

This email is compiled by **Neighbourhood Watch** volunteers as a service for residents in the **Kuring Gai** Police Local Area Command (LAC), which of course includes Hornsby area also. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. The weekly update usually includes:

- **Project eyewatch:** A selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page, etc.
- **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 incidents from the week before in our LAC.

29th January, SCHOOL zones in operation.

A reminder to all NSW drivers. The 2013 school year has started and as such school zones are now in operation. Some school may not go back until tomorrow however ALL school zones are now in operation.

So please be mindful of this remember it is for the safety of Children, parents and teachers. For more information about school zones visit <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/schoolroadsafety/schoolzoneprogram.html>



29th January: In a recent post a question was asked about what to do in a car accident (collision).

Collisions are divided into 2 groups major and minor. A minor collision (P5) is where 1. no person is injured, 2. no alcohol or drugs are involved, 3. no cars towed from scene, 4. no damage to other property over \$500 and 5. all parties exchange details. So for the P5 make sure everyone is safe and there are no injuries, exchange details and you may report it on the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131444. You can go through insurance if you need but police will NOT get involved nor attend these collisions. A P4 is where any of the 5 situations above is yes. Police WILL attend making sure all parties are safe, render any first aid or call for an Ambulance or rescue personnel if needed. Police will then investigate the collision. It is highly likely one or several tickets will be issued to the 'at fault' driver/s. Depending on the cause an arrest and charge may be the correct course of action. I hope this clears up any confusion about collisions. Further info can be found on the RMS (RTA)

website: <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/crashes/index.html>

23rd January: NSW POLICE FORCE MEDIA RELEASE Police urge locals to 'Play Safe, Stay Safe' this Australia Day

Issued at 2pm, Wednesday 23 January 2013

With Australia Day only days away, Hornsby police are urging the community to plan ahead and celebrate safely. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to celebrate our national day at events across the Sydney Metropolitan area and millions more will gather with their mates at Australia Day parties across NSW. NSW Police Force has rostered thousands of additional police state wide to ensure the day is safe and enjoyable for everyone. Acting Deputy Commissioner Michael Fuller said Australia Day is about celebrating everything that's great about our country and urged people to celebrate safely. "Australia Day is more than just a public holiday and it should be an enjoyable event for all Australians and any overseas visitors joining the celebrations," Acting Deputy Commissioner Michael Fuller said. "Once again, police will be focusing on alcohol-fuelled violence and anti-social behaviour, and we encourage everyone to look out for themselves and their mates who might be intoxicated and vulnerable. "Act responsibly and know your limits. Take the time to think about the consequences of your actions, remembering that alcohol impairs your judgement, leading to poor decisions and sometimes dangerous behaviour. "By acting responsibly, you might save a life – and it might be yours," Acting Deputy Commissioner Fuller said.

Kuring gai Local Area Commander, Superintendent Jeff Philippi said local police will be out in force, not only to deter crime but arrest anyone breaking the law," Superintendent Philippi said. "We are expecting significant crowds at various location in the LAC and we want everyone to have a good time but not at the expense of other people's safety. "When making plans for the day, make a plan for how you will get home and stick to it. If you're planning to drink, don't drive. "If you kick off early, pace yourself when drinking alcohol, show some personal responsibility, eat something and drink plenty of water and look after your mates. "If you're planning to go away for long weekend, lock up your homes and ensure you have protected your home from thieves," Supt Philippi said. More information about home security can be found on the NSW police website under Community Issues, crime prevention.

If you are planning on having a party for this occasion then information on safe party practices can be found on the Mynite website, this includes tips and tricks and how to register your party with the police just in case something unplanned happens. But most of all please have a good time, be safe and don't be a statistic.

22nd January: School zone enforcement

Kuring gai LAC want to ensure the safety of parents and children especially those in and around schools. We wish to instill confidence in the community that they are able to have a safe journey while dropping off and picking up their children.

