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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.

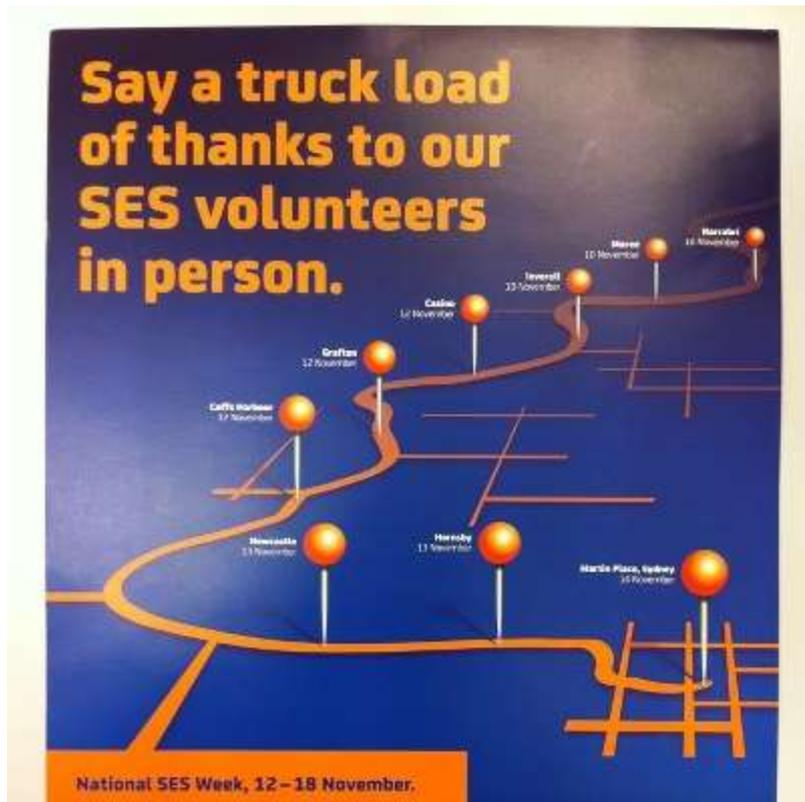
#### **Goods in Custody – Cremorne**

At 1:35am on Sunday 28th October 2012 police stopped four young persons on a street in Cremorne. Police exercised police powers and searched the young people. Police allegedly found a pair of gloves and an Iphone on a **16 year old man from Wahroonga**. The man allegedly admitted that the phone was not his. He was charged with 'Goods in personal custody suspected of being stolen' and is due to appear in Bidura Children's court on Monday 19th November 2012.

Computer users beware: a **computer scam** has been reported to be going around Australia. The scam, which is downloaded from websites or files on the internet, switches off the users security

settings and locks their computer, bringing up a full page message which uses the **Australian Federal Police logo**. The message says that the computer user has committed a crime and demands that the user pay an online fine in order to unlock their computer, or a criminal investigation would be conducted. Please do not respond to this message in any way and take your computer to a computer expert who will unlock the computer for you and remove the threat.

**National SES Week, 12-18 November.** Put this date in your diary now! It would be great to see lots of our volunteers and friends come down to **sign the truck at Hornsby fountain**. Please share!



**BEROWRA F3 Fwy contra flow exercise:** (Photo courtesy David Hogg.)



Other Info: Motorists are advised to delay travel on the F3 on the morning of **Sunday 28 October** while a major traffic exercise takes place at Berowra. There will be significant traffic changes on the F3 at Berowra.

5.30am to 7am: Motorists will be diverted from the F3 onto the Pacific Highway through Berowra while a 1.5km contra flow is set up.

7am to 8am: All northbound traffic on the F3 will be moved onto the southbound carriageway. Two northbound lanes and one southbound lane will be available for traffic. The speed limit will be reduced to 40km/h.

8am to 9am: Southbound traffic on the F3 will be diverted onto the Pacific Highway while the contra flow is removed. All northbound lanes of the F3 will reopen.

9am to 10am: All southbound lanes of the F3 will reopen but motorists should expect delays. The freeway will be operating as normal from 10am.

If you are planning on travelling on the F3, you are advised to do so after 10am on Sunday morning or you may experience delays. Visit <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=f4662ffd3b&e=a363be97f2> for more information.

