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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. 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. This includes the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips.

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Hornsby Police news, 20/5/13. The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 6.05pm on Sunday the 19

Place: F3 Freeway Mt Colah

Vehicle 1: Honda Civic

Driver 1: 35 year old female

Vehicle 2: Toyota Ute.

Details: Both cars were travelling south on the F3 the ute was in lane 3 of 3 and the Honda in lane 2 of 3. At some point the Honda has started merge into lane 3. It is alleged the Honda has not left enough room to merge safely and as such the ute has braked heavily to avoid a collision but has collided with the Honda. The Honda has then careered onto the centre median area and collided with a small tree and the dividing railings. Neither driver was injured but both cars needed to be towed. After police attended and left the scene a number of inquiries revealed the female driver had recently been to court where she was granted bail with a condition not to drive a motor vehicle. At this stage the female is wanted for questioning into the matter.

Incident: Youths and drugs

Time/Date: Saturday night

Place: St Ives and Pymble

Details: Over the weekend police conducted a number of patrols in the north shore area; a

number of youths were spoken to. Several cars were searched, as were a number of youths. 3 youths aged 16, 18 & 20 were found to have drugs in their possession. With the 16 year old found to be well-affected by what is believed to be LSD. Green vegetable matter alleged to be Cannabis and drug-taking implements were also found and seized. Inquiries are continuing.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: During Wednesday night (15 May)

Place: Driveway of a house in Lords Avenue, Asquith

Details: A car was parked in the driveway (unlocked) person/s unknown have entered the car and stolen a Flute which was valued at \$900. The next day a neighbour has found the flute in their front yard and returned it to the owner.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: About 6.45pm on Friday the 17

Place: Kardella Avenue, Killara.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor rear window which appears to have been jemmied open. Cash and jewellery to the value of \$1,700 has been stolen.

Incident: Stolen mail

Time/Date: During April or May.

Place: Unit in Bobbin Head Road, Pymble

Details: Unknown person/s have opened mail boxes at a unit complex and stolen mail one unit owner had a credit card stolen and only found out about it when the company contacted them about purchases. It was revealed the credit card was sent by the company and it had been stolen out of the mail box. It was ascertained other units had mail stolen also. Goods to the value of over \$2,000 were fraudulently purchased by the thief.

There are warnings about mail box theft, fraud related thefts and stolen identity on the police, ScamWatch and ACCC websites. Please search for these and conduct security assessments of your mail boxes and ID handling practices. Your stolen ID can have wide ranging implications for you and cause credit stress if a thief uses it to obtain credit cards or enter hire agreements. Protect your ID.

<http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.phtml/tag/identitytheft>

[http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/106785/brochure\\_identity\\_theft\\_crime\\_community.pdf](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/106785/brochure_identity_theft_crime_community.pdf)

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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Lastly the Irish Scammers are very active in the Kuring gai Hornsby area. If you see them about, report them to the police and to the Department of Fair Trading. Apart from substandard work they are over-priced, unskilled and unqualified. They will do whatever they can to get your hard-earned money. They are not licensed and are mostly in Australia on tourist visas, which means they are not allowed to work. So reporting them may get them deported.

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**19th May: A community engagement day** was held at a unit block at **5-9 Dural Street, Hornsby**. It was organised by Hornsby Shire Council for the residents to meet each other and build on the community spirit. A BBQ was cooked by Hornsby Police, where our command bus was there to raise awareness. Crime prevention flyers were handed out and advice was also given. A good turnout added with interaction by the residents made this a pleasing day.





Photo 2: L-R INSP Luke Spurr+SENCON Stefanie Murray+CON Brody Mulry+SENCON Paul Cleary @ 5-9 Dural St Hornsby Sun 19 May 2013.



Photo 3: SGT David Maher, Crime Co-ordinator Kuring Gai LAC, talking with neighbours at 5-9 Dural St Hornsby, Sun 19 May 2013.

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**One for the Diary:** The Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command bus will be in the **Hornsby Shopping Mall from 6-9pm on Thursday 30th May.**

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**19th May**, "Nothing more to say on this one." Complete act of stupidity - !!! I shake my head in disbelief ! Watch Commander Senior Sergeant Garry Smith advises :-

At about 2.20 am on the 19th May 2013 Palmerston Police N.T. attended a single vehicle roll over on the Stuart highway just south of the Virginia road turn off.

