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\*\*\*\*\*Project 'eyewatch' and other stories of Interest:

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### **Dozens arrested as police target anti-social behaviour on transport network – Operation Merge**

A joint-operation between police, Railcorp and the State Transit Authority targeting crime and anti-social behaviour on the state's public transport system has resulted in the arrest of 37 people.

Operation Merge, a high-visibility joint-agency operation, was conducted between 7am yesterday (Friday 30 March 2012) and 3am today (Saturday 31 March 2012).

The operation involved officers from the 12 Commuter Crime Units and the Dog Squad and targeted robbery offences, assaults and anti-social behaviour.

In addition, Railcorp Transit officers and State Transit Authority officers were deployed throughout the transport network.

The areas covered during the operation included Central, Lidcombe, Strathfield, Parramatta, Blacktown, Granville, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Miranda and Civic (Newcastle) Railway Stations, and bus stops throughout Dee Why, Narrabeen and Central.

Police and drug detection dogs conducted 201 person searches and identified 31 people allegedly in possession of illicit drugs

Police and transit officers also confiscated 40 open bottles and cans of alcohol from commuters.

Officers arrested six people wanted for outstanding warrants and 198 people were issued infringement notices.

A 17-year-old from Glen Alpine charged with 'Assault with act of indecency' regarding an incident on board a train near Campbelltown. He has been granted conditional bail to appear at Campbelltown Children's Court on Monday 2 April.

A 31 year-old male from Carabost arrested for an assault which occurred at Central Railway Station. The victim was taken to hospital for significant injuries to his mouth.

Operation Merge Commander, Inspector Robert Danks said the operation was successful and others were planned for the future.

"We really hope this type of operation will act as a deterrent to anyone thinking of misbehaving or conducting criminal activities on public transport," he said.

"Everyone who uses public transport has a right to travel safely and without fear of becoming a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour."

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### **P-Plater Crash, West Pymble**

Two young men have been seriously injured in a car crash which snapped a power pole on Sydney's north shore last night.

About 11.50pm (Friday 30 March), a Toyota Corolla travelling east on Ryde Road lost control and clipped another car heading in the same direction before crashing into a power pole.

The impact broke the pole in two, while the Toyota then smashed into the front fence of a house.

The p-plate driver and his male passenger, both thought to be aged about 20, were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with serious injuries.

The exact nature of their injuries is unknown but they are believed to include possible spinal damage.

Police from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command examined the crash site and speed is believed to be a major contributing factor.

Two lanes remain closed while electricity contractors work to replace the power pole.

Anyone who witnessed the crash is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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**Drink Spiking:** Drink spiking is where alcohol or other drugs are added to a person's drink without their knowledge or consent.

Alcohol is the most likely.

Alcohol is most often associated with sexual assault.

Other drugs are; tranquillisers, 'special k', amphetamine and GHB.

Drink spiking is not a joke or a game. It can make people sick or even be life-threatening.

Playing a prank on someone by adding alcohol or other drugs to their drink, with the intention of getting them drunk, is drink spiking and is illegal.

**What if a friend is drunk, feeling sick, stumbling, confused or faints?** Stay with them. Take them to a safe place. Tell another friend, the host of the party, the bar, or security staff. If they collapse, ring an ambulance on 000 immediately.

**Feel drowsy or suddenly 'out of it'?** Don't wait and hope it will pass. Have someone you trust take you to a safe place. If you suspect your drink has been spiked or you have been assaulted, go to a doctor or hospital emergency department immediately.

You may become **dizzy, feel unwell, let your guard down** and **do things you would not usually do**. You may become **unconscious, not able to defend yourself** or **not remember** what happened. You may be **robbed** or **sexually assaulted**.

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## **MEDIA RELEASE:** New recruits for Kuring Gai Local Area Command

Issued at 1.20pm, 28 March 2012

*Editor's Note: The numbers given in this media release regarding Local Area Command allocations are accurate as at 26 March 2012 but are subject to change as numbers of those attesting change.*

Two new police officers are expected to be allocated to Kuring gai Local Area Command at the Goulburn NSW Police Academy in May.

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione is expected to welcome around 315 recruits at the attestation ceremony, which is to take place on Friday 4 May, 2012.

After graduation the probationary constables will complete 12 months' on-the-job training at their respective Local Area Commands. They will also study by distance education with Charles Sturt University before they officially graduate with a Diploma in Policing Practice.

Once they graduate, the officers will then be confirmed in the rank of Constable.

“I am proud and pleased to be welcoming these new police officers to our ranks,” Kuring Gai Local Area Commander, Superintendent PHILIPPI , said. “They are about to embark on a career that will be as rewarding as it is challenging.”

Superintendent PHILIPPI said the probationary constables will play an important role within the communities they will serve.

“From day one, they will assist their fellow officers in reducing criminal activity and providing grass-roots solutions to local issues,” he said.

North West Metropolitan Region Commander, Assistant Commissioner CLIFFORD, joined with Superintendent PHILIPPI in welcoming the new police officers.

“They have already proven their worth through their commitment and hard work during their studies at the NSW Police Academy,” he said. “Over the next 12 months and beyond, I am sure they will also prove to be valuable assets to the communities within their Command.”

Assistant Commissioner CLIFFORD said a total of Seventy Five new officers have been assigned to the Region to assist in driving down crime and helping to provide local solutions to local problems.

