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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.**

About 10.05am on Thursday 19 July 2012, two females entered Ryde TAFE, via the gate on Parkes Street, Ryde. Moments later both women entered the female changing rooms inside the TAFE building. The padlocks on two of the lockers inside the changing room were cut with bolt cutters and items of personal property were removed. Police from Gladesville Local Area Command have released CCTV still photographs of two women whom they believe may be able to assist with their enquiries. If any person has information relating to these matters, please call Gladesville Police on 9879 9699 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Please quote EVENT No:



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It was announced today that Project **eyewatch** has received two **Australian Business Awards 2012** for Project Management and for Innovation.

Project **eyewatch** represents the NSW Police Force's strategy to reinvigorate community engagement and openness in policing through the concept of Neighbourhood Watch in the 21st Century. Active Neighbourhood Watch Groups mobilised through project "eyewatch", using the social network tool Facebook, will be given opportunity to participate with their local police in active crime prevention. Reducing crime through conscious security measures, visibility and community cohesion can often neutralise risks posed by those in the minority who seek to disrupt our lives. People want to be heard at a local level and want ownership of their own community. Their position is that community engagement is a two-way street, not something that is done to the community by the police. To assist this process it is considered that project "eyewatch" will operate around four key strategies: focus on the people who need police help; empower accountability; balance priorities; and develop community capacity and sustainability.

Understanding that residents can't all necessarily meet in the town centre is at the core of this new initiative. Project **eyewatch** will give community members the opportunity to participate in

active crime prevention activities online in their own homes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The main benefits of Project eyewatch are greater access for the community, real time engagement, seeking a consensus on a problem, providing accurate up to date information, facilitating forums to find solutions, creating an ability to provide feedback and developing a high value community network. This world-first concept is about penetrating into and engaging the community to identify problems and work on a whole of community solution. In policing terms, this enhances our ability to environmentally scan our communities.

As part of Missing Person's Week, Kuring gai LAC are continuing to seek information on **Elaine MORGAN 27/07/1957** Location: **Murdoch Street, Turramurra.**

About 9am on Tuesday 17 April 2007, Elaine MORGAN was last seen in the St Ives area. About 4pm that day her husband, the next of kin received a phone call from a local dance Academy, expressing some concerns. Soon after the husband has found a note at home supposedly written by the missing person Elaine. Elaine Morgan had taken her mobile phone but left her handbag behind and was driving a White Subaru Forester registration number YZT-314. Elaine has a history of depression and sought help during 2005. Police located the vehicle in the North Head area the following day. Elaine has not been seen or heard from since; police are keen to hear from any person who may be able to assist police in locating her or putting them into contact with Elaine. If you are able to offer any information concerning the whereabouts of the above missing person, please contact the Missing Person Unit on 1 800 025 091 (free call) or your nearest police station. Elaine is described as: 175 cm tall, medium build. With blue eyes, and blond hair, She would now be 54 years of age.



FAQ #2: WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HEAR AN INTRUDER IN MY HOME?

Best advice is to scream, run and hide. Try and keep a line of retreat open at all times. If possible, lock yourself in a room. Barricade yourself in a room if you have to. Do NOT confront the intruder. Phone 000. You might only have a few seconds to get the call in. State "I am at (give address) and there is person(s) on premises; I fear for the welfare of myself and family".

Police will respond 'code red'.

Only fight an intruder if you have no other choice. Just think, if you get killed or incapacitated then who is going to protect your partner/kids, let alone support them if you die? Possessions are not worth dying for. Keep a pre-programmed mobile phone by the bed. And a large million candle power torch is recommended, as it has the added bonus of being able to blind an attacker. A flash (just a flash) of light in their eyes will rob them of their night vision, so they are going to be severely hindered if they try to run off in the dark, where as you have the advantage of knowing the layout of your place.

If someone is prepared to enter a home knowing someone is in residence, it can be taken as a fact they would be prepared to confront anyone who challenges them.

Related Facts: Is the front gate to your property locked? If so, then you must provide a bell, buzzer or method for a person to alert you they are there. Otherwise they have a common law right to go to your front door. Even if that includes jumping the fence or gate.

Extensive road closures and parking restrictions will be in place between Sydney's CBD and Bondi Beach for the **City2Surf on Sunday 12 August**. Many roads between the city centre and Eastern Suburbs will close from 4.30am. Major roads that will be closed include:

- College Street, Macquarie Street and William Street in the CBD
- New South Head Road between Rose Bay and Vaucluse
- Old South Head Road in Vaucluse
- Military Road between Vaucluse and Bondi.

Project eyewitness Community Training Day: to be held at the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Pacific Highway, Gordon. **Friday August 24th 10-12am. FREE.** Places limited. Bookings necessary - email NHWGordon@gmail.com. This is ideal for anyone in the community wanting to see how the Police use facebook for Crime Prevention. Especially recommended for Neighbourhood Watch volunteers. Morning tea available from 9.30am.

