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**This weekly update includes:**

- 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).**
- Local Neighbourhood Watch meetings, relevant tit-bits, Crime Prevention Tips**
- 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.**

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From NSW Rural Fire Service, a photo from Sunday: Volunteers from the Warringah/Pittwater District undertaking scenario based training today in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park:



Isn't it confusing having the Police Local Area Command called 'Kuring-gai' when it includes suburbs in the Ku-ring-gai council and Hornsby Shire council areas? Please don't ask why the spelling is different! And the Police Station is called 'Hornsby', not 'Kuring-gai'. No wonder people have a problem. Just to help you, the following is the list of suburbs covered by our Kuring-gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), and yes, that's what 'LAC' stands for (to the many who have asked):

Arcadia 2159 Asquith 2077 Berowra 2081 Berowra Heights 2082 Berowra Waters 2082 Berrilee 2159 Brooklyn 2083 Canoelands 2157 Cowan 2081 Dural 2158 East Killara 2071 Fiddletown 2159 Forest Glen 2157 Galston 2159 Glenorie 2157 Gordon 2072 Hornsby 2077 Hornsby Heights 2077 Killara 2071 Middle Dural 2158 Mount Colah 2079 Mount Kuring-Gai 2080 Normanhurst 2076 North Turramurra 2074 North Wahroonga 2076 Pymble 2073 South Turramurra 2074 St Ives 2075 St Ives Chase 2075 Thornleigh 2120 Turramurra 2074 Wahroonga 2076 Waitara 2077 Warrawee 2074 West Pymble 2073 Westleigh 2120.

If there are any other questions you may have, please email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) and we will endeavour to help you.



A photo from Saturday at the University of NSW. Making the Chinese students feel welcome, whilst sharing the Crime Prevention message. Well done the Project *eyewatch* guys!

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From the **Mounted Unit NSW Police Force**, an invitation to their **Open Day: Saturday 21st July, 10am-2pm**, "A celebration of NSW Police Force's 150th year will be held at the NSW Mounted Police Force's stables showcasing a variety of units that comprise the latest technologies and innovations. Displays from the following areas will be showcased and officers from those units will be on hand to provide information specific to their units. These include;

- NSW Mounted Police drill and musical ride performances
- Public Order & Riot Squad shield and formation displays

- The Dog Squad general purpose and drug dog displays
- Marine Area Command small boats and the Police Diving Unit
- PCYC Mobile Trailer with training games, Wii, Xbox, video games and activities
- Come meet the Police Force's famous mascot Charlie the Penguin
- Sit in a Police Highway car or Police motorcycle and see the latest equipment
- The Police Rescue and Bomb Squad will showcase their life-saving equipment
- many other units will also be attending

The event is free of charge and all are welcome!

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### Upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meetings:

**Turrumurra** (Gordon Area 3 / 4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held **Monday 27 August at 8pm** at the Uniting Church Turrumurra, Turrumurra Ave.

**East Killara** Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held **Wednesday July 25th at 7.30pm** at the East Killara Uniting Church Meeting Room, Cnr Wentworth and Fairbairn Avenues (access via carpark).

**Huon Park:** Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Malcolm Baker, and a team of volunteers are talking about Crime Prevention and Crimes to be aware of. **Wednesday 11th July at 10am.**

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On July 8th, the story was shared, "**Headless body in the bag washed up on a Sydney beach baffles Police**".

Wrapped in chains and weighed down by a rusty 10kg Samson dumbbell, the man's body - minus arms, legs and head - was discovered at Cook Park in Kyeemagh, on the shore of Botany Bay, on January 27. Despite an intensive murder investigation, the victim's identity remains unknown; his DNA is not on current databases and police have eliminated him as a missing person in NSW. But a tidal expert's findings on ocean flows might hold the key to cracking the baffling "John Doe" mystery. After painstaking examination of tidal movements over a three-week period, the expert believes the torso was dumped in Alexandra Canal, which runs from near Waterloo and joins the Cooks River before emptying into Botany Bay next to the airport. The thought is that, as the tide changed, the torso travelled back and forth a number of times until it was finally carried out into Botany Bay, Detective Inspector Mick Sheehy and Detective Sergeant Justin Moynihan told The Sunday Telegraph.

