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Please accept our apologies if your display this week is weird - we'll try and fix it for next week! 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** and Ku-ring-gai areas. 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, etc.

24th June, Department of Fair trading has advised by a media release on the temporary ban on Synthetic drugs. Please read the attached link for details.

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20130609_interim_bans_on_synthetic_drug.page?DCSext.ref=HomePageClick%3AScamandAlerts

24th June, Hornsby Police news, 24/6/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: High range drink driving charge

Time/Date: About 5am on Saturday the 22nd

Place: Romsey street, Hornsby

Vehicle 1: Honda Accord

Driver 1: 31 year old male

Details: Patrolling police first noticed the Honda when it nearly collided with their fully marked police car on Romsey street, Soon after this the Honda has changed lanes nearly colliding with the marked police car a second time. The driver was stopped and spoken to. A roadside breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A further test gave a result of .181, the driver had his license suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 11th of July, charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol.

Incident: Middle range drink driving charge

Time/Date: About 11pm on Saturday the 22nd

Place: Sunset avenue, Hornsby Heights.

Vehicle 1: Honda CRV

Driver 1: 20 year old male

Details: Police were called to the location due to a car crash. At the scene police saw the Honda to be on its roof down an embankment. It was ascertained the driver was attempting to move the car and has driven the car through a front yard and down the embankment before flipping onto its roof. There were 3 passengers in the car as well. One of these passengers was taken to the RNSH with minor injuries. The driver was spoken to with a roadside breath test giving an alleged positive result for alcohol. A further test gave a result of .133, the driver had his license suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 11th of July, charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Middle range drink driving charge

Time/Date: About 10.50pm on Saturday the 22nd

Place: Scout hall in Hunter avenue, St Ives.

Vehicle 1: Mercedes.

Driver 1: 21 year old male.

Details: Police were called to the location and saw a Mercedes wedged on a mound of dirt in the car park area of the scout hall. All 4 wheels of the Mercedes were off the ground and a number of youths were sitting on the boot (trying to help get traction). Police have stopped them and have spoken to the driver. A roadside breath test give an alleged positive result for alcohol. A further test gave a result of .130, the driver had his license suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 11th of July, charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Low range drink driving charge.
Time/Date: About 12.25pm on Friday the 21st
Place: F3 freeway
Vehicle 1: Toyota
Driver 1: 18 year old female.

Details: Highway patrol police were performing Radar duties on the F3 and have detected the Toyota allegedly travelling at 102km/h in the 80 speed zone. The driver was stopped and a roadside breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A further test gave a result of .065. The driver had her license suspended by police.

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 17th of July, charged with Driving with a Low Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol and Exceeding the speed limit.

Incident: Truck stuck in Galston Gorge.
Time/Date: About 1pm on Tuesday the 18th
Place: Galston Gorge, Hornsby Heights.
Person 1: 33 year old female

Details: Police were called to Galston Gorge by the driver of a rigid truck, which had become stuck on the first right hand 'hairpin' bend. The truck an 11.8m long rigid truck had driven past numerous signs and flashing lights on Galston road before allegedly entering the 'Gorge' It has made the first bend (left hand) before getting stuck against the Armco railing on the next right hand hairpin bend. The driver called police for assistance. The road was blocked until about 3.35pm with the RTA needing a tow truck to assist the removal. The driver who was unfamiliar to the area allegedly followed her GPS into the Gorge. The driver received a ticket (\$2050). The driver will also need to pay the RTA's towing costs.

Incident: Drug offences
Time/Date: About 9.30pm on Friday the 21st.
Place: Kent Oval, Turramurra.
Person 1: 18 year old male

Details: Police have attended the area and within the car park noticed a number of young persons in a car. When the police car was near them a number of youths have run off. Police have spoken to several of the youths and searched the car. A small amount of Cannabis was allegedly located as well as a 'bong'. An 18 year old male received a caution for the offence.

Incident: 3 teens stuck in bushland.
Time/Date: Sunday afternoon.

Place: Bushland off Dunbar st, Westleigh.

Details: Three 13 year old friends have gone into the bush about 2pm on Sunday afternoon. They were headed to a place they had been to numerous times before. Due to heavy rain when the youths have tried to get back (uphill) they have realised the track was slippery, one of them has called their father who, soon realised he couldn't locate them and called police to assist. About 5.20pm (nearly dark) they were located and were walked out of the bush. The youths were 'spoken to' about the rain and dangerous conditions. The youths were unhurt but a police officer received a cut to the head.

