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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 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.

19th August: Last chance to get to this free **community forum on Wednesday the 21st at Hornsby RSL**. Bookings necessary. Please tell your friends.

A Forum is being held about '**Synthetic Drugs in Our Community**' on **Wednesday 21st August 7pm-9pm at the Hornsby RSL**, arranged by Hornsby Council. It is aimed at Parents, Carers and Professionals. FREE, on a first-come-first-served basis. Please see flyer for details. Tell your friends.

**Synthetic Drugs
in our community**

**FREE
EVENT**

Essential information for parents, carers and professionals on the effects of drugs and alcohol on young people. Not to be missed!

Featuring Paul Dillon, keynote speaker and author of best selling book for parents, *Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs* released in 2009. Paul is a nationally recognised drug education specialist with 25 years experience in the field. Paul regularly appears in the media and is regarded as a key social commentator.

The night will be hosted by David Citer, Manager of the KYDS Youth Development Service.

Q&A panel featuring NSW Police, NSW Health and other industry professionals to provide valuable insight into synthetic drugs and answer your questions.

Where: Hornsby RSL (main showroom)
4 High Street, Hornsby

When: Wednesday 21 August

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

RSVP: Please call Paul Stuart on 9477 8729 or email pstuart@nsmi.com.au

19th August: Hornsby Police news, 19/8/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command;

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 6am on Friday the 16th

Place: Cobah road, Arcadia

Vehicle 1: Toyota Tarago Red.

Driver 1: Unknown

Details: The Red Tarago was being driven on Cobah road, Arcadia, the car has approached a sharp 90 deg bend in the road and was unable to make the corner. The Tarago has crossed to the wrong side of the roadway and collided with a culvert before finally stopping some 50m further along the road. The Tarago was extensively damaged in the crash; the driver has left the scene of the crash. Inquiries are continuing into the matter.

Incident: Car v Bike crash

Time/Date: About 2.40pm on Tuesday the 13th

Place: Berowra Waters road, Berowra.

Vehicle 1: White sedan

Driver 1: Unknown

Bike: Push bike

Rider: 66 year old male

Details: The bike rider approached the roundabout on Berowra waters road with the intention to turn right onto Crowley road. While on the roundabout a car believed to be a white sedan has entered and clipped the bike causing the rider to come off the bike. The driver of the white sedan has driven off without stopping. The rider received some injuries and did not required hospital treatment. Any information or witnesses to the collision are encouraged to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Hornsby police on 9476 9799.**

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 1.30pm on Friday the 16th

Place: Myer Westfield Hornsby

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen a home theatre system from Myer. It has a retail value of \$640.

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: between 11am and 11.20am on Monday the 12th

Place: Willow park, Hornsby

Details: A mother with a child and pram were in the park. The mother has left the pram unattended for about 20 minutes while her child was playing. A Camera and camera bag was left in the hood area of the pram. Unknown person/s have stolen the camera and bag, they were valued at \$1,000.

Incident: Break Enter & steal

Time/Date: Sometime between Sunday the 4th and Monday the 12th

Place: Cherry street, Warrawee

Details: A storage cage at a unit block was broken into during the stated dates. Unknown person/s have broken a padlock on the cage and stolen a Mountain bike worth about \$1,000. The bike is described as a men's Giant brand, Black and White in colour with 28 gears.

Incident: Break Enter &Steal

Time/Date: Between Thursday the 15th and Friday the 16th

Place: Avon Avenue, Pymble

Details: A storage cage in the unit block had its padlock broken open. A Child's mini bike was stolen as was a 450 KTM road registered endure bike Orange in colour.

The total value is estimated to be over \$10,000.

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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18th August: Police from North Shore Local Area Command have charged a piano teacher with allegedly grooming a person under 16 for unlawful sexual activity.

Earlier today (Friday 16 August 2013) officers executed a search warrant at a home in Loorana Street at Roseville Chase. Investigators will allege that they seized several computer hard drives and thumb drives which will be forensically examined. Chatswood Police also seized and took away a quantity of written material for further examination. A 70-year-old man was arrested and conveyed to Chatswood Police Station. He was later charged with using a carriage service to 'groom' persons under 16 years of age and procuring or grooming child under 16 for unlawful sexual activity. The man was granted bail and will appear at Hornsby Local Court on Tuesday 27 August 2013.

