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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. 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.

13th May, If you have neighbours who are causing issues, read this! DEALING WITH A NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE?

Police are contacted regularly to resolve disputes between neighbours for various reasons. Some of the most common disputes are about fences, trees/plants, noise, children's behaviour, dogs and invasion of privacy. Often the best way of resolving disputes is to approach your neighbour directly and to discuss the problem politely. However, if this does not work or you don't feel confident enough to face your neighbour on your own, it may be appropriate to contact your local Community Justice Centre (CJC). CJC can help resolve disputes through mediation. The service is free, convenient and confidential. Police will take action if they detect an offence has been committed, otherwise they will refer you to CJC. For further information contact CJC on 1800 990 777 or visit www.cjc.nsw.gov.au

13th May, Police are seeking assistance from the public into the theft of 12 mobile phones from a display cabinet at **K Mart Westfield Hornsby**.



Between 11.30 pm on Monday the 6th and 12.30 am on Tuesday the 7th 12 mobile phones were stolen from a display counter at Kmart Hornsby. Police would like to speak to the 2 males above who police believe may be able to assist with inquiries into the matter. Any inquiries in regards to the theft or the identity of the males please call Hornsby police on 9476 97699 or to report anonymously call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

13th May, Incident: Child approached

Time/Date: About 7.45am on Wednesday the 8th

Place: Stanley Street, St Ives near Mona Vale road.

Person: Described as being a 40 - 45 year old male, Caucasian in appearance, wearing a light coloured pair of denim jeans, a light coloured checked shirt and has a full beard.

Vehicle: described as a Red or Maroon Utility.

Details: The girl a 13 year old was walking to a nearby school and has become aware of the car and the male. The male is alleged to have tried to entice the girl over to his car by saying something similar to "Hi come here I have some Ginger Beer". The girl has ignored the male and kept walking. The male is alleged to have said the same thing. The girl has crossed the road and has heard a car door close. The girl has run to a nearby bakery and police were called. The area was patrolled extensively but the car and male had gone.

Please talk to your kids about these incidents and identify safe places and safe locations to seek refuge in times of need. There is a lot on information on the police website (see link below) in relation to this. Raise the issue with your local school and have them discuss it in school. In this instance the girl did the right thing and sought refuge in a nearby business and police were called ASAP.

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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http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/

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

Incident: Driver charged high range drink driving
Time/Date: About 1.55pm on Sunday the 12th
Place: Edgeworth David Avenue, Waitara x Palmerston Road.
Vehicle 1: VW
Driver 1: 28 year old male from Wahroonga

Details: The VW was travelling East along Edgeworth David Avenue and is alleged to have failed to negotiate the right hand bend in the road. The VW has allegedly crashed into a (school zone) sign. The driver is alleged to have run from the car and hidden nearby. Passing witnesses have called police and upon arrival have identified the driver. Despite denials the driver has allegedly 'owned up' to the offence. The driver was breath tested which was allegedly positive for alcohol. A further test gave a result of .205. The male license was suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The driver is to face Hornsby Local Court on the 27th of June charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol.

Incident: 2 men charged with shop stealing
Time/Date: About 6pm on Saturday the 11th and about 5.45pm on Sunday the 12th
Place: Dan Murphy's Westfield Hornsby
Person: 23 year old male and a 26 year old male.

Details: The 2 men are alleged to have entered Dan Murphy's about 6pm on Saturday and loaded a trolley with 2 cases of Glen Fiddich and 3 cases of Johnnie Walker Black Label and left the store without paying for them. About 5.45pm on Sunday the same 2 men are again alleged to have entered the same store with a trolley loading it with 6 cases of Jack Daniels. The males became aware they were being watch by staff and have tried to leave the store. They were detained and police called. Subsequent inquiries and a review of CCTV revealed the alleged previous theft. Both men declined to be interviewed and were charged with stealing offences.

Court: Both men were refused bail and are to attend Hornsby Local Court on the 13th of May.

Incident: 10 year old boy injured
Time/Date: About 1pm on Sunday the 12th
Place: Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights.

Details: A 10 year old boy was playing an organised game of AFL. At some point he has fallen

and felt tingling sensations in his fingers and limbs. The care flight helicopter was called which landed in the park. It was decided the boy would be transported by road ambulance to Westmead Hospital for treatment.