Notice to all vehicle users

Kuring gai LAC will be actively targeting traffic flow and parking at all schools within our LAC. Highway Patrol and General Duties officers will be tasked to patrol the streets surrounding schools in the coming months as schools commence the 2013 school year. These operations will continue throughout the year. So what can you expect? Both high visibility and unmarked cars. If you think a quick stop and we didn't see you, remember we can and will send a fine out in the mail.

Parking near schools.

Police will be targeting all aspects of the parking restrictions such as No stopping, bus zones, double parking, no parking and time limits. Fines range from \$165 to \$397 and 2 demerit points off your license. By the way Council enforcement officers will also be targeting school areas and they will also hand out tickets where needed.

Traffic management near schools

All traffic related offences will be targeted but the following offences are at the top of our list. Seat belts, mobile phones and speeding. Think there is no police car in sight, we have hand held radar. We can spot a seat belt or mobile phone offence before you realise you've been made. Your children not wearing their seatbelt you as the driver are responsible for them and their safety. So please be considerate and responsible for everyone's safety.

Community assistance and information

Hornsby Police Station – **9476-9799**

Gordon Police Station - **94185399**

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22nd January, from NSW Rural Fire Service: Smoke Plume Model

Advice - Towlers Bay Fire (Pittwater LGA)

Fire crews today will undertake back burning operations to consolidate containment lines at the fire at West Head in the Ku-ring-gai National Park. There is no threat to properties; however significant amounts of smoke may be visible from the Central Coast, Northern Suburbs and across the Northern Beaches. This video shows the predicted path of the smoke throughout today. — at West Head Ku Ring Gai National Park.

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21st January: So think your identity is safe online? Think someone sneaky enough or sinister enough can't find out juicy info on you. Well watch this short clip and see if you are posting way too much info about yourself online. What would they do with this info, try IDENTITY THEFT. Please think about what you post and who you post to.

The clip referred to is available on YouTube, if you search for " Amazing mind reader reveals his 'gift' ". The video is described as "Dave is an extremely gifted clairvoyant who finds out specific financial information. This video reveals the magic behind the magic, making people aware of the fact that their entire life can be found online. And by doing so urging everybody to be vigilant."

Home Security Tips for when you're away

Whenever you leave your home, lock all doors and windows but maintain a lived-in appearance by using timer devices to turn lights and radios on/off at different times.

Keep your garage door closed and locked, even if you'll only be away for a short time.

If you'll be away for more than a couple of days:

- ensure that everything is secured
- stop deliveries
- turn the phone volume down
- have trusted friends or neighbours clear your mailbox
- have your neighbour or friend park their car in your driveway
- arrange for someone to cut your lawn and keep your property tidy, eg removing any free newspapers.
- ask a friend or relative to occasionally check your home; advise them of where you can be contacted
- let a trusted neighbour know your plans
- have your neighbour or friend put out your green bins and garbage, and bring them back in too!

Further Crime Prevention tips from the "**Our Favourite 20 Tips**" series can be requested from NHWGordon@gmail.com .

East Wahroonga Eyewatch/ Neighbourhood Watch Group's Rohit Ralli being awarded the Ku-ring-gai 'Citizen of the Year 2013' award.



Rohit says, "Which by no means was a solo effort. I'd like to thank the EyeWatch team, Ku-ring-gai Council and the Premier for their unrelenting support, guidance and assistance in the launch of the EyeWatch program in East Wahroonga. I look forward to the roll-out of this very essential program to other communities."

Congratulations Rohit! Detective Inspector Ian Mitchell added, "Also a special mention to **Superintendent Jeff Philippi** for mobilising his team to provide the input which is invaluable in this community endeavour!"

Have your say - join in online discussions with others in your community and our local Police. Receive more detailed information about crime and crime prevention in the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby areas. Help solve crime - share and help identify photos of individuals needing to be traced, whether for incidents or as missing persons. Go to the **Kuring Gai & Hornsby Community eyewatch (NHW) group** on facebook and request to join!

www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Look also for Gordon NHW, Mount Colah NHW, eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara NHW, Berowra and other Neighbourhood Watch areas.



