds, there's a chance you could accidentally take a double dose, forget to pop a pill or simply draw a blank about when your prescription needs filling. To avoid mixing up your medication, download the free **NPS Medicinewise Medicines List** app. It stores pictures of your tablets packaging, tracks any changes you make, saves your personal details and even lets you compile a question list for your next doctor's appointment.

To minimise mobile phone dangers from Lyn McLean author of *The Force*:

If you put your mobile in your pocket, the back, where the antenna is usually located, should face away from your body.

Don't use your mobile in a low-signal area: it will need to work at a higher power to connect.

Don't keep your phone next to the bed.

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

manage2.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=d768be0201&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) 27/8/12:

Incident: Car crash and drink driving offence
Time/Date: About 3.37pm on Monday the 20th
Place: Park Avenue, Gordon
Vehicle 1: Honda Odyssey
Driver 1: 25 year old female from St Ives. P2 license.

Details: Police at Gordon police station heard a loud bang outside and near the police station. On exiting the police station police saw a Honda about 20m away that had smashed into a power pole. As police approached the Honda they saw a female driver. The driver is alleged to have looked at uniformed police and start the car before driving off with police yelling to her to stop. Police have followed the 'fluid trail' left by the heavily damaged Honda for over a kilometre before finally stopping the car and removing the keys from the ignition. Police have attempted to

give the driver a roadside breath test and despite 7 attempts the female driver is alleged to either refuse or was unable to complete this task. The driver was arrested. After an alleged struggle with police the driver was handcuffed. At Gordon police station the driver is alleged to either refuse or was unable to supply breath for analysis. Her license was suspended by police.

Court: The female driver is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 13th of September charged with 5 offences including negligent driving, fail to exchange details (collision), fail/refuse breath test, fail/refuse breath analysis and DUI.

Incident: Break & enter (storage cages)

Time/Date: During the last week.

Place: McIntyre street, Gordon.

Details: Over the past week several unit complexes have had the storage cages broken into. The cages are normally located in the basement car park area. In McIntyre Street, 3 cages in the complex had their locks forced or broken. A push bike, electrical items, tools and GPS unit were taken.

A 'Crimes of the month' brochure was sent out last week warning residents of these occurrences. The police EyeWatch Facebook page also has information on this and some recommendations: <http://facebook.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=de2ce1acc7&e=a363be97f2>.

Incident: Drug offences

Time/Date: Approximately 5 pm on Friday the 14th

Place: Brooklyn area

Person 1: 22 year old male

Details: As a result of information received police attended a residence in the Brooklyn area. A short time later a 22 year old male arrived. A short time later police located a hydroponics set-up at the location where a number of plants police are alleging is marijuana, were located.

Court: The male is expected to attend Hornsby Local Court on cultivation charges at a date yet to be set.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal
Time/Date: Between 11.30am and 2.30pm on Thursday the 23rd
Place: Cogham Road, West Pymble

Details: Unknown person/s have smashed a ground floor front door and ransacked the home. A number of jewellery items including gold rings, diamond rings and bangles were taken, as well as 2 ipads. The total value is estimated to be \$5,700.

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.

Lastly, Police wish to remind people of their responsibilities when hosting a party. Last weekend Police were called to several parties that had got out of hand. One party despite best intentions was promoted on Facebook with over 200 gate crashers turning up. The party was shut down following numerous assaults. Needless to say, the local residents were unimpressed. Information on hosting a party can be found on the mynite website (<http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=8d7b512327&e=a363be97f2>) where a 'safe party pack' can be found. It also details how to register your party, so police can be made aware, or if you require help or assistance with an incident.

Remember be safe be responsible.

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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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