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

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**8th April**, One of our **eyewatch** team is looking for sponsors. Who else do you know going behind bars for **Time4Kids on Saturday 13th April 9am-4pm in the Hornsby Mall?** It's a fun way of raising money and awareness of Police-Citizens Youth Club (PCYC)'s work with young people and youth issues. Members of the Community are "locked up" and won't be released until they have raised "bail" via donations. Photo opportunities on the day! Sponsorship details can be found at: [www.everydayhero.com.au/chantelle\\_fornarionsmond](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/chantelle_fornarionsmond) .

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**8th April, a Crime Prevention note from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Paul Cleary:**

I again attended a commuter car park in relation to reducing the risk for **Steal from Motor Vehicle offences**. As my followers know I swooped on several car parks in Hornsby about a month ago with disappointing result. This time I swooped on Berowra railway Commuter car parks (old and new). I must say a big thank you to all but 3 cars. I found no GPS units, no phones. The 3 cars mentioned one had about \$10 in coins in a console and another had a rather high end push bike in the back of a 4x4 (yes these do get stolen) the last one had bags inside which may have looked inviting to a thief. So thank you to all (most) commuters in doing your bit

in minimizing your risk of SFMV offences. What I did see as a side thought were 4 cars with major cracks in their front windscreen, so my flyer was left under their W/S with 'cracked windscreen DEFECT' written on it. Another 2 cars parked in the disable spot WITHOUT a permit shown again a flyer and a reminder note left for them. Considering there were 8 unoccupied spots further up this is selfish and illegal. Next time I just might take my PIN and defect book. One last point, please remove your screen mount for phones and GPS. A really desperate thief will look at that mount and break in just to see if you have put it in the glove box. At best it isn't there; at worst you now have a smashed window or lock. So please remember to remove the mount and wipe off the suction mark.

Thanks S/C P Cleary CPO

**5th April, Graffiti in the Kuring gai LAC** is still a major problem that is unsightly and costs to remove it run into the millions. Changes in legislation mean police can and do treat graffiti seriously as the effects on the community are huge. Please report all graffiti to the Police Assistance Line 131 444 and upload to the VandalTrak website. There is a free App for I Phones, I Pads and Andriod devices. Police use this site to track graffiti, offenders and tags: [www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au)

**4th April, Weekly stats for the Kuring gai LAC:**

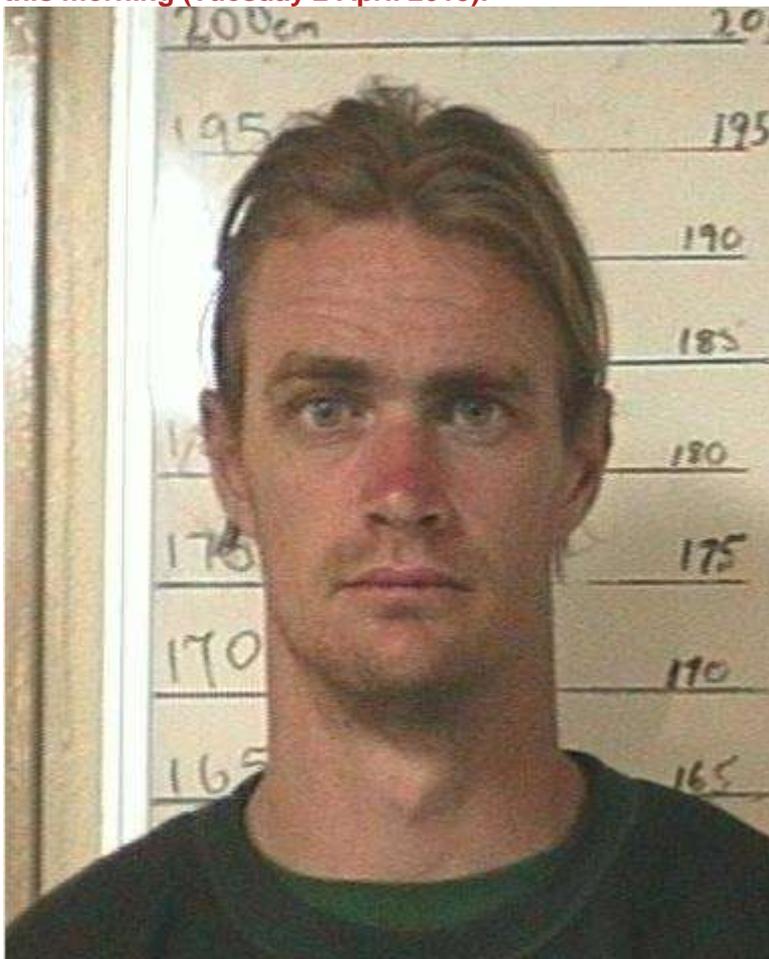
Offences	Death & Life	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal Motor Vehicle	Steal from Motor Vehicle	Hobbery
<b>Suburb</b>						
ARCADE				1		
ASQUITH			1			
BLAIRVALE			2			
BROOKLYN						
COWAN	1					
SALETON			2			
GORDON			1	1		
HORNBY	2		2	2		
KILLARA	1		1			
MT COLAH						
MT KIRIBDAL	1					
NORMAN-HURST						
RYMBLE						1
ST AYS	2		1			
THORNFIELD			2			
TURRAMURRA	1		2	1		1
WARRUMBONG	1		2			1
WATARA				1		
WARRAWEE				1		
WILSON PINNACLES						
Date range:	28 March to 4 April (12pm)					

