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This weekly update has two sections:

- Project eyewatch: A selection of stories from facebook, as an example of what's been posted for the week (Please note, the detail is no longer timely).
- We always include the Media Release that our Crime Prevention Officer distributes on a Monday morning, covering a few of the incidents from the week before in our Command.



From NSW Rural Fire Service on Sunday: Everyday our volunteers attend all types of incidents however the one today in the Warringah District was a little unusual. Photo: Terrey Hills RFB

Kuring gai police were conducting patrols along Mona Vale Road, St Ives when they have observed a vehicle with two persons inside. Upon speaking with the males and conducting further checks police have searched the vehicle. Police located a number of items including a knife, which the 51 year old male from a Moorebank residence could not satisfactorily explain.

The male was issued with a Court attendance notice and will appear at Hornsby Court on Thursday 21st June charged with custody of a knife in a public place.

On Monday 28th May 2012 a 50 year old male who resides at a Normanhurst address was arrested and conveyed to Hornsby Police station. When he attempted to gain entry to a Normanhurst residential premises using a replica samurai sword. This was a result of an earlier altercation with a 51 year old male.

The 50 year old male will appear in Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 13th June 2012 charged with malicious damage.

Work has been underway on 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies'. Several tips were shared this afternoon on Triple H Community Radio's Streetbeat programme 100.1 FM. Do you tune in between 4 and 4.45pm for the monthly Project **eyewatch** update, as well as other Crime and Crime Prevention information from your Acting Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Mal Baker and Project **eyewatch** Precinct Coordinator Julia Eagles? Why not listen to the next one in July? Date to be confirmed.

Exciting news: E-Watch St Ives #2 is being launched for those residents in the St Ives area bounded by Killeaton, Collins & Warrimoo. E-Watch St Ives #2 is offering a Neighbourhood Watch service, where residents are connected via weekly email. The letterbox drop also advises the community about the Kuring Gai Local Area Command Police facebook page - ie Project **eyewatch**! Do you know anyone in this area who may be interested? Please email: eyewatchstives2@hotmail.com

More exciting news: Wahroonga is getting its very own Project **eyewatch**! Project **eyewatch** (a branch of Neighbourhood Watch) is a new initiative by the NSW Government which is a programme involving and engaging the local community, with Hornsby Police, by using the internet and assists in local crime prevention activities.

"Wahroonga has just set up their **eyewatch** Facebook page where regular information is updated regarding crime in the area or general advice or information to keep personal belongs safe. Why is this important to be a part of? 9 out of 10 crimes are solved because of information from the public.

If you are interested in participating please

visit: <http://www.facebook.com/EyeWatchWahroonga> and click 'like' or email: Chantelle Fornari-Orsmond at cfornari@hotmail.com for any further enquiries.

For additional information please search for 'project eyewatch' on

the www.police.nsw.gov.au website".

Even more exciting news: Berowra is re-launching Neighbourhood Watch with an online 21st Century version utilising facebook. Watch this space!

From Kuring Gai LAC: "Thank you to Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch (Gordon Area 3/4) for inviting our Acting Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Mal Baker to speak at their quarterly Neighbourhood Watch meeting last Monday 28th May. It is wonderful to work with the community in this manner."

Police have released CCTV footage of a man who they believe may be able to assist them with their inquiries following an incident on a bus in Sydney's north west last Saturday night (26 May 2012).

Police have been told a man boarded a red and yellow bus at #Wynyard with two bottles of alcohol.

While travelling through the Lane Cove Tunnel, the man became agitated and aggressive towards the driver and passengers. It is alleged that the man threatened the driver and stole cash from the till. At one stage the man grabbed the steering wheel and the bus veered to the left. The driver was able to maintain control of the bus by forcing the man to let go of the wheel.

The man demanded the driver deviate from the usual bus route and drive to a #Carlingford shopping centre, where the man ran from the bus.

