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This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers within the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC). Thank you for all your encouraging remarks. Please suggest your neighbours and friends join our Distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you. And welcome to our new subscribers!

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.

The Project **eyewatch** team are coming **10am-12noon on Friday, August 24th to the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers** to give a Project **eyewatch** Community Training Workshop, showing how the police use facebook for Crime Prevention. The workshop is particularly useful for those who don't know, or who haven't wanted to know, about facebook. Hopefully, hearing it directly from the Police, people will be reassured about the use of facebook for these purposes.

The Workshop is run by Neighbourhood Watch in partnership with Ku-ring-gai Council, sponsored by the Kuring gai Police & Community Safety Committee. It is FREE. Bookings essential, as places will be given on a first come – first served basis, via email to NHWGordon@gmail.com. Please consider coming along and learning more, especially the concept of holding a Neighbourhood Watch meeting with everybody in the warmth of their own home!

Project **eyewatch** FAQs:

Is it difficult?

No – it's much easier than you imagine.

Is it expensive? No more than the cost of your computer and Internet access.
Is it safe? Yes – come along and learn how to set up a safe ID and ensure your privacy settings are correct.
Is it all techno lingo? Nothing you can't cope with; eg wall, timeline, post, profile, like, share.
Will I get hooked? Maybe! You'll find there's a lot of interesting & useful information being shared.

A warning to consumers from NSW Fair Trading Minister Anthony Roberts on Friday 9th August, about the dangers associated with novelty products that contain small magnets. Mr Roberts said NSW Fair Trading had today received advice about a report of a 12 year old Sydney child swallowing magnets from a BuckyBall, as well as a report from Melbourne today of another 12 year old child who had also swallowed magnets. "I am alarmed by this report, given it follows a warning by the Assistant Treasurer, David Bradbury, about this product on 3 July this year," he said. "The Federal Government should hasten to complete their current review of these and other similar products in the interests of public safety." **BuckyBalls contain small high-powered rare-earth magnets, with diameters of approximately 4mm to 5mm and are marketed for adults to create patterns and build shapes. The products are sold by a range of suppliers and are marketed under various names including 'BuckyBalls', 'Neocubes' and 'Neodymium sphere magnets'. If a child swallows more than one of these high-powered magnets, they can attract to each other across the intestinal wall and perforate the intestine, which can be fatal. Emergency surgery is generally required in these circumstances. These magnets have been swallowed by young children, while some older children and teenagers have swallowed the magnets after using them as imitation tongue or lip piercings. Minister Roberts said parents and carers should ensure toys or novelty products containing small high-powered magnets are kept out of reach of young children. "If you believe a child has swallowed magnets, seek medical assistance urgently to reduce the likelihood of serious injury."**

On 6 June this year, NSW Fair Trading received a report involving a seven year old boy from the Northern Beaches who swallowed magnets from a Neodymium sphere magnets product. The incident received significant media attention. The boy recovered following an operation in Westmead Children's Hospital.

In May last year, Minister Roberts issued a warning after a three year old Central Coast child suffered a serious throat injury after the child swallowed small magnets from a NeoCube. The child swallowed four magnets and was operated on at the Sydney Children's Hospital to remove the magnets and was treated for perforation of her oesophagus. In late 2011, an 18 month old Queensland child died after ingesting 12 small, round powerful magnets from a novelty product.



WANTED - Troy Leonard

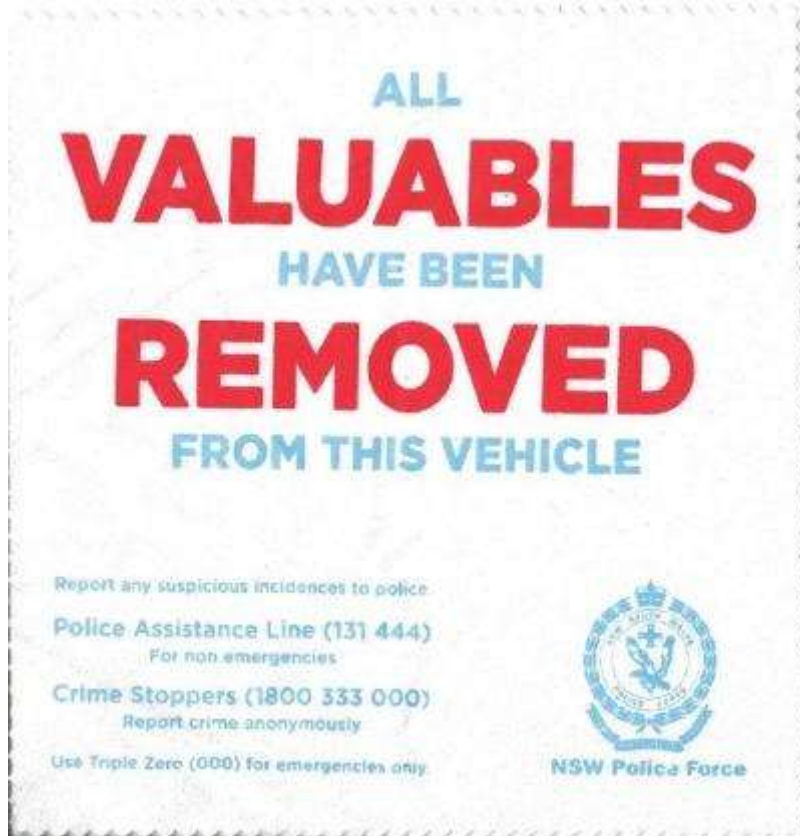
Arrest warrants have been issued for Troy LEONARD. LEONARD is known to frequent the Nyngan, Cowra, and Dubbo area. Any person with knowledge of LEONARD's whereabouts should contact local Police.