**From 24th October:** Man taken into custody following #crash – #Wahroonga

A man has been taken into custody after a crash at Wahroonga, in Sydney's north, this evening. Shortly after 5pm today (Wednesday 24 October 2012), police from Kuring Gai Highway Patrol detected a maroon Mitsubishi Magna travelling south on the F3 at excessive speed. Officers signalled for the driver to stop; however, he failed to do so and a pursuit was initiated. That pursuit was terminated for safety reasons. A short time later, as the Mitsubishi turned left onto Pennant Hills Road, Wahroonga, it crashed into a set of traffic lights and two other vehicles. The driver of the car, a 42-year-old man, was taken into police custody at the scene. He was taken under guard to Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The other drivers, both 45-year-old men, were uninjured in the crash. Investigations into the incident are ongoing. Police are urging anyone who witnessed the crash or circumstances leading up to it to come forward.

Anyone with information about this incident should call Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <http://facebook.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=6c79d5cb47&e=a363be97f2>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Thursday 25th October was declared a **Total Fire Ban Day**. For more info visit the Total Fire Ban & Current Fire Danger Map: <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=00f76f30ce&e=a363be97f2> .

**Berowra Waters Ferry** will be closed from 9.30am to 3pm on Wednesday 31st October 2012. During the closure, RMS will remove ferry 26 from the crossing point and replace it with ferry 1 which has undergone a major overhaul.

**Changes to the Road Rules effective November 1st:** From the 1st November 2012, there are a number of changes to the NSW Road Rules, some of the changes are simply to clarify existing Rules. **Two highlights:**

**Use of mobile phones** - While a vehicle is moving or stationary (but not parked), a driver may only use a mobile phone to make or receive a call or use the audio playing function:

- If the mobile phone is secured in a fixed mounting; or
- If not in a mounting, use of the mobile phone must not require a driver to touch or manipulate the phone in any way.

All other functions including texting, video messaging, online chatting, reading preview messages and emailing are prohibited.

The new laws make it clear that a driver in a moving or stationary vehicle (unless parked) **MUST NOT HOLD** a phone in his or her hand other than to pass the phone to a passenger.

**Visual display units in motor vehicles** - A visual display unit (including a mobile phone), which is being used as a driver's aid function, such as a GPS, may only be used in a motor vehicle if it

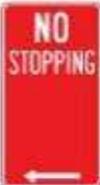
is secured in a fixed mounting. This mounting must be commercially designed and manufactured for this purpose. It must be positioned in the vehicle to not distract or obscure the driver's view.  
**Indicating at roundabouts, Give way to pedestrians and other topics will be covered next week.**

As these changes affect all road users, it is important to read this brochure. The brochure does not cover all the changes, further information can be found at <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=26511eb74c&e=a363be97f2>.  
 Download the document from [http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/downloads/nsw\\_road\\_rules\\_2012.pdf](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/downloads/nsw_road_rules_2012.pdf)

**From our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary:**

## SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2012

	<p>Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must <b>NOT STOP your vehicle</b> at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maximum Penalty</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;"><b>\$397</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>+ 2 Demerit Points</b></p>
	<p>Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Penalty</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;"><b>\$165</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>+ 2 Demerit Points</b></p>
	<p>Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Penalty</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;"><b>\$298</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>+ 2 Demerit Points</b></p>
	<p><b>DOUBLE PARKING</b></p> <p>You are <b>NOT PERMITTED</b> to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Penalty</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;"><b>\$298</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>+ 2 Demerit Points</b></p>

- **STOP** in a NO STOPPING zone: **\$298 + 2 Demerit Points**, or **STOP** on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: **\$397 + 2 Demerit Points**
- **STOP** on path/strip in built up area: **\$165 + 2 Demerit Points**
- **STOP** or **Park** in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: **\$496**

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.  
 These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

*Issues of the month Kuring-gai LAC*



Police would like to remind drivers to drive to the conditions and within the speed limit. There is some concern from local residents in and around the Comenarra Parkway about the number of car collisions. It is a timely reminder about all roads but in particular this stretch of road. The Comenarra Parkway is undulating, has tight bends and curves, combined with blind corners and off camber surfaces. Throw in a little rain and impatience and you have the perfect recipe for a crash. There are a number of bends that appear to have a bit more of a problem than other areas. So remember the road is just that a road with conditions that need to be adjusted to. Slow down, be patient, drive to the conditions and drive safe.

**From the Police Dog Unit:** A big thank you to everyone that helped us with names for our Q-litter! For the boys we picked Quadir, Quips and Quill and for the girls Que, Quax, Quake, Quest and Quinn!