National Missing Persons Week 29 July - 4 August

According to research from the Australian National Missing Persons Coordination Centre, 20,000 young people are reported missing in Australia every year - that's a couple of people, like you, every hour of every day. National Missing Persons week is an annual campaign which aims to raise awareness of the issues and impacts associated with missing persons in Australia. In 2012, the campaign takes a preventative approach with the theme of "Take the time to let someone know" - focussing primarily on young people as one of the key groups at risk of going missing in

Australia. This campaign aims to reach out to young people and encourage them to let someone know where they are, or where they are going, in order to reduce the impact of missing persons in the community. Visit <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=22bf17c9c2&e=a363be97f2> for more information.

Detectives are appealing for public assistance as they continue investigations into a **suspected professional robbery ring** responsible for stealing jewellery valued at more than \$2.5 million. CCTV footage has been released of three people who police believe may be able to help them with their inquiries... described as being of South American appearance and aged in their mid to late twenties.



One person has been arrested and remains before the court, but detectives believe a number of

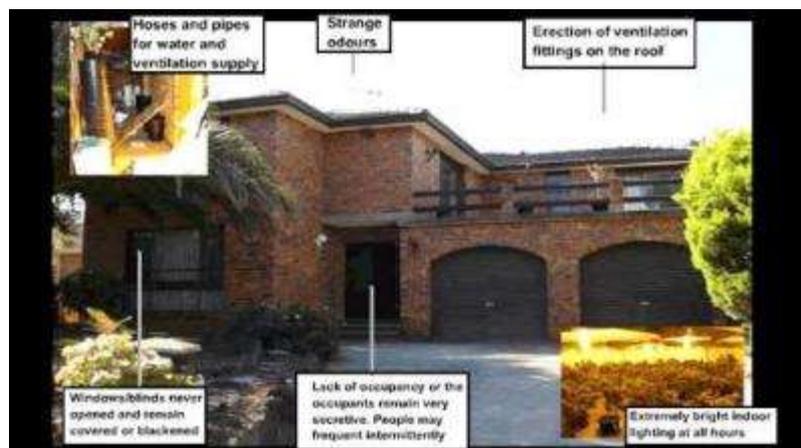
other people remain outstanding. Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives formed Strike Force Warbrick in June this year to investigate a series of robberies targeting people employed in the wholesale jewellery industry. Police suspect a professional robbery ring "...involving up to five people" with international links is behind the robberies which have occurred throughout the Sydney metropolitan area over a five-month period.

The robberies include a man at Killara. He was robbed of jewellery valued at \$200,000 after being punched repeatedly in the face on 30 May 2012. "The victims ... in a number of cases, they believe they had been followed throughout the day prior to being robbed".

From Manley LAC, a disturbing trend in the area:

Intelligence information has been received which has identified a recurring modis operandi within Harbourside and surrounding local area commands. This trend involves the process of interfering with the **infra-red sensors on electric and motorised roller/security doors**. The action is to spray a substance, believed to be black paint, on the receiving sensor of the electric gate. This seals and prevents the sensor from receiving the clear beam, which usually indicates that the door is free from obstruction and safe to close. The next time the door is opened, the sensor that triggers the door to close is disabled and hence, prevents the door from closing, allowing unauthorised access to the premises. Since the receiving sensor believes the door is obscured, the door is never closed as a safety function of the door. It is advised that all owners or users of electrical doors, be mindful of these sensors and to make sure their doors are correctly operating.

At a quick glance they look like any other suburban home - red brick with well-kept lawns and maybe even a dog in the yard.



Look a little closer and you will notice that the lights inside are unusually bright, there's a lock on

the electricity meter and the dog has a savage disdain for any visitors. Welcome to a typical southwest Sydney drug house, responsible for the cultivation of thousands of cannabis plants. NSW Police Deputy Commissioner Field Operations Nick Kaldas said the suburban "hydro house" was of great concern to police - and he called for people to report any suspicious houses in their street or suburb. Some things to look for if you suspect a drug house in your area include increased security measures such as roller shutters, fences, guard dogs; locks on the electricity meter; condensation on windows; and large amounts of garbage.

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=d4991b42b2&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.



Hornsby Police news, 30/07/12. The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command;

Incident: Motor vehicle collision
Time/Date: About 2.15pm on Saturday 28th July 2012
Place: Yanko Road, West Pymble

Details: About 2.15pm on Saturday 28 July 2012, a motor vehicle was travelling in a north westerly direction along Yanko Road. The vehicle has travelled over a rise and the driver noticed a male and two little girls crossing the road towards his lane. The driver was about 5 metres away from the group when the male stopped in the middle of the road. A seven year old female kept walking, into the path of the oncoming vehicle. As a result the vehicle collided with the little girl who was transported to Westmead Children's Hospital by care flight, with cuts and bruises.

Incident: Drug Detection
Time/Date: About 3:20pm on Monday 30th July 2012
Place: Canoon Road Netball and Tennis Courts, South Turramurra
Person: 46 year old male

Details: About 3:20pm on the 30th July 2012, Police were patrolling the vicinity of the Canoon Road Netball Courts, in regards to anti social behaviour. Police have observed a blue station wagon parked at the location with two males sitting adjacent to the vehicle.