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From the **FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation**: Check to see if your computer is infected with the malicious software called DNSChanger. Compromised machines may lose Internet connectivity on **July 9**. Learn more

here: [http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/november/malware\\_110911](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/november/malware_110911) This article explains the potential problem on people's home computers. It includes a simple check to verify if your computer is secure.

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What The? Friday - Highlighting the bizarre things our officers see, like the dog that tried to steal a police car. Police were attending an alarm sounding at a local vet clinic. A large dog had escaped from his cage. With officers watching, he managed to unlock a door of the clinic, open it with his nose, and jumped behind the wheel of th patrol car! (Photos were included.)

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A camp was held especially for Chinese single mothers and their families. Our Commander Supt Jeff Philippi joined in with some of the discussions and fun activities. It was organised by RA North Region in partnership with Hornsby Police and Hornsby Ku-ring-gai DV Network. A link is available from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page, to see more from the weekend.

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Last week's story, **Unusual smell?** about the dead fish in Hornsby has been read on facebook by 736 people to date! It sparked an animal vs human life debate, with 10 comments. We're growing...

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### **Two arrested over commercial drug supply - Strike Force Merchant**

Middle Eastern Organised Crime Squad detectives have today arrested a further two men following extensive investigations into the commercial supply of the manufactured drugs 'ecstasy' and 'nexus'. Detectives formed Strike Force Merchant in May this year to investigate a drug supply ring operating in Sydney. That led to the seizure of 2.4kg of ecstasy, 800g of Nexus and a .45 Ruger firearm during two search warrants at homes in West Pennant Hills and Beecroft on Tuesday 24 May 2012. The drugs have an estimated potential street value of more than \$375,000. A man was arrested at Beecroft address and remains before the court. In June, a second man was arrested as he boarded a flight at Sydney Airport. He also remains before the court. Following further inquiries by Strike Force Merchant detectives, two men were arrested at their homes at Beecroft and North Rocks about 7.30am today (Thursday 5 July). The 27-year-old Beecroft man and 26-year-old North Rocks man were taken to Hornsby Police Station where they are assisting police with their inquiries.

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**From Eastwood LAC, arrests affecting our area:**

About 11.15pm on Tuesday 26th June 2012, a 16 year old male from Turramurra and a 17 year

old male from Eastwood came under Police notice at the bus interchange at Eastwood after they were seen to put three large bags and alcohol into a shopping trolley. Police stopped and spoke to the young persons. Police could see that there were a number of tools and communications equipment inside the open bags. Police searched the bags and questioned the young persons in relation to the items inside the bags. The two males were taken to Ryde Police station and charged with Goods in Custody and Possess House Breaking Implements. They will appear in Hornsby Children's Court on 19th July 2012

On Wednesday 20th June 2012, Police attached to the Eastwood Local Area Command conducted an operation targeting drug possession at railway stations and licensed premises with the assistance from a drug detection dog. Police conducted 15 person searches and issued 2 cannabis cautions. An 18 year old female from Turramurra was issued with a cannabis caution for being in possession of small quantity of what is believed to be cannabis. A 26 year old male from Eastwood was also issued with a cannabis caution for being in possession of a small quantity of what is believed to be cannabis.

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A sad, but prime example of why it is necessary (and the law!) to **have your pools fenced**. Not only can there be repercussions for others, but homeowners can be liable to face charges such as manslaughter.

A man will face court next month after the drowning death of a two-year-old child in the state's north earlier this year. About 4.45pm on 14 May 2012, police attended a house in Fletcher Street, Armidale, after a two and a half year old boy was found submerged in a backyard pool of an adjoining home. Police arrived and assisted in CPR. Ambulance Paramedics arrived and the child was taken to Armidale Hospital in a critical condition. He died in John Hunter Hospital two days later. Detectives attached to New England Local Area Command have been investigating the events surrounding the child's death.

