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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. The weekly update usually includes:

- **Project eyewatch:** A selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page. This includes the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips.

One to make you smile.



29th April, from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary: SCAM ALERT.

I know I placed a Scam alert last Wednesday, but they have hit yet again. 4 people have been targeted for attempted frauds in the last few days. The usual tricks.

Phone call advising your computer has a virus and to go to a specific website to 'fix' the problem. (DON'T respond).

Emails asking to click a link as they claim you need to update pass words etc.(DON'T CLICK ANY LINK IN ANY EMAIL).

POP ups appearing while you're browsing the net advising you have a security attack and to click it (DON'T CLICK IT).

Lastly, and the most recent is either a call or email supposedly from the TAX office advising you have a tax refund (yeh as if) they would ask you to go to a website and fill in (personal and bank) details or to provide bank or credit card details over the phone and you'll get your refund (DON'T DO IT).

These examples are all scams, they are low life people trying to get your money. They are targeting people all the time but they are very active right now. So please talk to your friends and relatives. Make sure your computer has up to date antivirus software and never repeat NEVER click a link in an email if you don't know the sender and NEVER give out any personal details over the phone or at the door.

Hornsby Police news, 29/4/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 4.30am on Monday the 29th

Place: F3 Freeway Wahroonga

Vehicle 1: Suzuki

Driver 1: 58 year old male

Details: The driver was travelling South on the freeway when in his words he fell asleep while driving. The car has careered across several lanes and crashed in the rock face. The Suzuki had part of its front wheel and suspension ripped from the car. The driver was momentarily trapped but managed to free himself. He was taken to the RNSH for treatment. Police will await the results of blood test before deciding on taking any action.

Incident: Stolen car

Time/Date: Between 8.30am and 1.30pm on Monday the 29th

Place: Brennan Close, Asquith

Vehicle 1: Landrover Defender valued at \$40,000.

Details: The car owner has parked the Landrover at his home. Unknown person/s have stolen the car.

Incident: 12 Hot water systems stolen

Time/Date: Between Wednesday the 24th and Friday the 26th

Place: Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh

Details: The Hot water system were installed in a recently finished housing development. Unknown person/s have gained access to the location and stolen 12 Hot water systems and attempted to steal another (Couldn't undo fittings). The hot water systems are Rheem brand continuous flow Model 871 - 875 Series. A total value is not yet known.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 12pm and 7.30pm on Saturday the 27th

Place: Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have entered the home via a first floor front door while inside several rooms were ransacked with a Total of \$35,000 worth of jewellery being taken. One of the items was a unique and expensive fob watch. Several electronic items were also taken.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between Wednesday the 24th and Friday the 26th

Place: The Crest, Killara

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor rear door. About \$3,000 in cash was taken from the home.

Incident: Malicious Damage

Time/Date: Between Thursday the 25th and Monday the 29th

Place: Berowra Public school.

Details: Unknown person/s have smeared faeces over two and a half school student blocks, including verandas, hand rails and floor boards.

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: About 8pm on Friday the 26th

Place: Telechoice Westfield Hornsby

Person 1: Female (See photo) wearing a white hoody.

Person 2: Male wearing Crème shorts and a white hoody.

Details: Police were called to the location. A review of CCTV footage shows a female allegedly opening a fire exit door and the male enter the centre. A short time later the male has gone inside the store's boundaries for a short time. It is not known at this stage if anything has been taken, as an inventory needs to be done. Police believe the female depicted may assist in inquiries into the incident.