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

From our Kuring Gai Project eyewatch Precinct Coordinator: Early Friday morning I

passed a parked car on Nelson Street, Gordon, with its side window smashed. This is an unfortunate reminder. Please don't leave valuables visible in your car. Here is an image of a wipe that has been previously given out to commuters leaving their cars near Gordon Station. The wipe is intended for display on the dashboard of a car, warning the thieves that there is nothing worth stealing. Why not print off this image and use it in your car?



Do you know of the **National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council**? Formed by all Australian governments and the insurance industry to reduce Australia's unacceptable level of vehicle theft. A not-for-profit organisation. They are trying to make vehicles more difficult to steal, close loopholes that professional thieves currently exploit, and lead potential young offenders away from vehicle theft. www.carsafe.com.au phone: 03 9954 5300 email: info@carsafe.com.au.

Immobilise your car before a thief does!

A car is stolen in Australia **every 4 minutes!**

From NSW SES Sydney Northern Region who were busy at the weekend:

Well done the SES! Requests for Assistance (RFAs) from the community has reached 570 and is still climbing. Volunteers across the Region are working hard to complete the outstanding tasks before the end of the weekend.

Should you require any assistance, call the **NSW State Emergency Services Help number on 132 500.**

From the Police Dog Unit on August 9th: PUPPY CAM! Brood dog Makybe surprised everyone at the Dog Unit today when she went into labour and had her first pup at 11:57am. We were expecting the arrival of the "Q" litter on the 11/8. After 6 hours of labour Makybe gave birth to 4 girls and 3 boys all weighing between 500-650g. Both mum and pups are doing well. We will be posting photos of our new arrivals but in the meantime our pups can be viewed on our Puppy Cam! http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about_us/structure/specialist_operations/counter_terrorism_and_special_tactics/spg/nsw_police_dog_unit

We are lucky to have a **weather expert** living in our area. He has suggested this website for up-to-date information: <http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDN60901/IDN60901.94759.shtml>

"The nearest official weather station to St Ives is located at Terry Hills near the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Forest Way. The information from this station is updated every half an hour (or more frequently when strong wind gusts are being registered). You can view output from this station at the website. You can see the highest wind gusts by looking down the column labelled "Gust km/hr". For example, at 1207 pm a wind gust of 56 kph was recorded. If you look down the column "App Tmp C", this gives the apparent temperature taking into account the wind chill. For example at 1207 pm the temperature was 12.9C, but the apparent temperature (which is what humans feel when outside in the wind) was only 6.6C."

Police believe a **set of three keys and a grey Swatch watch** may assist them in identifying a man whose body was found at a northern Sydney reserve. About 2.40pm Wednesday 8 August 2012, police were called after a bushwalker located a body at Balls Head Reserve near Waverton. A crime scene was been established and this was examined by forensic personnel. Inquiries are still continuing to determine if the man's death is suspicious.

The man had no identification on him at the time he was found. Harbourside Local Area Command Crime Manager Detective Inspector Dave Goddard said police had hoped to talk to the man's family in an effort to determine his last movements. "The only items the man had with him were a set of three house keys, some cash and a grey Swatch. We hope someone in his family or a friend recognises the keys or the watch and can help is identify him," Detective Inspector Goddard said. The man is 168cm, believed to be aged in his 60s and balding. When he was found the man was wearing a blue spray jacket, a shirt, pants and Blundstone brand boots.