Incidents in the Kuring gai Local Area Command dated 29th January 2013:

Time/Date: About 4:30am on the 29th January 2013

Location: Mona Vale Road St Ives

Vehicle: White Mitsubishi Van

Incident: Vehicle in flood waters

About 4:30am on the 29th January 2013, police attended Mona Vale Road at St Ives in response to a call of two persons trapped in a White Mitsubishi Van in rising flood waters. The location is a stretch of road with a posted speed limit of 90km. Flood waters had covered all lanes, including emergency lanes on both sides of the road. Local SES were in attendance and assisted in the escorting the occupants from the vehicle and out of the flood waters. It is believed the driver did not see the rising waters due to poor visibility in the area. The vehicle has stopped and become immobilised as a result of the rising water. Arrangements were made for a two truck to recover the vehicle.

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Time/Date: About 6.00pm on Monday the 28th January 2013

Location: Eastern mooring, Sandbrook Inlet Brooklyn

Vessel: 2 Storey 50 foot House Boat,

Incident: Sinking Vessel

About 6.00pm on Monday the 28th January 2013, a 50 foot two storey house boat started taking on water because of the heavy rain and an easterly wind. The rear compartments in the vessel filled with water to the point that they no longer stayed buoyant and sank to the bottom of the river. This caused the front part of the vessel to raise slightly and the other compartments of the vessel also started to fill as the breather holes went under the water line. Police attempted to remove the occupant from the vessel for his own safety as it was rapidly sinking. The male refused to leave in the hope that he could refloat the boat. Due to the amount of water entering the boat police had to forcibly remove the male and his pet dog for their own safety. Police explained that the vessel could not be refloated until the tide went out and the breather holes in the hull became exposed. Once this occurs the boat can be pumped out and refloated.

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Time/Date: About 4:30pm on the 28th January 2013

Location: Eastern Arterial Road, St Ives

Incident: Single vehicle collision.

A sixty one year old female was conveyed to Royal North Shore hospital with a deep laceration to her head. As a result of the vehicle she was driving leaving the road and colliding with a tree on the approach to Burraneer Street while negotiating the sweeping left hand curve while travelling northbound on the Eastern Arterial Road, St Ives around 4.30 pm on Monday 28th January 2013.

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Time/Date: 6:30pm Monday 28th January 2013

Location: Burns Road, St Ives

Incident: Single vehicle collision.

About 6:30pm on Monday the 27th of January 2013, a QLD registered white Honda was being driven east on Burns Road, Turramurra by a 48year old female. The driver was negotiating a right hand turn on Burns road at the intersection of Clissold Road, when the driver has lost control of the vehicle resulting in the vehicle colliding with a brick fence. No persons were injured.

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Due to the inclement weather police are advising drivers to drive to the conditions. Taking into account slippery roads and reduced visibility. Police request drivers reduce their speed and leave extra distance between vehicles and be aware braking distances are increased and curves and bends should be treated with due care and diligence.

Time/Date: Between 4.30pm and 9:30 pm on Tuesday 22 January 2013

Location: Residence in Burns Road, Wahroonga

Incident: Break, enter and steal

Between 4.30 pm and 9.30 pm on Tuesday 22nd January 2013 unknown person/s have gained entry to a residence in Burns Road, Wahroonga via an unlocked rear ground floor door. Stolen was the resident's handbag and wallet which contained approximately \$500 in cash. The residents were watching TV in the lounge room at the time of the incident. At around 11:00 pm the victim has found the handbag and wallet in the side yard at the location. The cash had been removed.