Incident: House fire

Time/Date: About 6.30pm on Thursday the 9th

Place: Alder Drive, St Ives

Details: The home owner's had gone to a nearby oval for soccer training, soon after neighbours have noticed flames coming from the home and have called 000 police and the fire brigade have attended. Although fire brigade units were on the scene quickly the fire had totally destroyed the house. It is estimated the damage to be about \$500,000. The contents were also lost in the fire.

Incident: Party shut down by police.

Time/Date: About 10pm on Friday the 10th

Place: Lords Avenue, Asquith

Details: Police became aware of a party that was advertised on Facebook. At first all was OK until numerous under18 year olds started to attend who appeared to be intoxicated and it became evident word have got out about the party (Facebook). Police have attended to monitor the area and while sitting in the police car have been pelted with at least 4 bottles which broke nearby (they had been thrown from the rear of the property). Police retreated and called for assistance. Further police arrived and have again been pelted with bottles. Police have converged on the location and dispersed the crowd with no further incidents.

Warning: if you hold a party please inform police via the mynite website (link below). That way police can be aware of the party in case an incident like above occurs. Also please be very mindful who you invite and that strict 'readvertising' the party controls are put in place. It is not only your house that is affected but those of your neighbours as well. It is common for the dispersed alcohol-fuelled party-goers to vent their anger on nearby residences and cars.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Sometime during March or April.

Place: A unit block in Orara St, Waitara.

Details: Unknown person/s have entered the unit complex presumably by the foyer area and have made their way to a secured storage cage. The complex's digital recorder to the CCTV system been stolen. It was valued at an estimated \$9,000.

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: Between 12.30pm and 2pm on Tuesday the 9th

Place: Presbyterian Ladies College.

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen a laptop computer from a desk at the location, it was in an unlocked room and was valued at an estimated \$3,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: During the evening of Tuesday (7th) night and the morning of Wednesday (8th).

Place: Bushlands Avenue, Gordon.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor rear window. An amount of jewellery and a mobile phone were stolen with a total value of an estimated \$1,800.

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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To register a party, and further useful advice about hosting a party: <http://www.mynite.com.au/>

9th May: MANLY police raided a unit complex in Manly on Thursday and recovered six bicycles, six bicycle frames and 11 wheels, highlighting the prevalence of bicycle theft in Manly. Relevant to Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby residents? Yes - Take **adequate precautions to prevent bikes being stolen:**

Some bicycles were left for days or weeks at a time without being checked and it was only when the owner returned to collect their bike that they realised it had been stolen, by which time the bike could have been stripped or taken outside the area. Photograph your bicycle. Record your bike's serial number. Engrave your bike with some form of identification, such as a phone number or driver's licence number. You can borrow an engraver from the **Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station 9476 9723** or from your local Neighbourhood Watch group.

9th May: WARNING It is suspected that cables are being cut to facilitate the use of stolen or fraudulent credit cards at shopping centres and service stations in parts of the metropolitan area. The cables are generally located in a pit in the near vicinity to the shopping centres. Cutting of these cables has a significant effect on telecommunications to areas much broader than the shopping centre itself. Offenders may use props, equipment or clothing to appear to be working in an official capacity. If you observe any activity in telecommunication pits near shopping centres and service stations, contact the police if you have doubts about the bonafides of persons involved.



8th May: As NSW police have been saying for years; if you see something, say something. Well the message is actually world-wide. Here is a billboard from New York. Obviously we use 000 for a crime occurring now in Australia. Our equivalent number for suspicious behaviour is Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