Incident: Bins set on fire.

Time/Date: Between 4pm on Friday the 21st and 6.30am on Saturday the 22nd

Place: Kuring gai National Park Chase road, Mt Colah.

Details: Unknown person/s have set fire to 6 plastic bins at the location. The bins were totally destroyed in the fire. Damage is estimated to be over \$600.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 7am and 6pm on Thursday the 18th

Place: Osborn road, Normanhurst.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home. Several rooms were ransacked with 3 laptop computers and other electronic items being stolen. A Mitsubishi Lancer was also stolen along with the keys (they were inside the house). The total value of the property and car is estimated to be over \$13,000.

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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24th June, from PoIAir - NSW Police Force Airwing supporting Red Nose Day:



24th June, Police investigating allegations a teenage girl was indecently assaulted at Yass have established the incident did not occur.

Detectives from the Child Abuse Squad have been investigating a report from a 12-year-old girl that she was indecently assaulted in a toilet block near Banjo Patterson Park on Tuesday 18 June. Officers thoroughly investigated the allegation and they can now confirm the incident never occurred. They will take no further action in regards to the matter.

Police are reassuring the public that all reports made to them will be treated seriously and vigorously pursued.

24th June: Police have charged four youths with graffiti damage to a number of trains and stations in Sydney's north, southwest, and the Central Coast.

Yesterday at 3.30pm (Saturday 22 June 2013), police from Sutherland Transport Command search two boys aged 16 and 17, at Gymea Railway Station. It is alleged the 16-year-old had a five-litre weed sprayer full of white paint and a marker pen. Both boys allegedly had fresh paint on their clothing. They were both arrested and taken to Sutherland Police Station.

Acting on information received, police seized a cannabis plant, the 17-year-olds, Gerale Street, Cronulla address. Investigations are continuing and charges are likely to be laid.

At 4.40pm, yesterday, police from Gosford Transport Command were patrolling Pacific Highway, Tuggerah, where they saw a youth allegedly writing on a traffic-control box with a texta.

The 16-year-old Blue Haven boy was arrested and taken to Wyong Police Station, where he was charged with damage/ deface property, possess graffiti implements and breach bail. He is due to appear today (23 June 2013) before Parramatta Children's Court.

At 8.45pm, yesterday, police from the Campbelltown Transport Command boarded a train at Campbelltown Railway station.

Police will allege fresh paint was seen and smelt in the rear carriage of the train, where a 19-year-old man and two 16-year-old boys were spoken to. Allegedly a large number of spray cans were located in the carriage.

The three were arrested and taken to Campbelltown Police Station. One 16-year-old was charged with damage/deface property, posses graffiti implements, goods in custody and breach of bail. The other 16-year-old was charged with damage/deface property, possess graffiti implements, transport offences and breach of bail. Both were refused bail to appear at Parramatta Children's Court today (Sunday 23 June 2013).

The 19-year-old man was released without charge.

24th June: A man had a fingertip and nail bitten off during a fight in the CBD this morning (Sunday 23 June 2013).

Police have been told there was a confrontation between two groups of people on Elizabeth Street, near Market Street, about midnight. A struggle ensued during which a 23-year-old man allegedly was bitten on the right middle finger, losing his fingertip and nail.

Officers from the Public Order and Riot Squad (PORS) were patrolling the area and intervened. They arrested two men at the scene who were taken to The Rocks Police Station.

An 18-year-old man, from Blacktown, has been charged with:

- Being armed with intent to commit an indictable offence;
- Recklessly cause grievous bodily harm;
- Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm; and,
- Affray.

The man, from Blacktown, was released on conditional bail to appear in the Downing Centre Local Court on 17 July 2013.

A 20-year-old man, from Merrylands, was charged with:

- Common assault; and,
- Affray.

The man was released on conditional bail to appear in Downing Centre Local Court on 16 July 2013. The injured man was taken to St Vincent's Hospital for treatment. Police hope to get a formal statement from him once deemed fit.