Today (Tuesday 3 July 2012), a 61-year-old man attended Armidale Police Station on appointment at 3pm. The man was interviewed and subsequently charged with manslaughter. Police will be alleging the man was the owner of a residence where the child was found in the pool. It will be further alleged the pool was not adequately fenced, as per legislative requirements, at the time of the boy's death. The 61-year-old man was granted conditional bail and will appear in Armidale Local Court on 6 August 2012.

The laws surrounding pool fencing are outlined in the Swimming Pools Act 1992 (NSW), it states that all swimming pools have an appropriate child resistant barrier that restricts access between the residence and the swimming pool. Further info is available at <http://www.safewaters.nsw.gov.au/>

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Kuring gai police advise local residents to be aware of identity theft, which has seen a marked increase in the number of reports made. Remember to secure any items that may provide details to offenders this includes using secure passwords ...on the internet, ensuring your mail is

secured, and destroying any correspondence that is to be placed into the garbage bin. Attached is a link that provides details and useful hints. <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

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From Brisbane Waters LAC, some interesting points and a video to watch:

Did you know that your behaviour in and around licensed premises could determine what services the pub will be allowed to offer you.?

Do you know that many licensed premises already have restrictions on their license in regards to noise, hours of operation, security patrols, security systems and locks out?

Did you know that it is an offence against the licensee if Police detect someone on the licensed premises who is noticeably affected by alcohol?

Did you know that is the reason why the Licensee or his employees ie security have an obligation to ask you to leave if they think you are noticeable affected by alcohol?

Did you know that if you don't leave when asked you are now in trouble and can face a court fine of \$5,000.00 or an on the spot fine of \$550.00?

View an interesting video just click on the following

link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOKWKBltuCg&feature=share>

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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, Mount Colah, eyewatch Wahroonga and other Neighbourhood Watch areas.



Hornsby Police news, 10/07/12. The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command;

Incident: Driving Complaint

Time/Date: About 2.45pm on Friday 8 June 2012

Place: Pacific Highway, Berowra.

Driver: 20 year old male

A twenty year old male from a Turramurra address appeared in Hornsby Local Court on Thursday 5th July 2012 charged with a number of traffic offences. Around 2.45 pm on Friday 8th June 2012. The male was seen by patrolling police to drive in a manner deemed reckless when he was seen to pass a number of vehicles on the nearside, on the Pacific Highway,

Berowra. The male is the holder of a P1 licence with less than two years experience. Given that lack of experience, the volume of traffic and the manner of driving police deemed the potential to cause serious injury or major property damage as high, and acted accordingly

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Incident: Electrical Fire

Time/Date: About 5.50pm on Tuesday 3rd July 2012

Place: Hornsby Local Court, Pacific Hwy, Hornsby

Details: On Tuesday 3rd July 2012 police and fire brigade attended the Hornsby Local court and forced entry to search for the source of fire. After investigation it was deemed an electrical malfunction occurred to an 'exit sign,' resulting in minor smoke damage to the front section of the building, due to the air conditioner circulation.

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Incident: Motor vehicle collision

Time/Date: About 5.10pm on Wednesday 4th July 2012

Place: Turner Road, Berowra.

About 5.10pm on Wednesday 4th July 2012, a 26 year old motor cyclist travelling north along Turner Road, Berowra has collided with a motor vehicle attempting to turn right into Berowra Shopping Centre. The 26 Year old motor cyclist was taken to Royal North shore hospital with leg injuries. Police investigations are continuing.

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Incident: Motor vehicle collision

Time/Date: About 9:50pm on Tuesday 3rd July 2012

Place: Merrivale Road Pymble.

About 9:50pm on the 3rd July 2012, a 16 year old male from a Warrawee address was the driver of a Volkswagen Golf was travelling along Merrivale Road Pymble. When he has lost control of the vehicle and collided with a residential fence. When questioned by police it was revealed the driver held a NSW learners permit. The passenger was the same age and did not hold a valid NSW drivers licence. The 16 year old male was issued with infringement notices for negligent driving and unaccompanied learner. No persons were injured as a result of the collision.