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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29th April: Here are some quick **stats of crimes in the Kuring gai LAC**

Offences	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steal Motor Vehicle	Steal from Motor Vehicle
Suburb					
ARCADIA					
ASQUITH		2			
BEROWRA					
BOBBIN HEAD					
BROOKLYN		1			
COWAN					
GALSTON	1	1			
GORDON	1				
HORNSBY		3	3		
East KILLARA		1			
KILLARA	2				
MT COLAH					
MT KURING GAI					
NORMANHURST		1			
PYMBLE			1		1
ST IVES		1	1		
THORNLEIGH	1		1		1
TURRAMURRA					
WAHROONGA	2	1			
WAITARA					1
WARRAWEE					
WEST PYMBLE					
WESTLEIGH					
Date range:	25 April to 9am 29 April				

29th April: A man has been injured after a single car crash in Sydney's north this morning. About 4.30am today (Monday 29 April 2013) a Suzuki sedan was travelling south on the F3 at Hornsby near the Alexandria Parade overpass when it left the road, hit an embankment and rolled. The male driver has been removed from the vehicle and is being assessed on site by paramedics. He is expected to be taken to hospital for further medical checks. 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.

26th April, Request for assistance:

Hornsby police are investigating a stealing offence that occurred in the Oriton store in Westfield Hornsby. CCTV footage shows a male enter the store about 1.150pm on Saturday the 13th of April, soon after a staff member has noticed her mobile phone was missing from her hand bag. The mobile was a Samsung Galaxy S3 White. Police believe the male depicted may be able to assist with inquiries into the matter and request any information about the incident or the identity of the male to please call Hornsby Police 9476 9799 or crime stoppers on 1800 333 000 all information given is treated strictly confidential.



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April 26th from the Hornsby Advocate: Two men killed in suspected murder - suicide. A QUIET Westleigh street has been rocked by a suspected murder-suicide after two men were found with fatal gunshot wounds last night. Police said the mother of one of the two men, who was upstairs at the time of the murder, discovered the bodies with gunshot wounds at the home on Quarter sessions Rd about 7.50pm after hearing gun shots. Ku-ring-gai Police acting inspector David Loudon said the mother heard the shots at the house and then came down to find her son and another man lying dead in the down stairs area of the home. "We are looking at it as a murder suicide, but it's up to the coroner to decide the exact cause of death," he said. More at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/two-men-killed-in-suspected-murdersuicide-at-westleigh-home/story-fngr8i1f-1226629801334>

24th April, from the Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate: Hornsby police want to speak with this man regarding a sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl, who was touched on the backside, at Hornsby Library last Thursday at 1pm. The man in the images is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged about 30, of slim build and with short grey/blond hair.



24th April, from our neighbouring North Shore Command: ALLEGED LINDFIELD ASSAILANT ARRESTED.

Your Detectives from North Shore LAC have arrested and charged a man following two assaults on woman as they walked from Lindfield Railway Station last week. Strike Force Coggin was established to investigate the assaults' and comprises officer's attached to North Shore Local Area Command and the State Crime Command's Sex Crime Squad. As a result of the investigation, a 19-year-old South Korean National was arrested at a unit in Lindfield Avenue, Lindfield about 8.30pm last night, (Monday 22 April, 2013). He was taken to Chatswood Police Station where he was charged with sexual assault and indecent assault. He was refused bail and is expected to appear in Hornsby Local Court today, (Tuesday 23 April, 2013).

24th April, Galston Gorge.



A lot of local and visiting drivers use the Gorge to get to 'the other side'. Now most of you know but how many actually look at that Give Way sign at the bottom beside the bridge? Not a lot I suspect. Now how it usually works is that cars take turns to cross the one lane only bridge with several cars at a time cross with most drivers being considerate of other road users. But there are times when 2 cars approach from both directions and race to be the first one there well. That Give Way sign is only facing the (to Galston) direction What that means is 2 cars approach as above the 'to Galston' car must give way simple and legal. You wouldn't blast through any other give way sign so don't do it here. And don't chuck a hissy fit waving your fists that the other car entered the bridge legally before you. Any prang means you get the ticket.

(Note: this post on the local police facebook page has had 5,284 views! We are starting to reach people...)