**Circumstances of the incident:** An 18 year old female driving a Red Toyota Yaris with a 24 year old male passenger travelling outbound when the passenger saw a semi trailer also travelling in the same direction. This area is in a 100 kmh speed zone and the vehicles were travelling at about the limit. The passenger decided it would be a great idea to "moon" the driver of the semi trailer. The Passenger has undone his seat belt and attempted to turn around, this has distracted the driver, he has then fallen on to her, which has caused her to lose complete control of the vehicle, veering off the road and travelling for about 100metres through the scrub hitting a large rock which caused it to roll over on to its roof. Both occupants of the vehicle extremely lucky, just narrowly missing a large gum tree which could have had dramatic results. Both were conveyed to RDH with, luckily, minor injuries.

**Passenger to be charged by way of Notice to Appear with:**

Adult passenger fails to wear seat belt

Passenger interfere with drivers control of vehicle

Passenger obstruct drivers view

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**16th May:** Travelling conmen target vulnerable people in the Sydney area. A recent incident occurred in St Ives. See attached release from the Dept of Fair Trading.

Here is a photo of the man who was in the North Shore area recently. If you see or hear of any 'offers to do work' in your area please ring your local police and the Department of Fair Trading (see link below). These people will target and rip off anyone they can. Here is a photo of the man from the St Ives incident and the car he was driving.



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[http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About\\_us/News\\_and\\_events/Media\\_releases/2013\\_media\\_releases/20130513\\_public\\_warning\\_irish\\_travelling\\_conman.html?DCSext.ref=HomePageClick%3AScamandAlerts](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20130513_public_warning_irish_travelling_conman.html?DCSext.ref=HomePageClick%3AScamandAlerts)

Visit the Stop Travelling Conmen Facebook page

at: <http://www.facebook.com/StopTravellingConMen>

and check the interactive map for reports of travelling conmen at: [www.stoptravellingconmen.org](http://www.stoptravellingconmen.org)

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**15th May: In the recent Hornsby police news, the piece on the injured 10 year old boy playing AFL at Rofe Park - here is the latest.**

The boy had temporary paralysis and after about 7 hours regained feeling and use of all limbs. He has a tear in the ligaments of his neck and will be in a neck brace for some weeks. Although it was Mother's Day that day Mum has said she has the best outcome her boy is OK and doing well. Also a big thank you to all on field staff who helped including spectators and St Johns staff. Your quick response and concern and that of police and ambulance staff in stabilising him meant this boy is OK. Well done to those that helped

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**15th May, from our neighbouring The Hills Command:**

Although this is Castle Hill it is still close to our area and shows that offenders will travel to break into your homes in this case a resident called police and soon after the offenders were arrested and charged. Report any suspicious cars or people 000 in this case was the correct number to call as an urgent police response meant a good result and saved others from becoming victims.

Community and Police have worked together to put 2 Break and Enter offenders in custody. About 12.15am Tuesday 14/5/2013 a resident rang the police to see that he had disturbed some persons outside his home in First Farm Drive, Castle Hill. The resident was able to give a description of the offenders and their vehicle. Police attended and began patrolling the area

seeing the vehicle nearby. Our local General Duties police stopped the vehicle and there were three male occupants. Upon searching the vehicle property was found inside including an IPAD. It was then established that a short time earlier there had been a Aggravated Break Enter and Steal at another premises in First Farm Drive where offenders had entered the premises through the rear door and taken property whilst the occupants slept. All three persons were arrested and later charged with Aggravated Break Enter and Steal. Two men 34 years old from Bidwill and Doonside were refused bail and appear at court today. One man 34 years old also from Doonside received bail.

Good work to the resident and the police and a good result all round. Crime Manager, The Hills.

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**15th May from Careflight:** Several teenage girls have been struck by a bus as it rolled down a hill and hit a tree at Dural in Sydney's north-west this afternoon.

Police, ambulance paramedics and a CareFlight trauma team rushed to the scene in Quarry Road shortly after 3 pm. It is believed one girl suffered minor injuries, another was taken to hospital by ambulance paramedics and a third girl is being taken to the Children's Hospital, in a road ambulance, under the care of the CareFlight doctor. None of the injuries are life-threatening. Police are investigating.



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**14th May, from Hornsby & North Shore Advocate:** A sleeping woman has allegedly been indecently assaulted on a NSW train. The 19-year-old boarded a northbound train at Hornsby on Sunday morning. She soon fell asleep and was awoken by a man who was allegedly indecently assaulting her. The woman reported the incident to a guard and the train was stopped at Gosford where police were called. A 24-year-old man was charged with assault with an act of indecency. He was granted conditional bail to appear at Gosford Local Court on July 17.