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Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: About 1.55pm on Saturday 7th July 2012

Place: Hornsby Library

Details: About 1:45pm on Saturday 7th July 2012, an 18 year old male from Berowra was studying in the Hornsby Library. The male has gone to the bookshelves and left an iPod and wallet on the desk he was sitting at. He has observed two young males enter and quickly leave

the library, upon returning to the desk the Berowra man has noticed the iPod and wallet were missing.

He has left the library and quickly caught up and followed the two young males who have entered the Westfield's complex. The 18 year old male was in constant contact with police updating his location.

Shortly after, police attended Westfield Shopping Centre where police spoke to victim who supplied police with a description of the young males. A 14 year old male from Riverwood and a 14 year old male from Punchbowl were located, with one of the male's having the victim's wallet in his possession.

The two young males have then voluntarily led police to a garbage bin where the iPod was located. Further police checks have revealed one of the Young males was currently on conditional bail, which he had breached.

The young males will appear before Hornsby Children's court on Thursday 9th August 2012 charged with stealing and goods in custody offences.

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Incident: Vehicle Fire

Time/Date: About 5.20pm on Friday 6th July, 2012

Place: F3 Freeway, Berowra

Driver: A 57 year old female from a Smithfield address

About 5.20pm on Friday 6th July, 2012 Toyota Utility was travelling north on the F3 Fwy, Berowra. When about 300 metres north of the Berowra onramp for north bound traffic, another motorist has signalled to the driver that there was smoke coming from underneath the bonnet. As a result of this the driver has stopped her vehicle and observed flames coming from the engine.

The RFS fire brigade from Brooklyn attended and extinguished the fire; investigations determined the fire was a result of an electrical fault. The vehicle was then towed from the F3 Freeway.

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Incident: Robbery

Time/Date: Around 8:30pm on Friday the 6th July 2012

Place: Milson Pde, Normanhurst.

Details: Around 8.30 pm on Friday 6th July 2012 a 28 year old Strathfield man was walking north along Milson Parade towards Normanhurst railway station. A male described as 15 to 18 years of age has ridden past the 28 year old male. Within moments the 28 year old has been pushed in the back causing him to fall to the ground. In the process, the POI grabbed a black laptop bag off from the victim's left shoulder and ran off with it North along Milson Parade, Normanhurst. In the bag was a HP laptop computer valued at \$300 and a Ipad valued at \$999. The second male is described as 15-18 years old, wearing a black hooded jacket and white shoes. The victim did not suffer any injuries as a result of the assault.

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Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between 7pm Tuesday 3rd July 2012 and 3.15pm Wednesday 4th July 2012

Place: Unit block in William St Hornsby

Details: Between 7pm Tuesday 3rd July 2012 and 3.15pm Wednesday 4th July 2012

Unknown person/s have jemmied open 8 letter boxes in the front yard of a unit block on William Street, Hornsby. Offender/s have stolen a bank statement belonging to victim and left the empty envelope lying on the ground beneath the letter boxes. Victim advised there were numerous other empty envelopes also lying on the ground. Due to the lack of reports made to police it is unknown who owned the envelopes.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: About 5.10pm on Wednesday 4th July 2012

Place: Residence in Beryl Avenue, Mt Colah

Details: Between 3.30 pm and 7:25 pm on Friday 6th July 2012 the resident of the property has arrived home and heard noises coming from the bedroom. Upon further investigation he has observed no persons on the premises but a number of drawers in the main bedroom had been rummaged through. The resident was of the opinion he may have disturbed the offender/s.

Incident: Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: Between 11:30am Friday 6th July and 6.50 pm Saturday 7th July 2012

Place: Unit block in Burdett St, Hornsby

Details: Between 11:30am on Friday 6th July and 6:50 pm on Saturday 7th July 2012 unknown person/s, by unknown means, have gained access to a unit in Burdett St, Hornsby. Offender/s have entered numerous rooms in the unit and stolen jewellery and a free standing safe

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 are again advising Kuring gai residents with school holidays upon us it is now a good time to remind residents who live near our schools, or are walking or driving past, to be alert to any activity on the schools grounds. This is a time when damage to schools becomes a major issue in the Command. Don't hesitate to call Hornsby Police on 9476 9799 if you see any suspicious activity.

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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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