**4th April,** We're very excited to announce that our Royal Easter Show stall has been awarded the 'Best in Show' award for overall best exhibitor at the show! We also received the Gold Ribbon for best exhibit in our hall. A big thank you to everyone who pulled this together and made it enjoyable for adults and kids alike. If you're planning to go to the Easter Show, please drop by our stall - we'd love to see you there.



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4th April, Police are searching for a man who escaped from Goulburn Correctional Centre this morning (Tuesday 2 April 2013).



**Christopher Gibbs, 30**, was last seen at the minimum security correctional centre on Maud Street at 8.35am, however at a 9.30am muster he could not be sighted. He had been serving a

total 7 year 8 month sentence for armed robbery and other robbery offences. He had been in custody for 14 months. He is described as Caucasian appearance, 195cm tall, of a thin build, with sandy blonde hair, and acne scars on his face. He was last seen wearing prison greens. Police do not know his whereabouts however he is known to have associates in the St Marys area.

Anyone who sees Christopher Gibbs is urged not to approach him but contact police immediately on Triple Zero.

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#### **4th April, Three people have died and police have booked more than 5,600 people for speeding offences on NSW roads during the Easter long weekend.**

Operation Tortoise, the state's long weekend road safety campaign, targeting speeding drivers, drink-drivers and people not wearing seatbelts, finished at midnight last night. During the Easter break police conducted 245,519 random breath tests and charged 302 motorists with drink-driving. There were 659 major crashes on NSW roads resulting in three deaths and injuries to 225 people. Police also issued 8 844 infringement notices for other offences.

Fatal crashes over the Easter long weekend include the death of a 74-year-old pedestrian in Coledale on Thursday 28 March 2013. The man was on a pedestrian crossing on Lawrence Hargrave Drive when he was struck by a vehicle travelling south at 6pm.

A second man died after the car he was travelling and another vehicle collided on The Esplanade at Eleebana about 10 pm on Thursday 28 March 2013.

The third death occurred about 11am yesterday (Monday 1 April 2013) on Orara Way at Kremnos near Glenreagh. Two motorbike riders, a husband and wife, were travelling south when two dogs attempted to cross the roadway in front of them. The riders collided and were thrown from their bikes. The 50-year-old woman from Ulmarra suffered critical head injuries and died on-route to hospital. Her husband, a 63-year-old Ulmarra man, suffered an injury to his leg and grazing.

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**4th April, Public appeal for information:** This happened in the Seven Hills area, but remember crooks have no boundaries. Any information please call Quakers Hill police or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

Police are appealing for information from the public following a **pursuit** in Sydney's north-west overnight. Just before 2.30am (Wednesday 3 April 2013), officers from Quakers Hill Local Area Command attempted to pull over a black Ford Laser on Barbara Boulevard, Seven Hills. When the car failed to stop, police initiated a pursuit on the Prospect Highway, Seven Hills. This ended

about one minute later when the vehicle crashed into a guard rail in Johnson Avenue. Police arrested the driver and front-seat passenger – both 17-year-old males – at the scene. A third male evaded officers. The two arrested youths, one from Seven Hills and the other from Lalor Park, were taken to Quakers Hill Police Station. The driver has since been hospitalised as a precautionary measure for minor injuries. Both males are expected to be charged in relation to the alleged theft of the car from a club in Campbell Street, Blacktown, about 8pm on Tuesday 2 April 2013. It's anticipated the driver will also be charged in relation to the pursuit. Police will further allege both males were in breach of bail conditions.

Meanwhile, police are appealing for public assistance to locate a male who may be able to assist with their inquiries into this incident. He is described as being **16 to 18 years of age, of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance, and with a thin build.**

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### **From the Daily Telegraph: Top police dog Chuck steals the Sydney Royal Easter Show**

He brought Australia's most wanted fugitive to heel and helped contain the Muslim protests in the CBD last year. But when hero police dog Chuck is off duty, he just loves a cuddle.



