

This email is compiled by **Neighbourhood Watch** volunteers as a service for residents in the **Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC)**, which includes suburbs in both the Kuring-gai and Hornsby areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing us at: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

27/5/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai  Local Area Command:

Incident: Pedestrian collision

Time/Date: About 8pm on Saturday the 25th

Place: Burdette street x Hunter street, Hornsby

Vehicle 1: Landcruiser

Pedestrian: 70 year old Korean National.

Details: The Landcruiser was travelling along Burdette Street and has entered the intersection having a green traffic light. The pedestrian has walked onto the road against the red don't walk light and has been hit by the Landcruiser. The pedestrian has received minor injuries and an ambulance was called. It was established the pedestrian has only been in the country for 1 week and neither spoke nor understood any English. No action will be taken against the driver as the pedestrian was deemed to be at fault.





Incident: Disqualified driver

Time/Date: About 4.35am on Sunday the 26th

Place: Carters road, Dural.

Vehicle 1: Holden Rodeo.

Driver 1: 17 year old (disqualified driver).


 Details: Police were patrolling the area and have stopped the car and driver for a random breath test. While speaking to the driver a strong smell of cannabis was allegedly coming from the inside of the car. The driver was spoken to and certain admissions were made in relation to his license being disqualified by Hornsby Local Court. The car was searched with 3 knives and a small amount of cannabis allegedly being located in the car. 

Court: The driver is to face Hornsby Local Court at a date yet to be set for driving whilst his license was disqualified. 

 Incident: Attempted Break and Enter

Time/Date: Between Friday (24th) evening and Monday (26th) morning.

Place: Glenorie Public school.

Details: CCTV footage from within the school shows a number of youths enter the school grounds, one of the youths has then thrown a paving brick through a window. The roller door to the canteen was also smashed but entry was not gained to any rooms. Inquiries are continuing.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 9am and 6pm on Thursday the 23rd

Place: Grosvenor street, Wahroonga 

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home, several rooms were entered with an amount of cash and jewellery being stolen. The value is estimated to be \$4,900.

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: About 5pm on Saturday the 25th

Place: Food court area of Westfield Hornsby 

Details: The victim has placed their Samsung Galaxy mobile phone on a seat next to them in the food court. At some point unknown person/s has stolen the phone.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal



Time/Date: Between 8.50pm and 9pm on Friday the 24th

Place: A stand alone kiosk within Westfield Hornsby.

Person 1: Female dark complexion.

Person 2: Male about 180cm and solid build

Person 3: Male 170 to 180 cm medium build.

Details: A male is seen to enter the complex and sit near a kiosk soon after a male and female are seen to enter via a fire escape door. A Male is alleged to then jump the counter and 'rifle' some cabinets. A security guard has attended and 'challenged' the 3 persons with one male allegedly producing a tazer type weapon pointing it at the guard. They all then left the complex. A tally of items taken is yet to be made but at least one mobile phone is alleged to have been stolen. Inquiries are continuing. 

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.

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Here is a link to some personal safety information on the NSW police Forces

website: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/106950/personal_safety_tips.pdf

23rd May: Why not come down to the Hornsby Mall between 6pm and 9pm on Thursday 30th May 2013?

Hornsby Council have arranged a day for the Community to say 'thank you' to the members of the emergency services who keep the Hornsby Community safe throughout the year. In attendance will be the ambos, firies, St Johns Ambulance, Rural Firies, marine rescue and the Hornsby Police. Police from the mounted, aviation, water, dog squad and transport Commands will be in attendance. As well as Constable Charlie for the kids. There will be displays from all the emergency services, so a good day should be had by all.

23rd May: Police across Australia launch Operation Unification

- a telephone hotline targeting illegal firearms.

New South Wales Police have joined their interstate counterparts in launching Operation Unification, a unique hotline to allow authorities to further target and seize illegal firearms. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPueexXcTQI&feature=youtu.be> Police will conduct the operation for two weeks from tomorrow, Friday May 24 until Friday June 7. Anyone with information about the possession, supply or whereabouts of illegal firearms is urged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

21st May, Hi all, just a reminder that the Sydney area over the next 2 - 3 days is expecting rain, heavy rain at times. As we have not had rain for some time when roads become wet they become slippery. So please drive to the conditions and slow down. Maintain control of you car etc. Your visibility is reduced from the spray from other vehicles, so please be careful and don't rush - allow extra time. The rain is expected to ease for the weekend.

<http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/forecasts/sydney.shtml?ref=hdr>

21st May, from NSW Fair Trading: Travelling conman arrested and charged.

Travelling conmen who yesterday, without permission, ripped up the driveway of an elderly Chatswood couple were today arrested during a joint operation by NSW Fair Trading and NSW Police Force, North Shore Local Area Command. Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe said a 25 year old UK National and a man believed to be from Kosovo were arrested following a number of complaints about a syndicate charging exorbitant fees for the re-surfacing or replacement of driveways as well as roof restorations in the Sydney metropolitan area.