24th April, from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary:

SCAMS. Hornsby police have seen an increase in the number of scams (attempted frauds) reported in recent weeks. There are several different methods used to steal your money or bank details. One of those is to infect your computer with a virus that you receive in an email. Once the attachment is opened the virus can enter your email contacts list and sends emails to your contacts. The fake email sends an email asking for help from a friend asking for money usually saying you are injured or stuck overseas and need help getting home. Even you may get an email from one of your friends with the same type of request. Please verify with known phone numbers and check with other friends as to its authenticity. Spread to word among your friends of this scam.

Another one doing to rounds now is a computer operator cold calls you or sends you an email advising that you have a virus on your computer and that they can fix it for a nominal fee. But they need remote access to do this. The 'crook' once they have remote access have complete control of all your computer including bank details, personal information and passwords and they have the ability to place further viruses on your computer to commit other frauds like the one above. They are many virus protection programs out in the market place. Talk to your friends or relatives and get advice on what works and what is a good program, try to avoid sales pitches but get referrals from trusted people. Then make sure you actually do regular scans of your system and update it accordingly. For information on scams etc you can go to the scamwatch website.

One for your diaries: The **Salvos Red Shield Appeal Doorknock** is coming up on the **25th & 26th of May** and we need 100,000 volunteers to make it happen. If you have a few spare hours, head to <http://salvos.org.au/> to register. Several of our Neighbourhood Watch street coordinators also assist the community by door-knocking for this appeal. Thank you guys! You know who you are.

Ku-ring-gai Council 'Festival on the Green', Sunday 5 May, 10am - 4pm at the St Ives Village Green. Neighbourhood Watch are helping man the Police stall. After all, it's the same message about crime prevention, isn't it? Why not come down and say 'hello' and ask your Crime Prevention Officer some interesting curly questions?

FREE Personal Safety & Stress Management Workshop 10-12noon, Thursday 16 May, Berowra. Run jointly by Hornsby Police & Hornsby Council. Please view for details: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/all-events/free-events/personal-safety-and-stress-management>. For more information or to book, please phone Jian on 9847 6994 or Fiona on 9476 9715 or email: jzhao@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

Did you know? All the graffiti that Hornsby Shire Council clean up is recorded for you to see on their website? Here is the list for 2013 so far, showing the cost to rate payers: It even shows incidents that have yet to be removed.

326989	18/01/2013	No.205-209 Newline Road DURAL	14/02/2013	0.00	119.56
328705	24/01/2013	Chapman Ave BEECROFT	25/01/2013	0.00	0.00
330096	31/01/2013	Berowra Girl Guides BEROWRA	08/02/2013	0.00	199.71
330593	04/02/2013	County Drive to Treetops rd CASTLE HILL	05/02/2013	0.00	299.35
336908	28/02/2013	Purchase rd CHERRYBROOK		0.00	0.00
344226	03/04/2013	County Drive CHERRYBROOK		0.00	0.00

Which reminds us - have you downloaded the VandalTrak App for your smartphone? It's FREE! And easy. Please report any graffiti you see, wherever you are, whatever the time of day. Have a look at www.VandalTrak.com.au. Let's log it all!

BLUE LIGHT DISCO Dance Party for ages 8 to 12yrs - 25 May 2013 at Hornsby Kuring-gai PCYC Performing Arts Centre, 22 Waitara Ave, Waitara. Tel: 9477 2310.
Email: hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au .

St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch group - Next Meeting - TOMORROW Tuesday, 30th April, 2013 -- 8 p.m. Annual General Meeting and Elections -- St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives

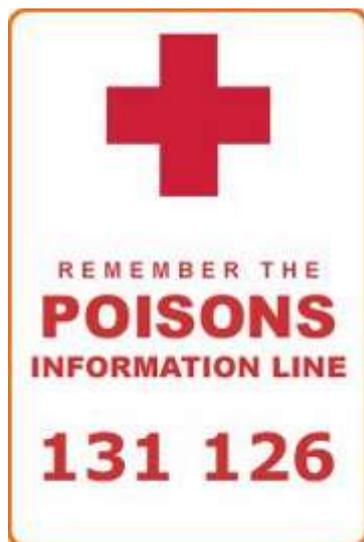
GUEST SPEAKER -- We are pleased to welcome our **Crime Prevention Officer , Senior Constable, Paul**

Cleary, who will focus on internet safety and scams which are constant annoyances and catch the unwary far too often. Ask him anything that is bothering you, as well, especially any concerns that you have about the Chase.