Chuck has lived with handler Senior Constable Luke Warburton from birth and is a gentle playmate to his sons Angus, 5, and Max, four months. "Chuckie's my best mate. He's with me all day at home and with me all night at work," Constable Warburton said. "He's beautiful. A good family dog. He knows the difference between work and home, so when he gets home he switches off. Then when he gets in the car, he knows it's work time." But Chuck also knows when it's show time, stealing the limelight during the NSW Police Dog Unit display at the Royal Easter Show yesterday, after which he was mobbed by young fans. Chuck helped nab murderer Malcolm Naden in his Hunter Valley hideaway. He also spent a week out of action after a Muslim protester kicked him in the ribs during September's riots.

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**National Cyber Security Awareness Week – 20 to 24 May 2013.** [National Cyber Security Awareness Week](#)

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**Ku-ring-gai Council 'Festival on the Green', Sunday 5 May, 10am - 4pm** at the St Ives Village Green. Please come to the **Police stall** for all your **Crime Prevention questions answered**.

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**From the Australian Communications & Media Authority (ACMA), a consumer warning on 'lottery scam' SMS:**

Have you received an SMS saying your mobile phone number has won you a prize in a lottery you didn't enter? It's a scam. The ACMA has received a number of reports of consumers receiving 'lottery scam' SMS. Some examples of these messages are provided below:

- Your mobile number won \$1,000,000.00.USD in the [NAME] worldwide mobile promo. Reply via sms for more info or email: madeupemail@anydomainyoulike.com, Congratulations!!"
- "CONGRATS!! YOUR MOBILE NUMBER HAS WON YOU 2,000,000,00 USD IN THE FREELOTTO MOBILE PROMO.FOR CLAIMS,SEND EMAIL TO: madeupemail@anydomainyoulike.com & CALL: +44XXXXXXXXXX"

If you have received any message of this nature, or a variation of it, **you should ignore it and report it to the ACMA by forwarding the message to 0429 999 888. You should then delete the message from your phone. DO NOT REPLY TO THESE MESSAGES.** It might seem nice to think you have hit the jackpot, but it is important to remember that these messages are scams and under no circumstances should you respond to the message or provide any information, such as your name, address or your banking details. By replying to these messages, you are just confirming your mobile number to the spammer. For more scams, see: [www.acma.gov.au](http://www.acma.gov.au) .

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**Another from the ACMA:** Do you know what this device is? It is illegal and can potentially put people's lives at risk.



You're on the train to work, headphones plugged in, reading the local newspaper, when suddenly the person next to you slumps over and you realise they're in serious trouble. You reach for your phone to dial Triple Zero ... but it's not working. Nobody's phone is working. Unknown to you, a fellow commuter is using a **mobile phone jammer**, which is blocking all mobile phone signals within the carriage. They've bought this device online from overseas, thinking that it will solve those annoying early morning commuter phone calls. If only they'd realised the serious consequences of this seemingly harmless action. When seconds count, it's crucial that access to the Emergency Call Service is not blocked. You can read more here: <http://engage.acma.gov.au/jammers-risk-lives/>

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Extract from '**Information for parents & carers about Safety on Wheels - the law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades**'

- Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades may be ridden on footpaths unless there are signs that specifically prohibit them. However, riders **must keep to the left and give way** to other pedestrians.
- Powered foot scooters cannot be registered and therefore can only be used on **private land**.
- Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades can be used on the road **only during daylight hours**.
- They cannot be used on roads with a dividing line or median strip, or a speed limit greater than 50km/hr, or a one-way road with more than one marked lane.

(brochure available from [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au) ph: 13 22 13).

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**From the Daily Telegraph: Travelling conmen hit north shore with door-to-door deals 'too good to be true'**

NORTH shore residents have been warned to avoid "back-of-van" deals on cheap merchandise. Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe said the Travelling Conmen Hotline had recently taken a call on such deals in the north shore area. "The consumer who called reported two men selling camera and surround-sound equipment, saying it was worth \$20,000, but that they were prepared to take \$500 to \$1,000 dollars for a deal," he said. "This is your standard travelling conmen and gang rip-off and consumers will end up stung if they fall for these offers." He urged consumers to call the **Travelling Conmen Hotline 1300 133 408** with information and tips.

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(Extract from a facebook post by Snr Cst Jeremy Addison) **ICE - WHAT IS IT AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU?**

Methamphetamine is now the second most commonly used illicit drug in Australia after cannabis. Its use has skyrocketed over the past 15 years, as it's become increasingly refined, potent and dangerous.