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Time/ Date: 9:30pm on Monday 28th February 2013

Location: IGA Grocery Store, Galston Road, Galston

Incident: Break, enter and steal

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About 9:30pm on Monday 28th January 2013, the alarm system of IGA Supermarket at Galston was activated. Police arrived at the store to find the front door locks had been broken and the doors had been pulled apart. Police also noted attempts were made to immobilise the alarm system. Whilst inside the premises, police observed that there were about 50 packets of cigarettes strewn over the front counters and floors, several empty cigarette trays and two cabinets of cigarettes which appeared not to have been tampered with. It was estimated that approximately 540 packets of cigarettes had been stolen which was approximately \$10,000 worth. Police investigations are continuing.

The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 22/01/13:

Incident: Middle range drink driving charge
Time/Date: About 11.45 pm on Friday the 18th
Place: Denman Pde, Normanhurst
Vehicle 1: Silver Ford
Driver 1: 23 year old male

Details: Patrolling police have stopped the Ford for a random breath test. While speaking to the driver, police have smelt intoxicating liquor from inside the car. The driver was breath tested and this was allegedly positive for alcohol. The male was arrested and a further test gave a result of .119. The driver had his licence suspended by police.

Court: The male is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 7th of February charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Car crash
Time/Date: About 1.50 pm on Monday the 21st
Place: Intersection of Blacks road and Bayfield road, Arcadia.
Vehicle 1: Peugeot
Driver 1: 17 year old female (learner)
Vehicle 2: Holden
Driver 2: 53 year old male.

Details: The Peugeot was being driven North along Bayfield road and has attempted to turn left into Blacks road. It is alleged the 17 year old learner driver was travelling too fast to safely complete the turn and has collided with the Holden which was travelling East on Blacks road. The Holden had attempted to veer away from the Peugeot but after being hit has ended up on an embankment. Both cars were towed from the scene, no person/s were injured in the collision. The female driver received a ticket for Not give way to oncoming traffic.

Incident: Bicycle collision
Time/Date: About 10.40 am on Sunday the 20th
Place: Kuring gai Chase road, Asquith.
Cycle rider: 24 year old female.

Details: The female was riding with her boyfriend and for unknown reasons the bike has crashed and the female rider was ejected over the handle bars. The rider suffered facial injuries, She was wearing a helmet at the time and it is likely this prevented further injuries. Ambulance attended and conveyed the rider to the RNSH for treatment. It was noted the rear tyre of her bike was deflated this may have been a cause of the crash.

Incident: House fire
Time/Date: About 5 pm on Friday the 18th
Place: Gardiner road, Galston.

Details: The home owner was in the kitchen and has placed a saucepan of oil on the gas stove to cook. A neighbour has knocked on the door which has distracted the owner when he answered the door. Soon after smoke and flames were seen coming from the kitchen. The owner has attempted to put the fire out while the fire brigade were called. The fire was put out with damage being contained to the kitchen area only. Damage is estimated to be about \$15,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal
Time/Date: Sometime between Friday the 4th of January and Tuesday the 15th of January.
Place: Glendale rd, Turramurra.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor rear window. Several rooms were searched by the offender/s and jewellery was stolen. The value is estimated to be about \$17,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal
Time/Date: Between 9.30 am and 10.10 am on Tuesday the 15th
Place: Anne Marie Close, St Ives.

Details: Unknown person/s have entered the home via an unlocked rear door. It appears the main bedroom was searched with jewellery and cash being taken. The jewellery was valued at an estimated \$37,000 and cash to the value of \$1,000.

Incident: Stealing
Time/Date: Between 9 am and 10 am on Friday the 18th
Place: A Gym in Merriwa st, Gordon.

Details: Unknown person/s have seized an opportunity to steal a wallet and its contents from a display shelf at the business. It appears the staff member has momentarily left the counter area for a short time with the thief being able to take the wallet out of a handbag unnoticed.

While this incident is unfortunate for the victim. Police would like to warn reception and sales workers of the need to properly secure their valuables. This may be in a lockable drawer or cabinet. Better still keep them well away from areas accessed by customers or the public. Business owners also have a responsibility to provide a secure area where staff can lock their valuables. If you do wish to have the items 'handy' keep them in a pocket or similar secure area. **If it's unattended it's at risk.**

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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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.

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