18th August, an update: Police have charged three men in relation to the theft of reptiles on the Central Coast last month.

On the night of Sunday 14 July, a break-in occurred at the Australian Reptile Park in Somersby. A large number of lizards and snakes valued up to \$40,000 were stolen. Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command have been investigating the break-in. About 11am yesterday (Friday 16 August), detectives arrested three men in a **car park adjacent to the boat ramp at Brooklyn**. Police also recovered two Solomon Island skinks which were stolen during the break-in. It will be alleged the men were in the process of selling the reptiles for \$5,000 each. The animals have been returned to the reptile park. The three men were taken Gosford Police Station and interviewed by detectives. Police also executed search warrants at the men's homes in Berala, Chester Hill and Lidcombe but no other reptiles were found. The 18-year-old man has been charged with receiving stolen property and refused bail to appear at Gosford Local Court later today. The other two men, aged 19, have also been charged with receiving stolen goods and were granted conditional bail to appear at Gosford Local Court on October 22. Investigations to locate the stolen reptiles are continuing and anyone with information is urged to contact **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

17th August, from Careflight: Yesterday's incident at Lindfield.

Emergency services are currently working to treat and free a man who has been impaled at a construction site at Lindfield on Sydney's north shore today. Fire-Rescue, police, ambulance and CareFlight teams are involved in the rescue. They are treating the 19-year-old man who was struck in the head by a length of steel reinforcing that penetrated into the cabin of the excavator he was operating. The CareFlight doctor and paramedics are stabilising the man as the fire officers work to cut him free. On release the man will be taken, under continuing treatment by the CareFlight doctor, in a road ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital. No further information was initially available. NSW Police Force Fire and Rescue NSW Ambulance Service of NSW



Further photo from NewsLocal North Shore Times:



16th August: The NSW Roads and Maritime services will begin work to change the F3 Freeway's name to the M1 Pacific Motorway this Sunday.

16th August, from Kings Cross Command: An important message from our Queensland colleagues **ONE PUNCH CAN KILL**

A campaign reminding people of the risks of getting involved in an argument or fight which could ultimately result in serious injury or death. Our message is to enjoy your night out in The Cross but watch your decisions. One punch can kill.



14th August, from Blue Mountains Command, a great video showing how to react when emergency vehicles approach under lights and

sirens: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=278902298883431>

14th August: Police urge heavy vehicle driver and operator safety – T&HWP (3 photos)

Traffic and Highway Patrol officers are urging operators and drivers of heavy vehicles to ensure their vehicles comply with safety and load standards. **Operation Steel 4**, a joint initiative between the Traffic & Highway Patrol Command and the Roads & Maritime Service, was run earlier this month from Monday 8 July - Friday 12 July 2013, targeting load restraints, vehicle standards and speed limiter compliance. Patrolling police saw a number of heavy vehicle operators not complying with safety standards and load restrictions. Full story

at: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151628402801185.1073741922.218519706184&type=1> .

14th August: From North Shore Command; MAN AND WOMAN FACE COURT FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM A DILIGENT CITIZEN

Police were alerted last night after receiving information for a member of the public regarding a suspicious vehicle that had left a petrol station on the **Pacific Highway Wahroonga**. After a description of the vehicle was broadcast, officers from North Shore Local Area Command located the Mitsubishi Magna on the Gore Hill Freeway heading towards the Harbour Bridge. The vehicle was stopped and a man and woman were spoken to. Following a number of enquiries police conducted a

search of the car and seized a number of items. Officers conducted a number of checks on the occupants which resulted in a 34-year-old man from Wyong being arrested for an outstanding warrant and for allegedly being in possession of implements that may be used to break into vehicles. The 41-year-old female driver was questioned and police will allege that she failed to pay for petrol at the service station in Wahrenonga and was driving an unregistered vehicle. The pair were taken to Chatswood police station and charged, the Wyong male will appear before court today. The Watanobbi woman will appear before the court next month on fraud and unregistered and uninsured vehicle charges.