From Arcadia Fire Brigade, Tips for Safe Chemical Storage and Use: Keep your home safe! The NSW Fire Brigades recommends this simple safety checklist:

- Read the label before purchasing any chemical. Understand the correct use and the dangers posed by the chemical.
- Choose the least dangerous product that will do the job, especially if children are present.
- Lock chemicals in a cabinet out of the reach of children. Where possible, store liquid chemicals below dry chemicals. Remember children are curious, inventive and good climbers.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Handle with extreme caution. Use recommended protective equipment: gloves, safety goggles, etc. Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Wash cleaning rags after use, and before throwing in the rubbish.
- Seal chemicals in their original containers. Do not reuse empty containers or repack product in different containers.
- Remember some medicines look like soft drinks or lollies. Lock them away from children.
- Do not mix chemicals.
- Do not prepare more chemical than you need for the job.
- Do not use chemicals for jobs for which they are not intended.
- Do not pour chemicals down the drain, the toilet or the gutter.

More at: <http://arcadiarfs.org.au/fire-safety/2013/4/28/household-chemical-safety>



Cats – Your responsibilities

Cats born after 1 July 1999 must be microchipped by the time they are 12 weeks of age or at point of sale or change of ownership, whichever comes first. They must also be registered by the age of six months. Cats born before this time are exempt from lifetime registration but must be identified by either a microchip or wear a collar with a tag attached that shows the name of the cat and the address or phone number of the owner.

If you sell or give away your cat, **it is your responsibility as the 'old' owner to update the new owner's details** on the register.

A reminder: for any traffic related delays or incidents go to the www.livetraffic.rta.gov.au website. We suggest you check out your route before starting any trip, not just for incidents, but also for roadworks, major events, fires, alpine conditions, etc.

The NSW Government's **SecureNSW website** is worth a look. "This is your one-stop-shop for counter terrorism information in New South Wales (NSW). Here you will find an overview of NSW arrangements and our capability to counter terrorism. We recommend the Current Events page: <http://www.secure.nsw.gov.au/Media-centre/Current-events/> .

Noise Time Restrictions:

Power tools & equipment - 8pm to 7am Mon-Sat, 8pm to 8am Sun & Public holidays

Music - 10pm to 8am Sun-Thur, Midnight to 8am Fri-Sat & any day preceding a Public holiday

Air conditioning & heat pumps - 10pm to 7am Mon-Fri, 10pm to 8am Sat-Sun & Public holidays

Motor vehicles (except entering or leaving a property) - 8pm to 7am Mon-Fri, 8pm to 8am Sat-Sun & Public holidays.

For the **Hornsby Shire Council** area - phone **9847 6760**.

For the **Ku-ring-gai Council** area - phone **9424 0000**.

Thanks to Ku-ring-gai Council.

More information: http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Plans_and_regulations/General/Noise

23 April, from St Ives E-Watch#1: One of our friends in Gowrie Close was alarmed to see a green snake on her front porch this morning. From the description it is likely to have been either a

diamond python or green tree snake , both of which are considered to be fairly harmless provided you don't try to handle them. A good summary of snakes in the general area can be found here with both of the snakes mentioned above classified as "Low Risk Snakes": <http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/environment/Snakes.aspx> Best policy is to leave them alone and they will wander away on their own business. Any other snakes mentioned in the document should be considered dangerous, although they are only encountered rarely in the suburban environment.

Your local Police have a facebook page. Have you had a look? The page can be accessed without being logged in to facebook. Simply click on the link: www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC.

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



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.

This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. 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 area, 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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