**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 Kuring-gai and Hornsby areas. Browse the new literature available from the "Our Favourite 20 Crime Prevention Tips..." series (for Seniors, Retirement Communities, Businesses, Mailboxes, Tradies, and more being compiled. 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', other Crime Prevention leaflets, or your FREE NHW/Police/Project **eyewatch** fridge magnet. Or maybe sign up for the next Project **eyewatch** Community Training Workshop (mentioned below)? We'd love to say 'Hi'!

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 **NSW Fair Trading**: Do not deal with fencing contractor **Matthew Rixon**: Mr Rixon enters into contracts to undertake residential building work including fencing and decking without holding a licence to perform the work. He asks consumers for a large deposit up front and fails to complete the work or performs work that is defective.

Matthew Rixon operates through associated companies:

Rixco Fencing Pty Ltd ACN 151 966 577 (ASIC strike off action in progress)

Rixco Group Pty Ltd ACN 146 728 958

Rixco Constructions Pty Ltd ACN 151 966 808

Deck A Day Pty Ltd ACN 148 839 954

Quality Building Solutions Pty Ltd ACN 146 731 777

There is also evidence Mr Rixon has traded under the following business names:

Affordable Fencing Solutions (BN 98296058)

Affordable Home Improvements & Maintenance Services (BN 98247008)

Tomaree Building Services

Mr Rixon may also operate under the alias **Matt Geoffrey**.

October 23rd: Just been advised by a reliable source that **the dolphins are back** near the Brooklyn Marina.

**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=eb62964835&e=a363be97f2>

**From Carroll Howe, Project eyewatch Precinct Coordinator:**

# Project eyewatch



## Community Training Workshop

This workshop will provide an introduction into how Facebook is used for crime prevention – a new communication link between the community and the Police. Sponsored by the Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee.



**Thursday 8 November 2012, 2pm to 4pm**

NSI Hornsby College Library Conference Room,  
1st Floor 205, Pacific Highway, Hornsby

Open to anyone in the community, especially those involved with Neighbourhood Watch, or those who would like to learn more about eyewatch for use in their own community organisations.

### 5 reasons to follow NSW Police on Facebook and attend the training workshop:



1. Find out about crimes in your area
2. Get emergency alerts and warnings
3. Help police solve and prevent crime
4. Ask police for advice or assistance
5. Attend eyewatch meetings

Bookings essential by Tuesday 6 November  
carroll.howe@gmail.com or phone 0405 558 660



Local Solutions  
for Local Problems'



**Fires Near Me** is a website <http://facebook.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=88a35debe1&e=a363be97f2> (enter your postcode) and is also available as an app for iPhone and Android, providing fire information on bush fire incidents in NSW.

**Extract from an article on passwords** - To make usable passwords we need to look at them differently. Ignore the advice to use a combination of capitals, special characters and numbers. What you need is to use words you can remember, something simple and something you can type fast. By simply using 3 words separated by spaces, you suddenly get an extremely secure password. It takes to break this kind of password:

- 1,163,859 years using a brute-force method
- 2,537 years using a common word attack
- 39,637,240 years using a dictionary attack (Link to full article: <http://facebook.us2.list->

[manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=ab8783d06f&e=a363be97f2](http://manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=ab8783d06f&e=a363be97f2) Definit  
ions given if needed from [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).)

So, good news... Conclusion: **It is 10 times more secure to use "this is fun" as your password, than "J4fS<2"**.

**White Ribbon Breakfast** for Domestic Violence. **Friday 30th November, 7:30-9:30am Asquith Golf Club**, Lord St, Mt Colah, \$25 per person, of which \$5 of each will be donated to the Hornsby & Kuring Gai Domestic Violence Network and the White Ribbon Foundation. Tickets from Natasha on **9476 9775**.

**Did you know?** Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the decay of Uranium found in nearly all soils, but also in bricks, concrete and rocks. A known carcinogen, it can move up via the foundations into your home, where it becomes trapped. You can reduce radon levels in houses by increasing ventilation in the under-floor space. For a radon map of Australia by postcode, go to [arpansa.gov.au/radiationprotection/factsheets/is\\_RadonMap.cfm](http://arpansa.gov.au/radiationprotection/factsheets/is_RadonMap.cfm). You will need Google Earth to view by postcode. Comments or questions: [secretariat@arpansa.gov.au](mailto:secretariat@arpansa.gov.au) .