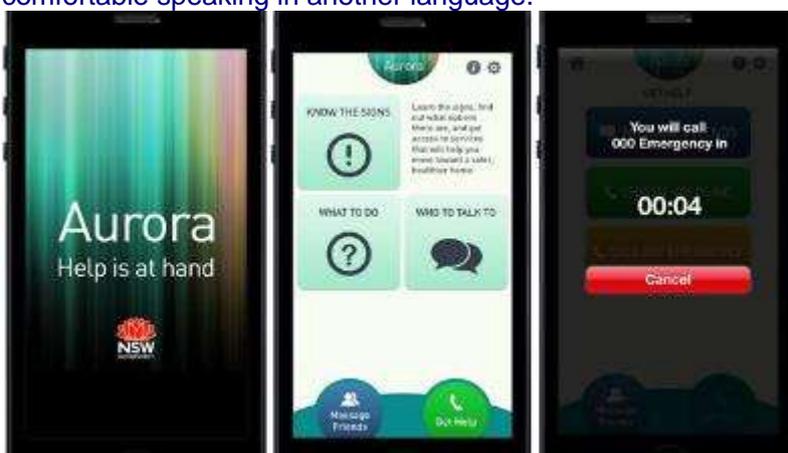


7th May: CCTV in public areas, A recent court ruling places the use of CCTV systems installed and or run by councils on notice. Agree with the decision or not.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/breaking/16997341/cctv-use-in-spotlight-after-privacy-ruling/> .

The New South Wales Government is reviewing a decision that raises doubts about the **legality of CCTV cameras installed by local councils**. Shoalhaven City Council was forced to switch off CCTV cameras in the centre of Nowra, south of Wollongong, after the NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal ruled they breached the Privacy Act. The tribunal was not satisfied the signage near the cameras adequately informed people about their privacy implications, and ruled the council had not shown that filming people was reasonably necessary to prevent crime.

8th May, Domestic Violence anywhere is deplorable and Kuring-gai LAC treat these incidents seriously. If you or a family member or friend feels they need support or assistance with regards to Domestic Violence please call Hornsby police (or your local police station if out of area) and talk to police. Police have the resources and networking contacts to help you. Say no to Domestic Violence. Remember also police will arrange for interpreters if you are more comfortable speaking in another language.



New App for Domestic Violence - Aurora. "A few times I tried to grab the landline but he would get there before me and rip it out of the wall."

Situations like this have prompted the NSW Government to launch a discreet smart phone app to allow people experiencing domestic and family violence to quickly call for help and be located by police via GPS. Minister for Family and Community Services Pru Goward says the named Aurora — which means "hope" — will give just that to victims of domestic violence. "This app is the first of its kind in the world to combine information with access to help services, the ability to create a trusted network of friends who can be easily contacted with an agreed message and a GPS system to 'call-for-help' alert recipients of the sender's location," Minister Goward said. The free app was developed in consultation with the NSW Police Force, with input from experts from the domestic and family violence sector including the NSW Women's Refuge movement.

New Aurora App available for download

from: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/aurora/id611015460?mt=8>

http://www.appszoom.com/android_applications/lifestyle/aurora_frlec.html#.UWSb9lgh_jA.facebook

7th May, Children safety. Over the past few years across Sydney there have been numerous reported incidents of children being approached by 'people not known to the children' mainly out in public areas, usually before and after school hours. Although there have been no recent reports here at Kuring-gai LAC it is a timely reminder to be cautious and aware of these incidents. The link below has information for parents and children in relation to identifying safe places and safe people. Please talk with your friends and family and communicate with your children, talk to them about who are the safe people in their lives, where are the safe places they can go when they are feeling scared, uncomfortable or threatened. Don't think these incidents are rife in our area, it is just that school has now returned and this is just a timely reminder nothing more.

Finally we don't refer to the warnings as '*stranger danger*' anymore - there are '*safe places and safe people*'.

'School Safe' children's resource available to download

from: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/113822/keeping_me_safe.pdf

7th May, Scare tactics and warnings spread by the public. Please check the facts and ulterior motives before spreading these warnings further. If you go to a website called **SNOPEs** they have most of the urban myths and legends. See attached weblink: <http://www.snopes.com/computer/internet/angela.asp>



A chain letter warning about the "**Talking Angela**" iOS app is being unwittingly spread by Facebook users, presumably with the thinking of "better safe than sorry" rather than "maybe I should just check the facts before forwarding this scare onto my friends". The truth is that

"Talking Angela" appears to be entirely benign, and there are no obvious privacy concerns that differentiate it from thousands of other iPhone apps. Indeed, the "Talking Angela" app is no different from other similar popular children's apps from reputable iOS developer Out Fit 7 Ltd, including "Talking Tom Cat", "Talking Ben the Dog" and "Talking Gina the Giraffe".

From the North Shore Times 08 May:

7 KILLARA Police are looking for a thief who broke into a house on The Crest and stole about \$3000 in cash. Police said the robber broke into the house through a ground-floor door between April 24 and 26.

There has been a **'Warning' message circulating on Facebook** recently regarding a 19-year old girl named Lauren who tells her story of an unmarked police car trying to pull her over as she is driving to visit a friend.