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### **Multi-agency marina fire exercise**

Crews from the NSW Rural Fire Service and Fire & Rescue NSW were joined by Marine Rescue, NSW Police and marina staff to participate in this important exercise. The scenario involved two yachts being alight with people needing rescuing from on board. NSWRFs crews responded via the Scotland Island and Warringah/Pittwater fire boats, whilst FRNSW arrived via land. The 'rescues' were conducted by Marine Rescue whilst the two fire agencies successfully tackled the blazes.

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**A message from PCYC today:** Happy official 75th Birthday to all of our amazing members, volunteers, staff and Police. It was on this day in 1937 that Police Commissioner William John Mackay saw his vision of a new way of working with young people come to life. We're proud to keep his vision going in over 57 clubs around the state, with a further 8 clubs to be built over the next few years. We're committed to his values of getting young people active in life, developing their skills, character and leadership and reducing crime by and against young people.

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Cycling Tip #1: **Safe Speed.** Be in control. Ride at a speed that will allow you to stop safely. Do you know it can take up to 6 metres to stop from 15km/h?

Cycling Tip #2: **Be responsible.** Ride in your lane and when you're on a cycleway, keep to the left.

Cycling Tip #3: **Watch out.** Look for turning cars and try to avoid the 'door-zone'. Always watch for car doors opening.

Cycling Tip #4: **Ring your bell.** On Shared Paths always give way to people walking and ring your bell early to alert walkers of your presence. Bike riders are legally required to have a bell.

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POLICE EXPO 2012 - Celebrating 150 years of service | **1 April 2012** 10AM TIL 5PM | Darling Harbour

Congratulations to the Police - the Expo was marvellous! Have a look at the video taken by the police on the day: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnoqVjICCKI> So many stalls, so much information, so much to see. Horses, helicopter, motorbikes, forensics, dogs, tactical support, fraud, eyewitness... Here's a photo from the Taser demo:



And so many tips to share with you.

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OK - so we don't live in Marrickville, but you could still partake. Isn't this workshop a good idea? Do you think Ku-ring-gai or Hornsby Councils should host one? Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

Newtown Police will be presenting at the Marrickville Council 'Graffiti Proofing Your Property'

workshops on Saturday 21 July 2012 and Saturday 17 November 2012, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Council's Works Depot 15-17 Unwins Bridge Road, St Peters.

These workshops will discuss:- The rights of property owners, crime prevention and reporting;  
- Rapid removal of graffiti, Hot Spot locations;  
- Demonstrations on how to remove graffiti from various surfaces;  
- 'Green Screening' your property; and  
- Commissioning an artist to paint a mural.

All workshop participants will receive a free Graffiti Proofing Kit.

For more information call Marrickville Council on 9335 2222.

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The North Shore Times link for Friday's article about the local launch of Project **eyewatch**: <http://digitaledition.northshoretimes.com.au/#folio=3>. Unless the link disappears or changes as new versions come on line? The photo was taken at the Seniors Expo, but unfortunately you can't see the Highway Patrol car in the background which was a huge hit!

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**Hornsby Police news,  
2/4/12**

**The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.**

**Incident: High range drink driving**

**Time/Date: About 12.40 am on Sunday the 1st**

**Place: Hillmont Ave, THORNLEIGH**

**Vehicle 1: Silver Kia**

**Driver 1: 35 year old male**

**Details: The Kia was stopped and the driver breath tested which was allegedly positive for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .180. The driver was charged and had his**

license suspended by police.

**Court:** The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court at a date yet to be set charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

**Incident:** Drugs arrest

**Time/Date:** About 12am on Sunday the 1st

**Place:** Berowra Railway station

**Person 1:** 20 year old male

**Details:** Police were called to the location due to an assault. A 20 year old male was identified as the alleged offender. While questioning the male a small amount of green vegetable matter police allege is Cannabis fell out of the males pocket. The male was arrested and subsequently charged.

**Court:** The male is to face Hornsby Local Court at a date yet to be set Charged with assault and possess a prohibited drug and not having a valid ticket..

**Incident:** Fire at construction site

**Time/Date:** Between 2.50 am and 3.40 am on Friday the 30th

**Place:** Pennant Hills road, Thornleigh

**Details:** A passing motorist has seen a site shed at the location on fire and called the fire brigade. A unit from Beecroft has attended and put the fire out. It was established a drink vending machine which was inside the site shed had been forced open and the cash till taken. The site shed was totally destroyed in the fire.

**Incident:** Robbery

**Time/Date:** About 5 pm on Friday the 30th

**Place:** Albert street, Hornsby

**Person 1:** Male, 165 - 170cm tall, slim to medium build, medium length brown hair, caucasian appearance, white and blue/black ski type jacket, shorts made of a silky material, TN or Nike airmax shoes.

**Details:** The victim a 16 year old male was walking in Albert street and was assault by 2 other males. The victim has his Black Iphone 4s stolen. The victim was taken to Hornsby hospital for bruising and abrasions.

**Incident:** Break Enter & Steal

**Time/Date:** Between 9 am on Wednesday the 21st of May and 7 am on Saturday the 31st

**Place: Arcadia Rd, ARCADIA**

**Details: Between the above times unknown person/s have broken into the home. A Diamond engagement ring was stolen, it was valued at an estimated \$3,500.**

**Incident: Steal from Motor vehicle**

**Time/Date: Between 1 pm and 3.30 pm on Sunday the 1st**

**Place: Carrs Rd, GALSTON,**

**Details: The owner of a Toyota Corolla had parked their car at the location. At some stage unknown person/s have smashed a front window and rifled through the car stealing a hand bag, 2 wallets and a mobile phone, the total value is estimated to be about \$470.**

**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**

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