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Welcome to any new readers.

This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers within the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC). We get the information from several sources:

- **Media Release:** Each Monday morning our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cons Paul Cleary, looks at the incidents for the LAC (a list of usually around 100 incidents) and selects those that are pertinent to the community - maybe a traffic incident that caused a delay, that you may have been wondering about, or a higher interest story such as a 'break & enter' that would be of interest to you. There has been no Media Release sent to us this week, probably due to someone taking a vacation for Easter?
- **Facebook:** These posts are taken directly from facebook and are available to anyone with a facebook sign in. The concept of the Police using facebook to share Crime & Crime Prevention information is known as 'Project **eyewatch**'. We include a 'sampler' in this email to whet people's appetite, to try and tempt them onto facebook. However, we also recognise that there are people who prefer not to join facebook, and this email is a small summary for their benefit. You can find the information for our local police on their page at [www.facebook.com/KuringgaiLAC](http://www.facebook.com/KuringgaiLAC)
- **Quarterly meetings:** All the Neighbourhood Watch groups within our Kuring Gai LAC are invited to send representatives along to quarterly meetings on your behalf. (Don't forget that the Kuring Gai LAC includes the Hornsby locality also). Currently there are 3 regular meetings: the 'All Areas Neighbourhood Watch' meeting; the Kuring Gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC) meeting and the Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) known as the 'Precinct'. Information flows to and from these meetings, ending up in this email to you, in NHW newsletters and disseminating via other community organisations (eg Probus, PCYC, etc). When we invite you to email us with any issue, it is a genuine offer to take your issue to be heard in other forums. [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com)

- **Neighbourhood Watch groups:** The aim is to share information, avoiding any reinvention of the wheel. Each NHW group has similar problems, needing similar solutions. Any good new ideas spread like wildfire! Like the one about spreading 'Blood & Bone' to discourage loiterers. Or the use of WD-40 to remove traces of 'egging'. Please share with us your good ideas. [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com)
- **Neighbours:** We are all neighbours. Have you anything you would like included in this e-newsletter? [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com)
- **Expos, Forums etc:** The recent Police Expo celebrating 150 years of Policing in NSW is a great example. We collected lots of new tips and advice to share with you.

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\*\*\*\*\*Project 'eyewatch' interesting posts:

Reporting crime anywhere, anytime - Crime Stoppers web site goes mobile  
NSW Police have welcomed the creation of a mobile version of the popular Crime Stoppers web site.

Today, Crime Stoppers in Australia is launching a mobile version of its tip submit web site – [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au)

Operational Communication Assistant Commissioner Peter Barrie said information from the public was one of the greatest weapons police had to fight crime.

“The smart phone and the tablet have become a part of our lives in a short time.

“The mobile site will give the public an additional means to report crime that will work alongside the more traditional communications mediums.

“The mobile site is a secure, simple way for the public to tell us what they know.

“It is a great way for people to send us a message and support it with a picture – anywhere, anytime.”

Peter Price OAM, CEO of Crime Stoppers said, “ we have seen explosive growth in tips submitted by the public online -100% in the last 12 months alone. And not only in Australia.

This, coupled with the growth in smart phones and tablet mobile computers has led us to pioneer a platform that is a mobile version of our current encrypted web site, so the public can use simple drop down menus, a simple “point and finger click”.

Crime Stoppers helps solve a crime every 14minutes somewhere in the world, thanks to a vigilant community – now maybe we can hopefully reduce that time to 10 minutes, by increasing the speed and ease of getting the information from the public to police.

“There is a wealth of untapped community information out there, at the moment we don't fully know what they, ‘the community’ know”, we need the eyes and ears of the community, to make Australia a safer place.”

Price continued, “You, the community are your own first line of defence and your best weapon is the phone or computer, see something, hear something then click something and let us know.”

A SINGLE \$20,000 donation has bolstered the David Rixon Memorial Fund, which stood at about \$445,000 yesterday.

NSW Police Association president Scott Weber said the fund was almost halfway to its goal of

raising \$1 million for Senior Constable Rixon's widow and six children, following his shooting death in Tamworth on March 2.

The latest donation was \$20,000 from financial services company Yellow Brick Road, owned by former Wizard Home Loans owner Mark Bouris.

Mr Weber said the donation was the second-largest donation the fund had received, following a \$25,000 donation from the Prime7 Group last week.

At the Aussie rock 'n' roll event A Day on the Green at Armidale on Saturday, blue notes were big when it came to a public appeal to contribute to the fund.

A police whip-around with buckets saw about \$13,000 raised from the crowd, with organisers Roundhouse Entertainment, the Melbourne-based promoters and managers, and Peterson's Winery, the Armidale vineyard venue, each contributing another \$1000, to help take the amount to nearly \$15,000 from the day.

You can contribute to the David Rixon Memorial Fund via the Police Credit Union. The BSB is 815 000 and the account number is 269 978.