Anyone with information about the incident or the identity of the man in footage who may be able to assist police with inquiries is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC is the link to your local Police's facebook page.

The Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 facebook page can be found at (but possible only if you are signed onto facebook!): www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchGordon.

The '**All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch** quarterly get-together was held last Wednesday. All the existing, to be re-launched, and new, Neighbourhood Watch groups in the Kuring Gai Local Area Command met to discuss moving forward together. We had a visit from Roger Norman, Team Leader of the Turramurra Rotary group that is tackling the removal of graffiti within Ku-ring-gai. Roger outlined his team's role. Salient points:

- to clean graffiti on private property in the area. Also clean Council property & Service Utilities (not railway, not Woolworths or Coles).
- team survives thru funding & sponsors, incl Ku-ring-gai Council, Dulux Paints, Kennards Storage at Thornleigh, Turramurra Chamber of Commerce & Bendigo Bank (trailer). - NSW government is now funding the expenses, training dvd & brochure to encourage other Rotaries.
- St Ives & Ku-ring-gai (W Pymble) Rotary will maybe join in.
- Roger's team go out once/week, in teams of 2 or 3.
- One young offender is doing 320hrs Community Service.
- Roger suggested material for use in NHW newsletters, eg 'If your own property is affected, contact the council, or appropriate Rotary group directly.' He asked Neighbourhood Watch groups to please repeat the message again & again.
- details of other Rotary groups, etc are on Ku-ring-gai council page: <http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/www/html/3480-graffiti-and-vandalism.asp>
- graffiti on public property - your role is just to report. Suggest in NHW newsletters "If you see graffiti, ring the Attorney General's NSW Graffiti Hotline 1 800 707 125. To report graffiti on electrical substations or other electrical infrastructure call EnergyAustralia on: 13 15 35. If you see graffiti and **get a photo**, then upload it to the VandalTrak website: www.vandaltrak.com.au. Removal of graffiti on public property is coordinated by VandalTrak."

Thanks go to Century 21 Cordeau Marshall Group who offered the use of their offices at Gordon for the meeting. **More important 'thankyous' next week...**

Armed robbery: Police are investigating the armed robbery of a golf club in Randwick, in Sydney's east, tonight.

About 10pm (Thursday 31 May 2012), the manager of the Howe Street club was approached by two masked men in the car park after he had closed for the evening.

The men, who were armed with a handgun and knife, forced the male manager back inside and demanded he open the safe.

There was no one else inside at the time and no one was injured.

The armed men fled the club on foot with a sum of cash.

Police were notified and officers attached to Eastern Beaches Local Area Command attended and have established a crime scene.

An extensive search of the area is being conducted with assistance from the Dog Unit, however the two men have not been located.

Both men had their faces concealed and police have not been given a description of them.

Anyone who may have witnessed any suspicious activity in the area is urged to contact Eastern Beaches Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Public Transport Safety Tips:

Transport - Safety and Security

Travelling on public transport should be a safe and comfortable experience. Safety systems such as lighting, security cameras, emergency help points and security guards (on various trains only) are all in place to maximise your personal safety while you are in transit.

Avoid waiting on your own. Try to wait for public transport near other people and in well-lit areas at night.

Walk with other commuters. When you disembark, walk with other commuters. If you can't reach your destination safely and quickly on foot from your bus or train stop, consider catching a taxi.

Be alert and confident. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and make eye contact with others.

Plan your route. Plan your route before you depart. Check bus and train timetables and connections to avoid any unnecessary delays.

Keep your belongings secure. Carry your handbag or briefcase securely in front of your body. Never leave personal belongings like shopping bags or backpacks unattended at your feet.

Be assertive. If another passenger makes you feel uncomfortable or harasses you in any way, be assertive, and move away from your harasser.

Park close to transport points. Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area as close as possible to your transport points.

Take a well-used route. When you disembark, take a well-used, well-lit route back to your vehicle.