20th June, a repeat from our neighbouring command, The Hills LAC: Public Warning - Fair Trading seeks public help to find travelling commen.



http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20130526__fair_trading_seeks_public_help.page

20th June, Do you think your local police are doing a good job? Here's how to thank them:



Do you know an outstanding police officer or police employee who has added special value to the NSW community? You can nominate them in the 2013 Premier's Awards, which recognises excellence in the delivery of public services to the NSW community by the public sector, not-for-profit organisations and private businesses. Read this page for more information on how to nominate: <http://www.publicserviceawards.nsw.gov.au/>

19th June, sharing a link from F3voicealerts: Mooney Mooney F3 Fwy just past Hawkesbury River Bridge. ACCIDENT Car m 1 of 3 northbound lane(s) closed (lane 3). Reduce speed Exercise caution

19th June, Persons trapped car crash. Bottom of Galston Gorge near the bridge. About 50 minutes ago. Driver is out of the car. The tow truck is currently at the top of the Gorge and is being

escorted down to the crash scene. The road is apparently now open both directions please take care when near this area. Be patient when the tow truck is 'hooking' up the cars, the area will be cleared soon.



19th June, just a reminder from the NSW Ambulance Service: Hot drinks and heaters near children. Scalding can cause severe and permanent scarring.

"We've treated 204 babies and toddlers for scalds in the last eight months. With winter upon us now, we're warning people about the dangers of drinking hot beverages near children.

The best treatment for burns is to place the burned skin under cold running water for 20 minutes or where the burns were more expansive, under a cold shower."

19th June, from the Fraud and Cyber crime squad:

Do you shop online? Scammers like shopping online for their victims too. Stay one click ahead and outsmart the scammers! www.scamwatch.gov.au #FraudWeek #SCAMwatch

19th June, False reports of stolen dogs used in organised dog fights:

Since early 2013, there has been a lot of talk amongst the community regarding a post on Facebook, warning dog owners about dogs being stolen from households that are allegedly being used as bait for illegal dog fights.

The post has gone viral and there has even been an article published in the newspaper. The newspaper article claimed that the RSPCA were investigating the matter along with police.

The post warns dog owners that a dog fighting gang is stealing dogs by marking houses where dogs live with coloured stickers/orange plastic tape/coloured tape so that the dogs can be later stolen.

Police would like to stress that this is a HOAX and is completely UNTRUE. The hoax originated in Western Australia and an identical hoax was also reported in England.

After speaking with the RSPCA Media Liaison Officer, police can confirm that the RSPCA have not received one single report of dogs being stolen for a deliberate act. There has only been 1 report of a stolen dog in the Hills area and 2 reports of stolen dogs from the Hawkesbury area this year.

Police are urging the community to **delete the post from their wall** to stop the spread of this hoax.

18th June, Suicide Prevention Week. Take the time to look at these phone numbers. There maybe someone in your life doing it a bit tough or needs a bit of a talk. Please share and care.

→ NSW Suicide Prevention Strategy 2010–2015

A whole of government strategy promoting a whole of community approach

Visit: http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2010/pdf/suicide_ps.pdf

→ Kids Helpline is free, anonymous and available 24/7 on 1800 55 1800 or via their website <http://www.kidshelp.com.au/>

→ Lifeline provide 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services. Lifeline: 131 114

Visit: <http://www.lifeline.org.au/>

→ Bullying. No Way!

Bullying No Way! promotes working together to create environments where every student and school community member is safe, supported, respected, valued—and free from bullying. The site provides a wide range of games, classroom resources, downloads and facts. Visit: www.bullyingnoway.com.au

→ Digizen

Provides information for educators, parents, carers and young people to strengthen their awareness and understanding of digital citizenship. It encourages technology users to become responsible digital citizens. Visit: www.digizen.org

→ Kids Matter

Aims to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of children and achieve greater support for children experiencing mental health difficulties, and their families. Kids Matter provides resources, program guides and school stories for early childhood, primary and the transition to school. Visit: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/

→ Mind Matters

A national mental health initiative for secondary schools, this site provides resources and a professional development program that supports Australian secondary schools in promoting and protecting the mental health and social and emotional wellbeing of school communities.

Visit: www.mindmatters.edu.au

→ National Centre Against Bullying

NCAB is made up of a number of experts and works closely with school communities, governments and industry. It plays an important role in speaking out for children and advocating for their right to be free from violence.