It's cheaper than heroin and cocaine, and easier to get – it can be made locally in backyard labs and doesn't have to be grown or depend exclusively on being imported. Ice (crystal methamphetamine hydrochloride), also called shabu, crystal and crystal meth, is much more potent (about 80 per cent purity) and so is more expensive. True 'ice' is manufactured in Asia and imported into Australia. It comes in the form of crystals or coarse powder that range in colour

from translucent to white, but may have a green, blue or pink tinge. It's snorted, injected or smoked.



IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION IN RELATION TO PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE SUPPLY OF PROHIBITED DRUGS PLEASE CONTACT **CRIME STOPPERS ON 1800 333 000**.

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**E-Watch St Ives #1** (a compact Neighbourhood Watch group joined only by emails) had an 'exciting' week last week. On the Sunday, they had an attempted break-in at Gowrie Close: "one fly screen & a window which was bolted slightly open (for fresh air) were out of place, also both our side gates were left open". This was shared amongst members and reported to Police. This prompted another member to share their tale of sighting a suspicious person carrying big black bags around the same time. Snr Cst Paul Cleary, our Crime Prevention Officer, advised the member to contact the Intelligence section of the Police to give a description, because other break-ins in the area had been reported for around the same time.

Isn't Neighbourhood Watch wonderful? "A great lead!" Something of little significance, that when reported had a greater significance to the community. Thanks for sharing, E-Watch St Ives #1! Paul reminds us that this is the kind of information that should be reported to **Hornsby Police 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**.

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[www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC](http://www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC) is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Have you had a look? (The page can be accessed without being logged in to facebook.) There is a photo album being created for easy access to crime prevention documents and resources for public access, including the Neighbourhood Watch 'Our Favourite 20 Tips' series. We will try and let you know as new publications become available for viewing. Anything you would particularly like to see? Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) with your requests, or any questions you may have that could be shared.



The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 08/04/13:

Incident: Persons injured Car crash  
Time/Date: About 3.50pm on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Old Northern rd, Glenorie, x Wylds rd.  
Vehicle 1: Ford S/W  
Driver 1: 77 year old male from a Glenorie address.  
Vehicle 2: Suzuki Swift  
Driver 2: 22 year old female from a Quakers Hill address.

Details: The Ford was stationary on Wylds Road waiting to turn right onto Old Northern road. The Ford has commenced turning at this point the Suzuki was travelling South on Old Northern Road and has collided with the Ford. The 22 year old female Suzuki driver was trapped in her car and had to be cut free by rescue services. The female was taken to Westmead Hospital for treatment for leg and back pain. The 77 male Ford driver received only minor scratches. It is anticipated the Ford driver will receive a ticket for not give way at terminating street.

Incident: Stolen Mobile phone  
Time/Date: During school hours on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Place: Northholm Grammar School, Arcadia.

Details: A school student has placed a mobile phone in her school bag leaving it outside the room while in class. Unknown person/s have stolen the phone at some point during the day. Of note a number of other phones were stolen during the same day.

A warning to parents, students and teachers please be conscious of the fact Mobile phones, Ipods, laptops etc which are left in school bags which are then left unattended are at risk of having their contents stolen. It is a sad state when you can't leave possessions in a bag inside the school grounds but the fact is ***if it is left unattended anywhere*** it is at risk of being stolen. People other than students and staff enter school grounds. Sometimes students may succumb to the temptation of an easy steal. If your child must take a mobile

for security or transport reasons consider an old mobile that a thief is less likely to take.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal  
Time/Date: Between 9am and 5 pm on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Mitchell Cres, Warrawee.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into a home in Warrawee via a ground floor rear window. Several rooms were searched by the offender/s with an amount of jewellery being taken. The value and amount of property is still being obtained.

Incident: Stolen Motor Vehicle  
Time/Date: Between 6pm and midnight on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Darnley St, Gordon.

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen a Gold Mercedes between the above times. Just after midnight a passing motorist in Helensburgh drove past a car on fire near the Princess Highway. Fire brigade were called and put the fire out. The car was completely destroyed and was valued at an estimated \$25,000. Inquiries are continuing.

Incident: Steal From Motor Vehicle  
Time/Date: Between Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March and Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.  
Place: Galston road, Hornsby

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into an Isuzu Table Top truck while parked on the street. A GPS, assorted tools, electrical equipment and safety gear were taken from the truck. The value is estimated to be approximately \$10,000.

Incident: Steal From Motor vehicle (wheels stolen)  
Time/Date: Between 4pm on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> and 9.30am on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Kangaroo Point, Brooklyn.

Details: The owner of a Ford had parked the car in the council car park. During the above times unknown person/s have lifted the car and stolen all 4 wheels. It is unknown what type of wheels they were or what their value is.

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.

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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](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

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