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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 of course includes 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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#### **14th January: COMPUTER GAMES RATED R 18+**

On 1 January 2013, a new law about computer games commenced. There is now a category of computer games classified as R 18+. This new category has been created under the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 (Cth). The offences in relation to this material are found under the corresponding NSW statute, the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1995. The new law places obligations on anyone selling, advertising or demonstrating R 18+ computer games, as well as parents/guardians and young people aged 15-17 years. There are significant financial penalties for breach of these laws.

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**13th January: Lighting a fire on a day of Total Fire Ban attracts a fine of up to \$5500 and/or 12 months gaol.** Penalties for a fire that escapes and damages or destroys life, property or the environment can attract much greater fines and gaol terms with maximums at \$100,000 and/or 14 years gaol.

Civil law suits can also be brought against the person responsible for a fire by those seeking compensation for losses sustained. Further information on Total Fire Bans can be obtained by checking the Rural Fire Service

website: [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_content.cfm?cat\\_id=1110](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=1110)

**Strike Force Tronto** continues to co-ordinate the investigative response to deliberately-lit bushfires, with detectives from Property Crime Squad's Arson Unit working closely with local police. As part of Strike Force Tronto, police are continuing to overtly and covertly target known or suspected bushfire arsonists in their communities, and officers also work in close consultation with investigators from the Rural Fire Service and Fire & Rescue NSW. Police urge the community to assist them by reporting any suspicious behaviour.

Anyone with information about the deliberate lighting of fires 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. In a life-threatening emergency, members of the public should always phone Triple Zero (000).



**HELP CATCH  
BUSHFIRE  
ARSONISTS  
BEFORE  
THEY  
STRIKE.**

**Seen Something?  
Know Something?  
Say Something.**

Call Crime Stoppers  
confidentially on 1800 333 000  
Call Triple Zero (000)  
In an emergency

  

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**12th January, from the North Shore Times: Teenage girl approached by man in North Turramurra.**

POLICE are appealing for information after a teenage girl was approached by a man at North

Turrumurra. About 12.30pm on Monday, a 15-year-old girl was sitting alone at a bus stop on Bobbin Head Road. The girl noticed a man sitting in a silver sedan who appeared to be watching her. After a few minutes, the man reversed his car to the bus stop and spoke to the girl, offering her a lift. She refused the offer and the man left the scene. The girl reported the incident to police two days later. The man was only described as being of **Indian/Sub Continental appearance and aged in his mid 30s**. Anyone with information about this incident should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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**12th January, from the North Shore Times: Bearded dragons and Murray Darling python stolen from Turrumurra home.**

A THIEF stole two bearded dragons and a Murray Darling python during a home robbery in Turrumurra. Police believe the robber broke into the house on Bobbin Head Rd and stole the owner's pets from an enclosure between 3.50pm and 4.20pm on December 21. The thief also stole three rifles from a gun safe in another room and ransacked several other rooms. If you have any information call Ku-ring-gai police on 9476 9799.

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**10th January:** In case of the event of an evacuation, do you know where the **Neighbourhood Safer Places** are for the **Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai** areas? See the below table for the designated NSP locations in your local government area. These NSP locations have been subject to a validation process and have been deemed acceptable as a place of last resort. Please note that the NSW Rural Fire Service has not yet received NSP locations for all local government areas of NSW. In addition, some recommended NSP locations will require further investigation to confirm that they are suitable as place of shelter to be used as a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency. The NSW Rural Fire Service will continue to update the NSP locations as new data is received and validated. You should return to this site regularly for updates on the progress of the NSP program and to find a NSP close to you. Remember to complete your **Bush Fire Survival Plan** to ensure that you and your family are prepared and know what to do in the event of a bush fire. If there is a suitable NSP nearby your home, you should note it in you Bush Fire Survival Plan. However, the NSP should only be considered as a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency.