14th August: From F3 Freeway Traffic Status; 63yo man survives after his car was crushed by a truck on the F3 Freeway. <http://ow.ly/215edj>

14th August: Sunglasses checks by Fair Trading Media Release - August 11

NSW Fair Trading is inspecting sunglasses, contributing to a national survey by consumer regulators and warning shoppers to check what they are buying and the risks in using unapproved goods. Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe said 236 traders across the state had been inspected so far, with 107 or just over 45 percent having some type of non compliant sunglasses on sale. Mr Stowe said the important thing to look for when buying sunglasses was compliance with the Australian Standard AS/NZS 1067/2003. Full article at: http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20130811_sunglasses_checks_by_fair_trading.page.



The following highlights pertinent to Neighbourhood Watch were noted at the recent **Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting**, held Wed 7 August at Hornsby Police Station:

- Crime in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (LAC) is decreasing on a par with the State.
- Kuring gai LAC has the lowest level of Break & Enters in the State.
- There have been no robbery incidents for 8 weeks in our LAC.
- There have been no deaths from synthetic drugs in this LAC.
- Our police are proactive and saturate an area of concern during the day, every working day.
- The policy of diverting young from the courts, through programs at the Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) is giving a result of less than 1 in 5 that re-offend.

Please report everything to the Police; including for instance, trespassing, consuming of alcohol in a no alcohol zone, anti-social behaviour, and graffiti.



From the Australian Government, advice related to Identity

Theft: <http://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-topics/credit-and-finance/how-do-i-get-a-copy-of-my-credit-report>.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR TEEN IS USING... This website has some great information regarding spotting the clues, and advice in order to take action & intervene. A step-by-step guide for parents who suspect or know their teens are drinking or using drugs: <http://timetoact.drugfree.org/>

From our neighbouring North Shore Command: 44-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN COURT OVER SERIES OF ALLEGED CHEQUE FRAUDS

Police charged a 44-year-old woman with 9 fraud offences following an investigation led by North Shore Detectives into a series of altered cheques allegedly stolen from a 101-year-old woman. A report was made to police by a relative of the elderly woman after she moved from her home to a nursing home. Police were informed that the woman's relatives became concerned when they noticed that a number of cheques were missing from different sections of her cheque books. Further enquiries were made and police will allege that the 44-year-old originally was employed by the 101-year-old to assist her whilst she was residing in her home back in 2008 and a friendship was established. However the 44-year-old continued to see the **Roseville** resident after she was placed into a retirement village. Relatives made enquiries with the woman's banks due to their concerns regarding the missing cheques and following this attended the police station and made a

report. Police uncovered a large amount of money had been drawn from the victim's account via the missing cheques which they will alleged were altered. The 44-year-old woman from Dundas was arrested by Chatswood Detectives and charged with 9 counts of Dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception. She will face court next month.

Scheduled Road Works (thanks to Live Traffic App and Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Shire councils):

Normanhurst, Pennant Hills Rd between Stuart Ave and Dartford Rd. Fri 2 Aug - Fri 30 Aug (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Advice: Reduce speed. Exercise caution. Road Maintenance. Four night shifts will be required to complete these works.

Gordon, Werona Ave: Mon 19 Aug - Fri 6 Sep.

Roseville, Boundary St between Archer St & Spearman St. Fri 23 Aug - Fri 30 Aug Sunday to Friday (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Advice: Check signage. Reduced speed limit. This work will take 2 night shifts to complete during this period.

Wahroonga, Pennant Hills Rd at Pacific Hwy Thu 22 Aug - Fri 13 Sep (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Advice: Check signage. Reduced speed limit. This work will be carried out over 5 nights during this period.

Brooklyn, Pacific Hwy on Peats Ferry Bridge Thu 8 Aug - Fri 27 Sep (Sun to Thu 9:30pm to 4am) Advice: Check signage. Use alternative route. When the bridge is closed at night, road access to Brooklyn is maintained via specially marked detours catering for both northbound and southbound traffic on the F3 freeway and the Pacific Hwy. Work on the bridge is not impacting on water traffic.