Travel near the driver or guard. If you're on an empty train or bus at night, always travel in the carriage closest to the train guard or at the front of the bus near the driver.

Always carry a mobile phone or phonecard. When you are out and about, make sure you always have your mobile phone, a phone card or spare change with you in case of an emergency. Make sure you keep your mobile phone in a secure place close to your body.

Report anti-social behaviour. Always report any anti-social behaviour or harassment to your driver, guard, conductor or to the police. Program emergency numbers into your phone. There are some very simple precautions you can take to make sure you feel as safe as possible whenever you're travelling.

Bus Travel

Stand back from the curb when you are waiting for your bus to arrive, especially if you have been drinking alcohol. At night, wait at the bus stop in a well-lit area. If possible, always wait near other people rather than on your own. If waiting on your own, be alert to your surroundings. If you feel unsafe in any way, consider catching a taxi or move to the closest populated area.

When on board, consider sitting near the bus driver, especially if the bus is relatively empty or at night.

Taxi Travel

Consider phoning for a taxi from a safe place, such as your place of work, rather than hailing one from the street. Specify the route you would like to take to your driver. If your driver takes an alternative route, be assertive and ask him/her to take your specified route.

Sit in the back of the taxi and consider travelling with friends.

Take note of the taxi company, driver's name and car number. Let the driver know that you've noted their taxi number. At night consider asking your driver to wait for you until you are safely inside your destination.

Ferry Travel

Plan your ferry trip before you depart – check times and connections to avoid unnecessary delays, especially at night.

When waiting for your ferry to arrive, stand back from the wharf edge, especially if you have been drinking alcohol.

Consider sitting near ferry staff or other passengers on board, especially at night.

If you feel uncomfortable or threatened please advise ferry staff of your concerns.

Train Travel

When waiting for a train at night, stand at the Nightsafe area (indicated in blue on the platform) to make sure you board the train at the carriage closest to the guard's compartment.

Avoid sitting near the train exit doors and try to sit near other passengers, especially at night.

In an emergency, use the emergency help points located throughout stations on the CityRail network, or seek assistance from a transit police officer.

If you see any unattended bags or packages on the train, report them to CityRail staff immediately or by calling 131500 or contact the Police.

Stand well behind the yellow painted line on the platform when you are waiting for your train. Take extra care if you have been drinking alcohol.

The RMS (Formerly RTA) have a neat promo on at the moment. If you book a licence test online before June 30 you go into the draw to win an iPad 2! To book your test online and go in the draw go to www.myrta.com.



Hornsby Police news,
04/06/12

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

Incident: Mid range drink driving
Time/Date: About 11.50 pm on Sunday 3rd June 2012
Place: Intersection Jersey and Coronation Sts, Hornsby
Vehicle 1: Blue Honda NSW registration plates
Driver 1: 23 year old male

Details: Police stopped the driver as the vehicle was observed to be weaving from lane to lane. A roadside test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. The male was arrested and a subsequent test gave a result of .171. The male also advised police he was unlicensed and the vehicle was unregistered.

Court: The male is to appear at the Hornsby Local Court on the 17th of May charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Drugs arrest
Time/Date: About 12.55 pm on Thursday 31st May 2012
Place: Unit block in William St, Hornsby
Person: 35 Year old Male

Details: Police attended the location to execute a search warrant. As a result police have located a number of plants in the process of being tended, police will allege is Cannabis. There was also a grouping of dried leaves police allege is also cannabis. Further observations have located dried leaves underneath the bed at the location. A 35 year old male was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station.

Court: The 35 year old male is to appear at the Hornsby Local Court on Monday 13th August 2012 charged with Cultivate and possess prohibited plant.