NSP Details: [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_content.cfm?cat\\_id=1834#Ku-ring-gai](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=1834#Ku-ring-gai)

NSP Details: [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_content.cfm?cat\\_id=1837#Hornsby](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=1837#Hornsby)

Bushfire Survival Plan: [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file\\_system/attachments/Attachment\\_BushFireSurvivalPlan.pdf](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/Attachment_BushFireSurvivalPlan.pdf)

Title	Type	Location	LGA
Claude Cameron Grove	Open Space	Westbrook Avenue & Kintore Street, Wahroonga	Ku-Ring-Gai
Turrumurra Memorial Park	Open Space	Karuah Road, Turrumurra	Ku-Ring-Gai
Kent Oval	Open Space	3 Kent Road, North Turrumurra	Ku-Ring-Gai
St Ives Village Green	Open Space	Memorial Avenue, St Ives	Ku-Ring-Gai
Robert Pymble Park	Open Space	Alma Street, Pymble	Ku-Ring-Gai
Regimental Park	Open Space	20 Lorne Avenue, Killara	Ku-Ring-Gai
Roseville Park	Open Space	60A Clanville Road, Roseville	Ku-Ring-Gai
Gillespie Field	Open Space	Bangalla Street, Warrawee	Ku-Ring-Gai

Title	Type	Location	LGA
Middle Dural Public School	Building	Cnr of Old Northern Road and Middle Dural Road, Middle Dural	Hornsby
Storey Park	Open Space	Lodge Street, Hornsby	Hornsby
Waitara Park	Open Space	Waitara Avenue, Hornsby	Hornsby
Campbell Park	Open Space	Wilga Street, West Pennant Hills	Hornsby
Edward Bennett Oval	Open Space	45 Edward Bennet Drive, Cherrybrook	Hornsby
Carpark - Dural Business Park	Open Space	Old Northern Road and New Line Road, Dural	Hornsby
Fagan Park	Open Space	Arcadia Road, Galston	Hornsby
West Epping Park	Open Space	Ward Street, Epping	Hornsby
Roselea Park	Open Space	Roselea Way, Beecroft	Hornsby

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**From the government's 'Stay Smart Online'**, you don't have to be Einstein to detect a scam: [http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home\\_internet\\_users/protect\\_yourself2/avoiding\\_scams\\_and\\_hoaxes#content-header-2](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_internet_users/protect_yourself2/avoiding_scams_and_hoaxes#content-header-2)

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**From Mt Colah Neighbourhood Watch:** Brooklyn train disaster of 1944. Gathering at memorial plaque located bottom of station stairs in Dangar Rd. **Sun 20 Jan 2013 at 11am.** Morning Tea at nearby Boatshed Cafe at 11:30am.  
Enquiries Cllr Mick Gallagher Hornsby Shire Council, Mob:0418 112 675.

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**An invitation from our neighbours in Castle Hill:** The Hills Police Local Area Command with India Club is hosting a forum on **'Cyber Space Crime Prevention'** on **Sunday 17th February 2pm - 5:30pm** (assemble at 1:45pm for 2pm start) at Castle Grand Pioneer Hall, Castle St, Castle Hill (Cnr Pennant & Castle St).  
It is a FREE event and open to all communities.

Topics: **Social networking, Bullying, Internet filtering, & safe chat, Chain email/letters, Cyber crime, Gaming & parental responsibilities, Mobile phones.**

Guest speakers: Snr Con Rob Paterson (Youth Liaison Officer) & Ch Insp Josh Maxwell  
(Manager project **eyewatch**)

Enjoy over tea and snacks.

"If you have any specific concerns or questions, please let us know in advance so they can be addressed at the Forum".

RSVP Shubha Kumar 9873 1207 / 0402 257 588 Email [shubha\\_kumar@hotmail.com](mailto:shubha_kumar@hotmail.com) and Snr Con Rob Paterson 9680 5399, Castle Hill Police 9680 5399.

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### **From the Rural Fire Service: Can I have a BBQ on a TOTAL FIRE BAN?**

You can use a gas barbeque under the following conditions:

It is under the direct control of a responsible adult, present at all times while it is operating

No combustible material is allowed within two metres at any time it is operating

You have an immediate and continuous supply of water

The barbeque is within 20 metres of a permanent private dwelling such as a home

Wood or charcoal BBQ's are not allowed.

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From one of our volunteers, noticed in the Hornsby Advocate:

## CRIME

### Police warn on bad gardeners

POLICE are warning locals, particularly the elderly, to be wary of people offering gardening and tree-logging services on the north shore.