Apartment Security Tip #7: Consider re-locating expensive items from your storage 'cage' to inside your aptment/unit.

Apartment Security Tip #8: Ask your Body Corporate to request a Security Audit of all the building (including storage 'cages') from your Crime Prevention Officer.

Apartment Security Tip #9: Reduce the chances of 'tailgating' by waiting until the doors/gates to your carpark close completely after you, before moving further within.

Apartment Security Tip #10: Know your neighbours - who should be there, who should not? If in doubt, double-check with others in the building.

Apartment Security Tip #11: Do try the audit tool that is available from the Police website http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/crime_prevention/residential. Select <Home & Unit Security Assessment> for the publication: "Residential House & Unit Complex Assessment - for Police, Homeowners, Renters, Body Corporates & Developers".

Detectives from **Harbourside Local Area Command** have released CCTV images of two men and two females they believe may be able to assist with their investigation into a glassing on Sydney's North Shore.



Between 2-2.15am on Sunday 29 July 2012, a 20-year-old man was walking across the dance-floor in a hotel on Willoughby Road at Crows Nest, when he was spoken to by a man and woman. As the 20-year-old went to walk away a glass was thrown at his face knocking out a

tooth and cutting his upper lip. Hotel staff rendered first aid to the injured man and police were alerted. Officers from Harbourside Local Area Command are investigating and would like to speak to four people seen on CCTV footage who may be able to assist with their inquiries.

The first person is described as being a female of Caucasian appearance, about 25-30 years of age, with long dark hair, medium to slim build, wearing a brown singlet top, blue or light grey jeans and white shoes.

The second person is described as being a male of Caucasian appearance, about 25-30 years of age, with short dark brown hair, medium to solid build, wearing a grey and green chequered collared long sleeve shirt and blue jeans.

The third person is described as being a male of Caucasian appearance, about 25-30 years of age, with short sandy hair, full beard medium build, wearing a blue and grey chequered long sleeve collard shirt.

The fourth person is described as being a female of Caucasian appearance, about 30-35 years of age, with long dark hair, medium to large build, wearing a white long sleeve top, and carrying a dark coloured overcoat.

Any witnesses who have not yet been spoken to by investigators or anyone with information are asked to contact police. Anyone with information about this incident should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

150 police officers ran in the City2Surf 2012 to represent the anniversary of 150 years of policing.

Helpful hints #52: The objective of security lighting is to deny criminals the advantage of being able to operate unobserved. Note, however, that if an area cannot be overlooked or viewed AT NIGHT, then lighting will only help a criminal see what they are doing, not deter them.

www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Look also for Gordon, Mount Colah, eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara and other Neighbourhood Watch areas.



Hornsby Police news, 13/08/12. The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command;

Incident: Car crash
Time/Date: About 10pm on Saturday the 11th
Place: Murralong Rd, MOUNT COLAH
Vehicle 1: Silver Ford XR6 Turbo ute
Driver 1: 36 year old male from Mt Colah

Details: The 36 year old male was driving a Silver Ford Ute. As the driver was travelling along Murralong Rd for unknown reasons is alleged to have collided with a number of cars and a box trailer. The Ford Ute has then become stationary and the driver is alleged to have run into house nearby. Police have attended and detained a male at the nearby house. A number of inquiries still need to be made into the matter with some witnesses coming forward. Any other witnesses are encouraged to contact Hornsby police.

Court: The male is expected to face numerous charges once inquiries have been finalised.

Incident: Steal from Motor vehicle
Time/Date: Between 8pm on Sunday the 12th and 5am on Monday the 13th
Place: Spencer Rd, KILLARA

Details: The owner of a utility had several power tools in the rear tray area covered by a tarp. Unknown person/s have stolen drills, a power pack, nail gun and the tarp. Estimated value of the stolen items is \$1,100.

Incident: Malicious damage
Time/Date: Between Friday the 10th and Monday the 13th
Place: Turramurra high school

Details: Unknown person/s have used texta pens to graffiti several walls of the high school. Tags include. "jms", "jimzy". Damage is estimated to be \$2,500 (cleaning costs).

Incident: Break Enter & steal
Time/Date: Between 9pm on Sunday the 12th and 9am on Monday the 13th
Place: Killara Ave, KILLARA

Details: Unknown person/s have forced a lock to a garage at the home. A mountain bike was stolen which was valued at \$800.

Incident: Malicious damage
Time/Date: Tuesday 7th of August late evening.
Place: Asquith Bowling Club, Lodge street, Asquith

Details: A number of cars were parked in the car park of the bowling club. Unknown person/s have slashed or cut tyres on at least 4 cars while the cars were parked.

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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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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