About 7am today, Thursday, NSW Fair Trading investigators together with police from the North Shore Local Area Command attended the premises and two men were spoken to and then

arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station. It was revealed that the man believed to be from Kosovo was an unlawful non-citizen without a valid visa. After preliminary inquiries, it was established that he was not connected with the criminal enterprise. He was detained under the Immigration Act and placed in the care of members of the Department of Immigration. The UK national was charged with drug possession and goods in custody and will appear at Hornsby Local Court on 5 June 2013. His bail conditions included the surrendering of his passport.

Investigations are continuing in relation to this man and his confirmed associate **Michael Connors aka Michael Murphy aka John Murphy**. Fair Trading believes both men are part of an Irish itinerant “travelling conmen” organised crime group responsible for similar offences across Australia and also internationally. Call the **National Travelling Conmen Hotline on 1300 133 408**. Visit the Stop Travelling Conmen Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/StopTravellingConMen> and check the interactive map for reports of travelling conmen at www.stoptravellingconmen.org.

20th May, Police are **appealing for witnesses** to come forward following the **indecent assault of a woman on a train in Sydney’s west earlier this month**.

About 4.30pm on **Wednesday 1 May 2013**, an 18-year-old woman boarded the fourth carriage of a train at Museum Railway Station bound for Campbelltown via the South Line. About 5pm, a man sat next to the woman and allegedly indecently assaulted her. She moved away from the man and alighted from the train at Auburn Railway Station, where she alerted station staff and police were contacted. Investigators from Flemington Local Area Command have today released images of a man they believe can assist with inquiries. **He is described as being of Indian Sub-continental appearance, with a dark complexion, aged in his mid-to-late 20s, with a slim build.**



At the time of the incident, he was wearing a black t-shirt with white writing and a picture on the front; a red puffy jacket and blue denim jeans. He was believed to be carrying a backpack. 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.

20th May, In relation to the pedestrian safety message/post below here are some stats from the RTA website, which shows pedestrian deaths for 2012 in NSW were up by 10% from 2011. Motorcycle user deaths were up by 18 per cent to 60, compared with 51 in 2011 (an increase of nine), Passenger deaths were up by 11 percent to 81, compared with 73 in 2011 (an increase of seven), and Pedestrian deaths were up by 10 percent to 54, compared with 49 in 2011 (an increase of five).

So the message is clear, we as a community need to do our bit to bring this down. Pedestrians need to take responsibility for their own actions, as do road users. No we are not going to impound shoes LOL. No it is not about revenue raising. It is simply reducing trauma to pedestrians, their families who live with the injured and the drivers who unfortunately are also traumatised. A car weighing 1.5t is made of steel, a person weighs 70kgs and is made of flesh and bones - the equation is not in the pedestrian's favour. <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/statistics/index.html>

19th May, Just a reminder about pedestrian safety. All drivers and road users please be careful and obey the road rules particularly near pedestrian crossings. Pedestrians please use crossings where available and remember to pay attention to what you are doing. That means take out your earphones, don't look at your phone or media devices and look at and out for cars. Fines apply to pedestrians who break the law. There is more information about pedestrian safety from the NSW police website.

It is illegal to cross the road within 20m of a marked pedestrian crossing.

It is illegal to wander about or take your time in crossing the road you must do so quickly and where practical directly from one side to the other.

Finally when that red man starts to flash you must wait until it turns green on the next phase.

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/road_safety/pedestrian_safety

19th May, MALE ARRESTED FOR EXCEED SPEED OVER 45 KM/H - SOMERSBY

POI: 30 old Berowra man.

Details: On Sunday 19/5 about 5pm Brisbane Water Highway Patrol were travelling on Wisemans Ferry Rd, Somersby when they sighted the POI riding a motor bike and overtaking vehicles weaving from lane to lane and then accelerate away. The POI then turned onto the Pacific Hwy and his speed was estimated between 115 to 120kmph in a 70 km zone area. The POI overtook further vehicles and slowed down to the correct speed after overtaking on the wrong side of the road. The POI continued to slow down and then accelerate to in excess of the speed limit. The POI at one point accelerated to a speed of 151km/h.

Police activated their warning devices and the POI pulled his vehicle over. Police conducted a distance over time calculation from the in car video, from the bridge on the Pacific Hwy, Somersby 60km/h sign to the F3. The total distance being 1.6km with the POI conducting speeds between 112 to 157km/h, his average speed being 125km/h which is 55 km/h over the sign posted 70km speed limit. The POI was issued with:

- Future Court Notice for Exceed Speed by 45 km/h,
- Future Court Notice for Driver vehicle recklessly/furiously or speed/manner dangerous.
- Issued a Notice of Suspension of License
- Served with a Demand for Surrender of his Drivers License and Number Plate and Vehicle confiscation.

He is to appear Gosford Local Court on 23/7/13.

In response to your questions: The purpose of this email is to show the community the type of information available to them on facebook. Project **eyewatch** was the name of the project to get every NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC) onto facebook. Since it started in 2011, every LAC now has its own facebook page. Our local police page can be found at: **www.facebook/KuringGaiLAC**. This email includes a selection of posts copy & pasted from their page, including the weekly Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer. Traffic and incident information that would be out-of-date is not included. None of the posts that we include in our email is edited, as requested by the Police (explaining why this email can get lengthy!). Have we whet your appetite for this new 21st Century Neighbourhood Watch known as **eyewatch**?