Lauren is suspicious of this vehicle and thankfully remembers what her parents had told her about dialling 112 from her mobile phone. She dials 112 because 000 does not work without a signal. She is immediately able to have direct contact to the 'Police Dispatcher' to confirm that she is being pulled over by a genuine cop. The surprised dispatcher tells her to keep driving because the car behind her is not a real police car! Within minutes, real officers intercept the imposter who, when arrested, turns out to be a convicted rapist and Lauren lives to tell her story. **Simply not true!**

Now for the FACTS:

Triple Zero (000) is Australia's primary telephone number to call for assistance in life threatening or time critical emergency situations. 112 is an international standard emergency number which can only be dialled on a digital mobile phone. Dialling 112 simply redirects you to the same Triple Zero (000) call service. There is NO advantage to dialling 112 over Triple Zero (000). As for reception: if you have absolutely no reception, you cannot make a call to any number. If there is phone reception, but not your carrier, your call will roam onto another carrier's network and then connect.

If you are driving and see Red and Blue lights behind you, you must pull over and stop. Please click on the link for the full legislation:

http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/leara2002451/

Some Shopping Trolley phone numbers courtesy of Blacktown Council:



Have you seen these trolleys?

For Woolworths, Franklins, Target, Big W and Dan Murphy trolleys please call

☎ Trolley Tracker on **1800 641 497** (free call*) or visit the Trolley Tracker website at **www.trolleytracker.com.au**

For Coles, Kmart, Bunnings and Officeworks trolleys please call

☎ **1800 Trolley** (1800 876 553 free call*) or visit the Coles website at **www.coles.com.au** and select stores and services or email at **1800Trolley@coles.com.au**

For all other trolleys please call the store directly.

*note free call from landline only; mobiles extra.

Thank you for helping keep Blacktown clean and green.

Blacktown City Council

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.

Thanks to St Ives E-Watch#1, following this week's fire in St Ives: Some relevant tips from the NSW Fire and Rescue Commissioner Greg Mullins are

here: <http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/news.php?news=2211>

Thanks to Mount Colah, from their latest Neighbourhood Watch newsletter:

Protection on Public Transport

There have been a number of incidents on the North Shore Line where train travellers have been the victims of assault and robbery. Here are a few hints:

- Travel near the guard's compartment especially if you are alone and the other carriages are empty.
 - Don't fall asleep and leave your bag for easy snatching.
 - Don't leave your bag on the seat close to the aisle. Put it between you and the window with your arm through the strap handles.
 - Carry a mobile phone.
 - If you see anything suspicious or feel uncomfortable then move away to a safer area of the train and inform the guard.
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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: hornsbys@pcycnsw.org.au .

Do you have a housebound neighbour? If you have a disability, don't have a car or licence or live too far away from public transport and find it difficult to visit our libraries, then **Ku-ring-gai Libraribus** can provide you with free door-to-door transport to our library. **Ku-ring-gai Libraribus Phone:** 0401 972 461. Or the FREE **Hornsby Shire 'The Home Library Service'** is available to residents who are unable to visit the Library due to ill health, frailty or disability and to their carers. The Home Library Services Team selects items and delivers them to your home every 3 weeks. **Hornsby Home Library Service phone:** (02)9847 6806

From NSW Fair Trading:

Winplus Australasia Pty Ltd Cocoon Baby Monitor Power Adaptors
Bulk Bikes - Kylin XR-205 Motorcycle Helmet

Two recent recalls that have been associated with fatalities. Check regularly on the Australian Government recall website at www.recalls.gov.au to help self-protect against goods found with major and life threatening faults.

The Salvation Army's RED SHIELD APPEAL Door-knock, Saturday/Sunday May 25th/26th.

Why are older people especially vulnerable to becoming victims of fraud? A new UCLA study indicates that an important clue may lie in a particular region of the brain that influences the ability to discern who is honest and who is trying to deceive us. Older people, more than younger adults, may fail to interpret an untrustworthy face as potentially dishonest, the study

shows. The reason for this, the UCLA life scientists found, seems to be that a brain region called the anterior insula, which is linked to disgust and is important for discerning untrustworthy faces, is less active in older adults. More

at: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/12/121203163430.htm>

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

Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command are on facebook: www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC.



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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