Berowra Waters Ferry, Berowra Waters Rd to Bay Rd. Routine Ferry Maintenance. The Berowra Waters Ferry will be out of service on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm, until Tuesday 10th December 2013. Advice: Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time.

St Ives Chase, Brallas Ave. Kerb and guttering works in preparation for road resurfacing.

Turramurra, Challis Ave. Kerb and guttering works in preparation for road resurfacing.

Turramurra, Karuah Rd. Kerb and guttering works in preparation for road resurfacing.

Hornsby CBD - major drainage upgrade. Council is undertaking construction of major drainage upgrade works in Hunter Ln, Linda St and Hunter St, Hornsby. End date: 30/11/2013.

From Turramurra Vet Hospital: A CRY FOR HELP ! If you have seen this kitten please call us at TVH on 9988 0198! Message from concerned owner: 'Hi This is a photo of our missing Alan, we were wondering if locals could keep an eye out and let us know if he has been seen? He is chipped, but not yet registered with council (he wasn't desexed yet he is 6 months old) He is very pretty and is a sweet little guy xxx Thanks the Kane Family'



From the Triple H Community Radio News Desk, a video about the trucks getting stuck in the **Galston Gorge**. It mentions the new fines for oversize vehicles. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rDP-X2rgtY>

Thanks to the Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate: WHAT DO YOU THINK? A Hornsby mum who was mauled by a dog last year has issued a warning that it's not only bull mastiffs pitbulls that can be dangerous. Fiona McClelland was walking alone in a park when an off-leash dog bit her on the leg. She was rushed to hospital and received surgery for the deep wounds on her leg. Fiona decided to come forward following the death of Deon Higgins this month. FULL STORY: <http://bit.ly/16T0dJd>



Thanks to the Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate: Now this is pretty low. Vandals have ripped out a bunch of mature plants from the gardens at **St Paul's Anglican Church at Wahroonga**. The church's garden club had been working tirelessly getting the garden's in top shape so that weddings could be hosted there for the first time in the church's 150-year history. FULL

STORY: <http://bit.ly/17M2t1P>

Thanks to Bankstown Command: Keep Australia Beautiful Week kicks off on Monday 19th August. The message for this year is "**littering is plain wrong**". This message aims to instill a sense of pride in our community. There are fines for littering which include:
\$60 for littering with small items such as cigarette butts.
\$200 for general littering
\$375 for aggravated littering which threatens public safety or the environment.

Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force and Crash Investigation officers will be attending Westmead Hospital's '**Bstreetsmart**' tomorrow (20 August) at Allphones Arena. 'bstreetsmart' aims to reduce fatality and injury rates among young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers. Students from NSW and the ACT attend over three days where they are presented with a real-life crash scenario, interactive displays and demonstrations.

From Stay Smart Online: On 13 August 2013, Microsoft issued its monthly Patch Tuesday security update for products including Microsoft Windows (XP and Server) and Internet Explorer. The updates address a range of issues including vulnerabilities identified as critical and important. You are advised to update your system as soon as possible. Microsoft's bulletin is available at:
<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/security/bulletin/ms13-aug>

To set automatic updates on your computer: http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_users/secure_your_computer/set_automatic_updates_on_your_operating_system_software

Users of the popular web browser Google Chrome are warned that passwords (saved by the browser) are not secured properly, leading to any other user being able to view all passwords that you have saved. Chrome will typically prompt you to save your password for a site that you visit, and remember this for future logins. While other browsers offer the option of a "master password" that can be activated to protect your passwords, Chrome does not. On any Google Chrome browser, you can type `chrome://settings/passwords` into the URL bar. This will display a page listing all of the passwords held by that browser—for all users of that computer.

You are advised to:

- avoid storing passwords in the Google Chrome browser
 - ensure you lock your computer when you're not using it, or
 - use a third-party tool to manage your passwords.
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Email NHWGordon@gmail.com with any crime prevention questions you may have and we can share the answers with other residents in 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.



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.

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