Detectives from North Shore Local Area Command have commenced an investigation, after receiving reports that a person/s is knocking on the door of elderly people's homes and offering to do gardening and tree lopping for them.

On many occasions this work was completely unnecessary, minimal work was completed and they were charged an unreasonable fee. It is reported that intimidation tactics have been used to get people to agree to the work.

Anyone who has been approached by people offering this type of service is advised to exercise caution and check their credentials.

Police urge people to report anyone believed to be suspicious to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## CRIME

### Crime figures mostly stable

BUSINESS break-ins have surged 61 per cent in the Ku-ring-gai local government area over the past two years, according to the most recent crime statistics.

All other categories of major offences remained stable over the 24 months to September 2012, at close to the state average, in both Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai.

Local police said liquor and cigarettes were targeted by thieves from St Ives to Turramurra, although the crimes were not confined to those suburbs.

Senior Constable Paul Cleary said business owners could improve security by removing valuables from their stores overnight.

Further information on business security is available from [police.nsw.gov.au](http://police.nsw.gov.au).

## TWO CITIES

HORNSBY recorded more than twice as much violent crime as Ku-ring-gai.

There were 515 assaults, sexual assaults and domestic violence incidents reported in the Hornsby local government area over the 12 months to September 2012, compared with 201 in Ku-ring-gai over the same period.

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[www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC](http://www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC) is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Look also for Gordon NHW, Mount Colah NHW, eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara NHW, Berowra and other Neighbourhood Watch areas.



The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 15/01/13:

Incident: Middle range drink driving (Boat)  
Time/Date: About 2.45 pm on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January  
Place: Hawkesbury River, Brooklyn  
Vessel: Aluminium boat with 60 HP outboard engine  
Driver: 47 year old male from a Northern Beaches address.

Details: Police operating the Kuring gai Launch were patrolling the Hawkesbury river at Brooklyn and have observed an Aluminium vessel to be allegedly travelling above the speed limit for a restricted zone. The operator a 47 year old male was stopped and spoken to. A breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. The male was arrested and a subsequent test gave a result of .100.

Court: The 47 year old male is to appear at the Hornsby local Court at a date yet to be set charged with Operate vessel with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Tree falls on car.  
Time/Date: About 2.50 pm on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Edgeworth David avenue, Wahroonga near Woonoona avenue..  
Vehicle 1: Holden  
Driver 1: 63 year old female.

Details: The female driver was travelling along Edgeworth David avenue with her 2 grandchildren in the car. When near Woonoona avenue an over hanging tree has dropped 2 large branches which have hit the front and roof of the Holden that was still mobile. Electricity wires were also hit by the branches. The female was taken to Hornsby Hospital for observations due to head aches. One child had some scrapes and the other was unhurt. The roadway was closed and the power cut for several hours while Ausgrid removed the branches and restored power.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: During the evening of Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Romsey street, and Orara street, Waitara as well as an address in Killara.

Details: 3 Units were broken into during Saturday evening. The 2 in Waitara were broken into via a balcony sliding door. Both these doors were above ground level with 1 on the second floor (accessed from outside). Cash and wallets were taken with one wallet being found on the balcony minus the cash. 1 of the Waitara units and the Killara unit had the sliding glass doors closed but not locked.

Police want to remind all residents but particularly residents of units to LOCK the balcony sliding doors (all perimeter doors and windows) when out or asleep. As can be seen above, even those units above ground level are at risk.

Just because you can't access it from outside doesn't mean a thief won't.

Incident: Stolen Motor bike.  
Time/Date: During the evening of Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Kedumba cres, Turramurra and Kooloona Cres, West Pymble

Details: 1 Motor bike was stolen on Saturday night. A Yamaha WR450 was taken from a house in Kedumba Cres, Turramurra and the attempted stealing of a BMW from a Kooloona Cres, West Pymble house. Both bikes appeared to have adequate security but it still shows the lengths a thief will go to in order to steal from you. Both these incidents are being investigated.

In the past high end motocross and Enduro style bikes were being stolen from all parts of Sydney. Police would like to warn all motor bike owners to review the security measures they are using and if need be upgrade it. If at all possible keep the bikes inside the house or garage. Use quality chains and locks and don't advertise the fact you have them.

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.

END

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).

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.

Our mailing address is:

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