## NSW SES Sydney Northern Region

A total of 190 Requests for Assistance have been completed in response to the severe thunderstorm that occurred during the evening of Sunday 8 April. An extraordinary effort by all involved including:

- SES members (Sydney Northern and Out of Area teams)
- Strike Teams from Fire and Rescue NSW,
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- NSW Police Force
- Ambulance Service of NSW
- Ausgrid
- Arborists and tree lopping contractors

· Ku-Ring-Gai and Hornsby Councils

Once again, our sincere thanks to all who assisted.

And there was an incident alert on Tuesday:

"NSW Incident Alerts

Firefighters are on scene at a 2nd Alarm fire at the Waldorf Apartments on City View Rd near Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills. Avoid the area. 50 people have been evacuated and accounted for, and 4 stations are on scene. No injuries are reported."

A HOON motorcyclist speeding his way to Sydney would have frozen to death had he not been intercepted by police.

Stunned officers couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the 22-year-old Melbourne man rocket past them on the Hume Freeway outside of the northeast Victorian city of Wangaratta, wearing his best summer clothes.

The apparent temperature had dipped below 6C last night when the Wangaratta Highway Patrol clocked the man travelling 150km/h on the 100km/h section of road.

Decked out in jeans, T-shirt, canvas jacket and a towel around his neck, the man was close to death, a police source said.

Paramedics treated him at the scene for hypothermia but the stubborn speedster refused to be taken to hospital.

Police did, however, take his bike.

The man will be without his wheels for 30 days and is expected to be charged on summons with speeding and riding in a manner dangerous.

Police are appealing for information from the public following the theft of firearms from a property in Sydney's north-west.

Between 7am and 5.15pm yesterday (Tuesday 3 April 2012), a home on Kings Road, Castle Hill was broken into and two firearms (a rifle and shortened shotgun), ammunition, a bow and arrow, and a digital camera were stolen.

Paperwork relating to the ownership of the firearms – both of which are legally registered to the owner of the home – was also stolen.

Police were notified and attended the location last night.

Having obtained statements from witnesses, police would now like to speak to two men who they believe may be able to help with their inquiries.

The first man is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his mid thirties with dark hair.

The second man is described as being aged in his late twenties with long blonde hair. At about 1.15pm yesterday, he was wearing a white singlet and seen getting into a black coloured hatchback vehicle on Kings Road, Castle Hill.

Anyone with any information in relation to the robbery is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

A link to an article in the SMH Business Day April 6th:

Insurers have long provided discounts based on driving history, but now many are going further - providing discounts based on current driving behaviour.

Technology is providing a means to achieve this. Through telematics solutions - solutions that integrate mobile computing and telecommunications - drivers can provide insurers with evidence of their good driving to receive rewards.

The insurer Progressive uses telematics to provide a usage-based insurance product in more than 30 US states based on braking speed, distance travelled and amount of night-time driving. In Britain, an insurer, ingenie, offers telematics-based insurance solely for young drivers. It provides better driving discounts based on measures of cornering, swerving, braking, speed and acceleration.

(sorry about all the red and grey - formatting fight! -Ed)

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#### Useful Tip #56:

Police are advising female patrons visiting licensed premises to be careful in relation to securing handbags and personal property.

Be aware of what is happening around you, don't place handbags on the floor or under the table, keep control of the handbag at all times.

If you are going onto the dance floor or away from the table, have someone stay with the handbags.

Police suggest that females use a small shoulder type handbag so that they can keep on your person when visiting licensed premises.

#### And from Julia:

"We had a prowler this week in our front garden at around 10:30pm. I went out and challenged him. He said he was looking for his dog (yeah, right), as he hurriedly walked away. I grabbed my mobile and rang Gordon Police Station as I followed him round the corner. He disappeared - obviously hiding. Gordon Police Station told me to ring 000. I hadn't thought it was an emergency, but apparently, if a prowler is on your property it is a good enough reason to call 000. Next time (?) I will phone 000 from within the safety of the house. Thought this experience was worth sharing with everyone. Especially those in the Clifford St/Bell St/Nelson St area of Gordon. He was aged 18-30, white European background, tho' most of his face was hidden by a hoodie, last seen walking down Nelson Street ... without a dog."

Parents: Please talk to your children about safe people and safe locations. Talk about knowing who is near them and being aware of everything around them. If the children do walk to and from school then they are to walk directly there. Walk with groups of friends. Remember parents, talk to your children about

never getting in a car with someone you and they don't know. Information can be found on the NSW police website:

[www.police.nsw.gov.au/community\\_issues/crime\\_prevention/schools](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/crime_prevention/schools).

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**Apologies, but there has been no formal Media Release this week from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cons Paul Cleary, due to Easter. However, if you skipped the facebook update at the beginning of this email, you might want to scroll back up, as there have been a few posts on facebook for our Kuring Gai Local Area Command.**

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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**

**Please encourage your neighbours and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list.**

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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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