Our volunteers also include for your interest local Neighbourhood Watch information, meetings, relevant articles and tit-bits, crime prevention tips, etc. Have you any comments, questions or criticisms? We'd love to hear from you - please email us at NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Did you know? Any device that uses **bluetooth** to communicate should be turned off if left in a parked vehicle. If left on, criminals can still detect any hidden device!

The NSW government has recently introduced the **NSW Elder Abuse Helpline, 1800 628 221**.

This is a free, confidential helpline offering information, advice and referrals for people who experience, witness or suspect the abuse of older people living in their homes in NSW. Abuse of older people is any behaviour that causes physical, psychological, financial or social harm to an older person. The abuse can occur within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust between an older person who has experienced

abuse and the abuser. Abuse in older people can occur in any of the following forms:

- **Physical abuse** – inflicting pain or injury, eg hitting or slapping, physical coercion, restraining, over medicating or refusing medication.
- **Psychological abuse** – inflicting mental stress, causing fear or shame, intimidating, name calling, humiliation or making threats, including actions that cause fear of violence.
- **Financial abuse** – illegal or improper use of an older person's money or possessions. This includes misuse of a power of attorney, forcing an older person to change their will, and taking control of their finances against their wishes.
- **Neglect** – the intentional or unintentional failure to provide necessities of life and care; or the refusal to permit others to provide appropriate care.
- **Social abuse** – preventing a person from having social contact with family members or friends.

Victims are usually dependent on the abuser in some way. Those who live on remote properties or are isolated from their friends, neighbours and family, or who have mental or physical disabilities are especially vulnerable to abuse. The abuser is usually the abused person's carer or another family member or members, but it can also be a paid care worker, landlord or any other person in a position to do abuse or take advantage of an older person.

A motorbike reminder for drivers: To miss hitting a motorbike, use the **MISS method - Mirror, shoulder, shoulder!**

FREE Motorised Scooter (and motorised wheelchair) Workshop for Seniors

Friday 31 May, 9.30am-12.30pm

Sydney Park Community Room, Sydney Park Rd, Alexandria

Morning tea provided. Bookings essential - phone 9265 9489.

"Users don't need a licence to drive a mobility scooter and there are no training requirements, yet at least 62 Australians have died from mobility scooter collisions or falls.

For more information, visit whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/

[17650-free-motorised-scooter-workshop-for-seniors](#)

NSW Police Commissioner warns of dangers of 3D guns

Commissioner Andrew Scipione at the press conference:

"These firearms are illegal and enormously dangerous. It's an offence to make one, possess one, and use one. This weapon cost us \$35 to make. The printer cost us \$1,700. It is truly a home printer.

These 3D guns are untraceable because they have no serial number. It was built from instructions downloaded via the internet, which were strictly followed. We used a nail as a firing pin, and it penetrated approximately 17cm into the gelatin block it was fired into. 3D guns are capable of killing and we know this is causing serious concerns across the globe. It's incredibly difficult to stop the files from being trafficked across the world."



Additive manufacturing or **3D printing** is a process of making a three-dimensional solid object of virtually any shape from a digital model. 3D printing is achieved using an *additive process*, where successive layers of material are laid down in different shapes.



Warning on recall - Winplus Australasia Pty Ltd Cocoon Baby Monitor Power Adaptors

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20130520_warning_on_recall.html

Keep a look out for vessel TGNKDN and trailer S86039 stolen between 6.00pm Monday 13 May 2013 and 8.00am Tuesday 14 May 2013, from the parking area of a business premise situated in Caringbah (faded grey cover was on it at the time of theft).



From the Hornsby & North Shore Advocate: UPPER north shore residents are being warned against a conman who targets vulnerable people by offering gardening work. NSW Fair Trading is warning against **Robert Douglas Pentecost**, who trades under the unregistered business names of **Ku-Ring-Gai Tree Service and Bob Pentecost Tree Services**.

The 59-year-old has enticed elderly and disadvantaged consumers to enter into unsolicited consumer agreements for the trimming or removal of trees for significant payments. He has also entered into contracts with consumers to perform residential building work while unlicensed. Information provided by consumers shows he accepts payment and then fails to supply the agreed service. He has no fixed business address and moves frequently, making him hard to locate.

Any consumers who think they may have been scammed by should contact NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20 or report the matter to the National Travelling Conmen Hotline on 1300 133 408.

You're shopping online and the website asks you to enter your credit card details. How do you know it's safe? <http://blog.staysmartonline.gov.au/2013/02/28/using-your-credit-card-online/>

Email NHWGordon@gmail.com with any crime prevention questions you may have and we can **share the answers** with the community.

Have you 'liked' your local Police facebook page? 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!

Please encourage your neighbours, family, colleagues and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list at NHWGordon@gmail.com.

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