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**14th May, from Hornsby & North Shore Advocate:** Reporter Tracey Findlay took this shot of Senior Constable Malcolm Baker with Hornsby's new mobile police command in Hornsby Mall today. The police said they aim to have the bus there twice a week so people can stop by and give them tips. There also seems to have been a strong police presence in the Mall lately. Have you noticed it?



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**14th May:** Police are searching for a prisoner who failed to return to a correctional facility after work release yesterday.

**Michael White**, 42 was serving a two year sentence at Dawn de Loas Correctional Centre on Holker Street, Silverwater, for the offence of break and enter with intent to commit serious indictable offence. He was last seen leaving the centre at 7.30am yesterday (Monday 12 May 2013), in order to attend work release duties at Bondi. When he failed to return to the correctional facility by 8.15pm, police were contacted. It is believed White was last seen at Strathfield Railway Station about 6.30pm. He is described as being Caucasian appearance, about 165cm tall with a medium build and bald/shaven head. He has blue eyes and was last seen wearing a black jumper and grey/black pants. His earliest possible release date was 28 February 2014.



Police from Flemington Local Area Command are conducting inquiries into the incident and anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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**14th May, from the Hills Shire Times:** A fire broke out in a “relocatable home” on New Line Rd, Dural, at 10.57am. Fire & Rescue NSW said their units arrived to find smoke coming from the roof of the dwelling. A 60 year old male sustained smoke inhalation during the incident. Fire fighters remain at the scene.

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**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: [hornsbym@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:hornsbym@pcycnsw.org.au) .

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**13th May, our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary answered this question**

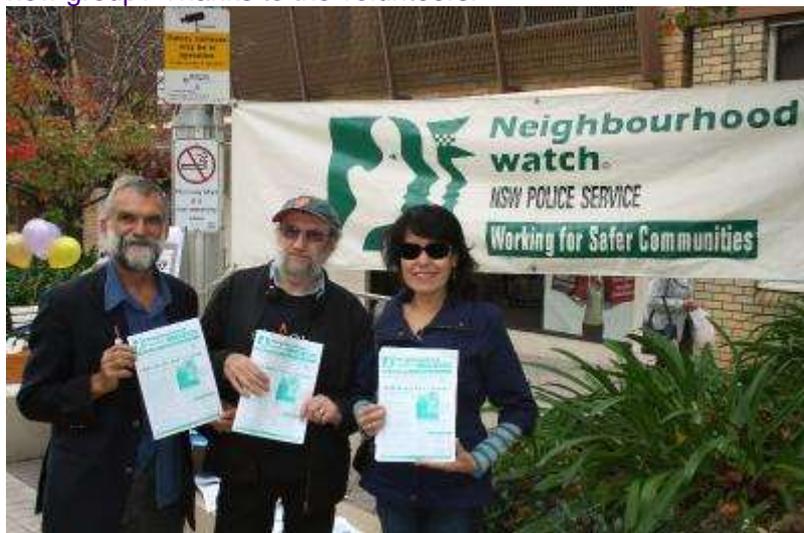
**from Rhonda:** Could you guys tell me what's the rule about mud flaps? Been pulled over regarding mud flaps. Have a 2 wheel drive ute with body not tray.

**Answer:** Rhonda, You don't say why you were pulled over! That is no mud flaps, or mud flaps that aren't correct for your vehicle. It is hard to find the actual ADR on these but from a quick review here is what I found. For a ute with a tub or well back as you describe, which is described as a commercial vehicle under RMS rules, it must have mud flaps that are a maximum of 230 mm above the ground and for an off road (4X4) it is 300 mm. That is the clearance of the bottom edge of the mud flap to the ground (level road). Did you not ask the Highway Patrol police who pulled you over what the problem was? What a lot of people don't realise is that if the vehicle did not come off the showroom floor with the item then it is an item that doesn't comply with standard. Same thing for removing an item that was originally there. In this case your ute probably had mud flaps as an industry (ADR) standard.

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**Neighbourhood Watch** were invited to take part in the Volunteers Expo at Hornsby Mall (outside Kathmandu) on **Thursday 16th May**, with a stall manned by Neighbourhood Watch

volunteers. It was another chance to keep the Neighbourhood Watch 'brand' out there, as well as potentially attract more people to join in with Neighbourhood Watch in their area. Or start up a new group? Thanks to the volunteers!



NHW Volunteers L-R Mick Gallagher (Mt Colah NHW Area Coord) +John Snelson (Gordon Area 3/4 - Turrumurra NHW) +Wendy Robinson (Mt Colah NHW)

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Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) with any crime prevention questions you may have and we can share the answers with the community.

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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](http://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.

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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, family, colleagues and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list at [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

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