Incident: Stealing / Goods in Custody
Time/Date: About 1.30 pm on Wednesday 30th May 2012
Place: Heydon Avenue, Warrawee
Person: 30 year old male

Details: Police have observed a 30 year old male walking east along Millewa Avenue and turn left into Warrawee Avenue and walk south towards Warrawee Railway Station. The male was observed to stop a number of times and look into parked motor vehicles on the side of the roadway. The male was then observed to walk over the foot bridge at Warrawee Railway Station and walk south along Heydon Avenue, Warrawee. The male was observed to look into several parked motor Vehicles as he walked along the roadway. When at the intersection of Yosefa Avenue and Heydon Avenue he has attempted to open the driver side door of vehicle by lifting handles of several parked vehicles without success gaining entry. The male was then seen to go to the passenger side of a motor vehicle and open the passenger side front door by an unknown means. The male then sat in the passenger's front seat. Police approached the male and identified themselves. The male was placed under arrest, and upon searching have located an Iphone reported stolen in December 2011

Court: A 30 year old male will appear in Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 20th June 2012 charged with Larceny, Goods in Custody and Enter vehicle without Consent of owner.

Incident: Assault
Time/Date: About 1.50 pm on Sunday 3rd June 2012
Place: Intersection of Pennant Hills Road and Parkes St, Normanhurst
Victim: 63 year old Thornleigh male
Suspect: Described as, Male, early 20's, slim to medium build, 6 foot tall, dark eyes, clean shaven, olive skinned, possibly European. Wearing Light grey Hoodie with dark pants

Details: About 1.50pm on the 3rd of June, 2012 the victim and his wife walked across Pennant Hills Rd, from The Commenarra Parkway, with the suspect walking behind the Victim. As the victim and his wife reached the footpath they stopped to have a look at the caryard at the intersection of Pennant Hills and Parkes. At this point an argument has started with the suspect spitting towards the victim's face and throwing 4-5 punches to the head area of the Victim. As a result a passerby saw the commotion and stopped to render assistance. The suspect had commenced walking north along Pennant Hills Rd.

Incident: Break and Enter
Time/Date: 5.15pm on Friday 1st June 2012
Place: Residence in Muraben Road, Dural
Victim: 27 year old female

Details: Around 5.15pm the female was situated downstairs in the lounge area watching TV. She has heard two loud noises coming from upstairs, and has gone to investigate. On finding nothing she has returned downstairs to the lounge area. Within moments she has heard two more loud noises and started back up the stairs to investigate. At which point the female has

seen a pair of legs in boots at the top of the stairs. The female has quickly left the premises and observed a male (no further description) run into the bushland across from the premises.

Incident: Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: Between 10.30pm on Monday 4th June and 6.50am on Tuesday 5th June 2012

Place: Residence in Devon Street, Wahroonga

Details: Person or Persons unknown have entered the premises via a closed but unlocked ground floor front window. While on the premises a handbag, containing wallet, cash, glasses and credit cards have been taken. Two persons were home at the time.

Incident: Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: Between 8.30 am and 1.45 pm on Friday 1st June 2012

Place: Residence on Park Road, Cowan

Details: Unknown person/s have gained entry to the location through the rear door. Valuables which include laptop, Ipod and cameras to the value of \$3500 have been taken.

Incident: Malicious Damage

Time/Date: Between 2 pm Sunday 3rd June and 7.00am on Monday 4th June 2012

Place: The Cottage, Arcadia Road, Mediterranean Park, Galston

Details: Person or persons unknown have entered the premises by smashing a ground floor rear door. While in the premises furniture has been scattered throughout. Three large pot plants have been smashed in the garden area. Damage estimated to be around \$1000.

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.

Police **have seen a rise in the number of vehicles that have been broken into** in the Command recently. What has alarmed police is the number of vehicles left unlocked and unsecured when left unattended. This is an open invitation to persons of ill repute to enter vehicle. Please remember to lock up every time, never leave your keys in the ignition, and don't hide spare keys on your vehicle. Visible belongings are always at risk; take all personal belongings with you. Never label your keys with your home address or vehicle registration. And make sure any suspicious activity is reported to police.

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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

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