**Coming soon!** Neighbourhood Watch for the **Pymble** area. And something more for the **Warrawee** area.<http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=50106e758c&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) 29/10/12:**

Incident: P2 driver charged excessive speed  
Time/date: About 7:16pm on Friday the 26th of October 2012  
Location: Windy Banks interchange F3

About 7:16pm on Friday the 26th of October 2012 police were patrolling south along the Pacific Highway, Berowra. Police have observed a silver coloured motor vehicle behind them travelling at excessive speed as it was gaining on them at a rapid pace. The vehicle has passed the police vehicle at which point police have continued travelling behind, monitoring the vehicle. They have followed the vehicle for a distance of over 12 kilometres where police will allege the 18 year old driver has

reached speeds in excess of 140 km/h. The driver was stopped and produced a P2 NSW driver's licence he was issued with a suspension notice and the licence surrendered to police.

An eighteen year old male from a Greenacre address will appear at Hornsby local court on 22nd November 2012 charged with drive in a manner dangerous and exceeding the speed limit by more than 45km/h.

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Incident: Aggravated B & E, Steal from Motor Vehicle  
Time/date: About 2:30am on Saturday 27th October, 2012  
Location: Residence in Arthurs Circuit, Mt Colah

About 2:30am on Saturday the 27th of October 2012, three vehicles in Round table Close Mt Colah were allegedly broken into and ransacked with coins taken from the cars. A short time later a vehicle parked under a carport in Arthurs Circuit was allegedly been broken into and keys to the premises were taken. The offender is then alleged to have used the key to enter the premises via a side door where two laptop computers have been taken. A resident at the premises has heard a disturbance and has gone downstairs to investigate and has seen a male with a torch in his hand going through a bag. The resident has quickly retreated to her bedroom to wake her husband, however by the time they both returned to the living room the offender had absconded from the location. At this point the residents have also noticed that the 2 laptop computers and a cash tin were missing. Police arrived soon after and on entering Arthurs Circuit has seen a male matching the description given, standing on the edge of the bushes which line the street. Police spoke with the male, as a result the police dog was requested and upon attendance. A search of nearby bushland has located a number of items including 2 lap top computers.

A 17 year old male was conveyed to Hornsby police station where investigations are continuing.

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Incident: Fail to quit  
Time/date: 10.20pm on Friday 26th October 2012  
Location: Hornsby Inn, Hornsby

A nineteen year old male from an Avoca Beach address was issued with an infringement notice for 'failing to quit licensed premises, when he became involved in an altercation with staff at the Hornsby Inn. Around 10.20 pm on Friday 26th October 2012 police were patrolling around the area and have observed the altercation.

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Incident: Located Property  
Time/date: 8:00am Saturday 27th October 2012

Location: Council toilet located on the corner of Wade Lane & Park Avenue Gordon

Around 8.00am, on Saturday 27th October 2012 a Kuring Gai a council employee has located a number of items of mail wedged in the S bend of a toilet in the public toilets on the corner of Wade lane and Park Avenue at Gordon. The mail was addressed to a number of residences in Gordon and Killara; the residents were contacted by police who advised police they were not aware the mail was missing. None of the contents of the mail was of a sensitive nature and only one envelope had been opened however its contents remained in the envelope. This is a timely reminder to residents in the Kuring Gai Local Area Command to ensure the security of any correspondence. The placing of locks on letterboxes and advise postal staff that items too large to be placed into the letterbox need to be carded for collection from the Post office at a later date.

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Incident: Credit Card Fraud

Time/date: 12:34pm on Thursday the 25th of October 2012

Location: Liquor Land Hornsby Westfield

Around 12:34pm on Thursday the 25th of October 2012, a male described as Caucasian, aged between 30 to 35 years old, 175 cm, and medium build with dark hair. Has walked into the Liquorland store at Westfields Hornsby and attempted to purchase a \$500 gift card. When asked by the alert employee for photographic identity the male and quickly left the store without the credit card.

Police investigations are continuing.

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Incident: Motor vehicle collision

Time/date: Around 3.40pm on Saturday 27th October 2012

Location: Pacific Highway x Warrangi Street Turramurra

At approximately 3:40pm on Saturday 27th October 2012, there was a three car motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Pacific Hwy and Warrangi Street, Turramurra. As a result the Police crash investigation unit attended the scene. A number of people were subsequently conveyed to Royal North Shore hospital with serious injuries. All three vehicles were towed from the scene. The Pacific Hwy at Turramurra was reduced from three southbound lanes to one and three Northbound lanes to two while an investigation into the collision was conducted.

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Incident: Malicious damage to school property

Time/date: Between 6pm on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October

Location: Killara High School, Koola St, Killara

Between 6pm on Tuesday 23 October 2012 and 8am on Wednesday 24 October 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to the canteen block at Killara High School by jemmying open the roller shutter. Once inside offender/shave rummaged through the canteen area and a store room and have stolen an amount of cash.

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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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