As police spoke to the two males they have seen one of the male's place a container that was situated next to him into his pocket. On further investigation it was observed the containers contents were an amount of green vegetable matter, police will allege is Cannabis

A 46 year old Turramurra man will appear at Hornsby Local Court charged with possess prohibited drug.

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Incident: Stealing
Time/Date: At 2.30pm on Tuesday 24 July 2012
Place: BWS Pacific Hwy, Berowra
Person: Male in mid 30's

At 2.30pm on Tuesday 24 July 2012 a male described as Caucasian, mid 30s, medium to short build and slim, wearing a cap and high visibility work shirt. Has grabbed alcohol to the value of \$75.00 from a display counter in the BWS store at Berowra and run from the store.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time/Date: Sometime on Saturday 28th July 2012
Place: underground car park in unit block in Stanley Street, St Ives

Sometime on Saturday 28th July 2012 person or person/s unknown have gained access to the underground car park in a unit block in Stanley Street, St Ives. The offenders have then broken into the secure caged car spaces of a number of residents in the car park. Approximately \$16 000 worth of property has been taken.

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Incident: Vehicle Fire
Time/Date: About 3.00 am on Sunday 29th of July 2012
Place: Residence in The Broadway, Wahroonga

About 3.00am on Sunday 29th July 2012 a 46 year old male was watching TV in his living room

at an address in The Broadway Wahroonga. He has heard two male voices and looked out his bedroom window. He has seen a container on the roof of his car, and smoke coming from the rear of his vehicle. Upon approaching he has seen flames at the rear of the vehicle. He has then grabbed a hose and put out the fire. Police investigations are continuing.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time/Date: Between 09:30am and 6.30pm on Thursday 26 July 2012
Place: Residence in Chilton Parade, Warrawee

Between 09:30am and 6.30pm on Thursday 26 July 2012 Unknown person/s have gained entry to a residence in Chilton Parade, Warrawee by forcing open the ground floor front window. Attempts to jemmy open the ground floor front door were visible, but were unsuccessful.

Offender/s have entered a number of rooms and have removed a safe from the wall, as a result property including jewellery to the value of \$150 000. This included various ladies ring of platinum and gold with stones including rubies, sapphires and diamonds. (Value \$70 000) also various wrist watches valued at \$80 000 plus \$2800 in cash was taken.

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Incident: High Range PCA
Time/Date: About 5.44am on Sunday 29 July, 2012
Place: F3 Mt Colah

About 5.44am on Sunday 29 July, 2012 an off duty Highway Patrol Police Officer was driving his private motor vehicle south on the F3 Freeway, Mt Colah when he observed a red Mazda being driven erratically, unable to remain in its own lane.

The off duty Officer then followed the Mazda as it went from the Freeway and began to drive south on the Pacific Highway, Wahroonga. He then contacted '000' and continued to follow the Mazda from Wahroonga to Gordon. The Mazda has nearly collided with at least 6 parked vehicles on separate occasions. As the vehicle has stopped at a set of lights in Lindfield the off duty officer has produced ID, immobilised the vehicle and detained the driver.

Short time later local Highway Patrol officers have attended the location and a road side breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A further test at Gordon Police station returned a result of 0.214. The driver had his licence suspended by police and was charged with High Range drink driving and is to face Hornsby Local court on a date yet to be determined.

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Incident; Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: Between 03:00 on Friday 15 June 2012 and 12:00 on Monday 30 July 2012

Place: Garage on a residence on Middle Dural Road, Galston

Sometime between Friday 15th June and Monday 30th unknown persons have forced a lock on a roller door and gained entry to a large shed/garage on a residence in Middle Dural Road, Galston. Property to the value of \$22,000 was taken which included a ride on lawn mower, blower, hedger, whipper snipper, two wheel barrows, a compressor, tool box and two motor bikes.

The resident was overseas for an extended time and discovered the theft upon his return.

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Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: 6.52pm on Sunday 29 July 2012

Place: Vintage Cellars, Rohini St, Turramurra

At 6.52pm on Sunday 29 July 2012 an unknown female described as being in her mid 30s, of Pacific Islander origin, with black hair worn in a bun, wearing a grey jumper, black scarf and black pants. Has walked into the Vintage Cellars store at Turramurra has been observed on CCTV footage to take three 3 bottles of red wine off the display shelf in shop at the location. Store staff were not aware at the time but observation of the CCTV footage shows the female putting the bottles into a large black bag and leaving the store. The value of the wine taken is \$700.

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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Take the time to let someone Know | Running late? Plans Changed? Need to take some time out?

You might not think of yourself as 'missing' – but what about the people who care about you?
Whatever the reason, just take the time to let someone know.

National Missing persons week is held annually during the first week in August. This year it will be held from Sunday 29th July to Saturday 4th August 2012. Last year 35 000 people are reported each year in Australia. In 2011 over 12 000 people were reported missing to police in NSW. Of those 46 remain.

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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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