Visit: www.ncab.org.au

→ Reach Out

Provides free access to self-paced online training modules and lesson ideas on youth mental health and wellbeing. Visit: www.teachers.reachoutpro.com.au/

→ Think You Know

Provides great step-by-step guides on how to keep yourself safe whilst online, on social media sites and mobile phones. Visit: <http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

→ Bullying. No way!

This link provides several National links to bullying. Visit: <http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/index.html>

→ Headspace

Headspace is the national youth mental health foundation. They assist young people who are going through a tough time. Visit: <http://www.headspace.org.au/>

NSW Police Legacy launches the BLUE RIBBON RAFFLE today. For tickets please send an email to info@policelegacynsw.org.au Thank you for your support.



The graphic features a blue and white checkered ribbon in the top left corner. The background is a panoramic view of the Paris skyline with the Eiffel Tower in the center. Text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow.

BLUE RIBBON RAFFLE
raising funds for NSW Police Legacy

1ST PRIZE: \$8,000 Flight Centre Gift Voucher¹
Have the holiday of a lifetime - travel to the destination of your choice.
Donated by **policebank** 
member www.policebank.com.au

2ND PRIZE: Apple MacBook Air
(11inch - 64GB notebook with Microsoft Office for Mac 2011)
The prize is valued at \$1,350. Donated by **Grant and Edolie Briscoe.**

3RD PRIZE: \$500 Westfield Gift Voucher²

Tickets only \$2.00 each

Purchase your tickets now and help support the work of NSW Police Legacy

The Blue Ribbon Raffle closes on 18 September 2013



Your **School Liaison Police (SLP) Officer** works with students, teachers and parents. By being involved early, SLP Officers will work with high schools and the community to address offending behaviour in a constructive way. How?

- Provide strategies to support students at risk of offending.

- Conduct Crime Prevention Workshops into targeted local crime issues: like cyber crime, knives, bullying, crime avoidance.
- Participate in Joint Anti-Truancy Operations.
- Work with Principals in addressing targeted responses to local crime issues as well as major incident follow-up at high schools.
- Trusted face for crime reporting.
- Referral to PCYC and other youth agencies.
- Provide a positive role model to students.
- Act as a resource on police-related issues.

SLPs will assist Youth Liaison Officers (YLOs) and have been developed to compliment the progress and development made by YLOs.

Your local **School Liaison Police Officer is Snr Con Julie Jones**, and can be reached via **Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799**. She supports a number of high schools within the Kuring Gai and Eastwood Police Local Area Commands.

From Mt Kuring-gai Rural Fire Brigade: After many years of planning and fundraising, we are finally at DA stage for our planned station upgrade !

Our project includes the construction of 2 new tanker bays, with new amenities, and further down the track, the refurbishment of our current station to include an office & upgraded training and meeting room facilities. Finally the light at the end of the tunnel is within reaching distance



From Australian Red Cross Blood Service: When can you next donate? Book today <http://ow.ly/m8fSF> or call 13 14 95

WHEN CAN I NEXT DONATE?

Last donation type	Next donation type	Eligible to donate
Whole blood	Whole blood	12 weeks
Whole blood	Plasma or platelets	4 weeks
Plasma	Plasma, platelets or whole blood	2 weeks
Platelets	Platelets	4 weeks
Platelets	Plasma or whole blood	2 weeks

Need a contractor? Some tips from 'Maximise your Home'...

- 1. Ask around. Get references from friends, family and building professionals you trust. Refer to Institutions and Associations for a list of reputable contractors in your area.**
- 2. Interview prospects. Are they taking on projects of your size? Will they provide financial references, and a list of clients? How many other projects will they be working on, the same time as yours? How long have they worked with current sub-contractors?**
- 3. Meet the contractors. Based on recommendations and phone calls, choose three to meet in person. Verify their references.**
- 4. Visit a current job site for a first-hand look at how they work.**
- 5. Make plans and get bids. Conscientious contractors will ask for a complete set of blue-prints, client expectations and budget.**

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

Your local Police have a facebook page. Have you had a look? The page can be accessed without logging in to facebook. Simply click on the link: www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC. This page is where our volunteers copy and paste the posts from in order to create the email content above. If you click on <photos> there is an <album> called <Neighbourhood Watch Materials> that you may wish to take a look at.



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, family, colleagues 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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