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Police search for missing woman - #Wahroonga

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Police on Sydney's north shore will today launch a search operation for a woman missing since yesterday afternoon. About 2.30pm yesterday (Thursday 15 March 2012), Jill Rowe, 71, went for a walk around the grounds of a Wahroonga hospital where she is currently recuperating. Ms Rowe has been in hospital since Wednesday 29 February 2012, when she was found in Vista Road, Pymble after being reported missing the day before (Tuesday 28 February 2012). A search operation involving specialist police and other emergency services will be launched around Wahroonga today. Ms Rowe is 160cm tall, with a very slight build (about 35kg). She has short, curly, grey hair and was last seen wearing navy blue slacks, a collared shirt and a beige cardigan. Anyone who sees Jill Rowe or has any information about her current whereabouts is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Her photograph was circulated with the help of facebook.

This story had a happy ending, with Ms Rowe being found on Friday March 16th.

Over the last 8 months, project [eyewatch](#) has been rolled out across the state of NSW and is now being piloted in Victoria and South Australia. The concept of community engagement - community and police coming together as one is proving to be a great success, yet we are only hitting the tip of the iceberg so to speak. We hope that you will continue to be part of the ever expanding [eyewatch](#) world.

In the last three days, we have seen a 14 year old girl located, a missing woman (believed to be held against her will at Thirlmere SW Sydney) located in Bowral and another woman believed to be abducted from Dapto located, all thanks to the way in which police information is disseminated across police pages and shared by you our community across the social networking world. This coupled with the support of main stream media, means that information can be quickly given to our community. The community have responded quickly, with information provided to police.

The work of the SES social media team, supported by police and community pages as also helped inform our communities about the flood situations across NSW in the recent months. The social network world is as much a part of information management in major emergencies as traditional forms of communication.

Costs of crime

The AIC estimates that crime costs Australia nearly \$36 billion a year – some 4.1 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product. Forty per cent of this is the result of fraud, which costs some \$8.5 billion, and which has increased significantly in recent years. Burglary is next at 10 per cent, followed by drug offences (9 per cent), arson (8 per cent) and assault (7 per cent). The Productivity Commission recently found that justice services in 2009 alone cost Australian governments more than \$10.7 billion, with police services accounting for some 66.7 per cent, followed by corrective services (22.7 per cent), criminal court administration (5.7 per cent) and civil court administration (4.9 per cent).

Different crimes as a proportion of total costs

NRMA launches road safety videos for the deaf

NRMA Motoring & Services and The Deaf Society of NSW, Parramatta will tomorrow launch a new series of road safety videos in Australian Sign Language, Auslan, thanks to NRMA's Safer Driving School Road Safety Grants program.

The 'Hands On Road Safety Access' videos give deaf and hard of hearing drivers throughout NSW instant online access to important road safety information and were produced with the help of a \$10,000 NRMA Safer Driving School Road Safety Grant.

NRMA Director Coral Taylor said the videos gave the deaf community wider access to road safety information and helped to overcome the literacy challenges many deaf people face.

"Not many people are aware of the challenges deaf and hearing-impaired drivers face and the NRMA is conscious of the need to address those concerns," Ms Taylor said.

The set of six Auslan videos provide important information about:

Licence restrictions for the deaf and hearing impaired,

Safer driving techniques,

Drink driving,

How deaf people can contact NRMA Roadside Assistance,

Driver fatigue and

Driver distractions, including mobile phones and texting.

Deaf video producer and editor Tony Clews said the web-based Auslan videos were an ideal way to communicate such important road safety information to the deaf community.

"Written text can be a challenge for deaf people who have low literacy levels because they did not receive education that was accessible to them - the NRMA-funded Auslan videos bridge this gap," Mr Clews said.

The 'Hands On Road Safety Access' videos can be viewed online at mynrma.com.au/grants or deafsocietynsw.org.au/safe_driving.

LEARNER drivers can practise for 20 hours less - if they take a safe driving course, the government will announce today.

State cabinet has approved a policy that allows L-platers under 25 to cut their practice hours from 120 to 100 if they finish the optional course successfully.

The course is being developed by a board of road safety and education experts, chaired by VicRoads former director of road safety Eric Howard. LEARNER drivers can practise for 20 hours less - if they take a safe driving course, the government will announce today. It is

expected to be made up of five hours of combined on-road training and classroom education and will focus on safe driving practices as well as driver attitudes.

This Wednesday is the Community Safety & Precinct Committee (CSPC) 'Precinct' meeting - please email any issue you would like raised on your behalf to NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Broadband for Seniors is exploring new topics for their students:

- Easy communication with relatives and friends
- Easy and practical usage of Public Transport
- Google Maps and Street view and its practical uses
- How to sell stuff for free before the rellies get it, or throw it away!
- The all important weather
- Other suggestions; TV programs, health, free books, retirement village sites etc.

Your nearest BFS tutor is at Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, St Ives Shopping Village Phone 9988 4966 or at the Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop 'The Shed', St Ives Showground Phone 9983 9732. Lessons are free for the over-50's.

And here's an interesting item from one of our members: House Numbers -

“Council has authority under Part 2 of Chapter 7 in terms of Order No.8 in the table to Section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 to direct a land owner or occupier to identify premises with such numbers or identification in such a manner as it considers necessary for the purpose of distinguishing the land”.

It is suggested that this information be made known to the NHW groups. So there you go...

NEIGHBOUR DAY | SUNDAY MARCH 25TH 2012 | Australia's annual celebration of community - see www.neighbourday.org

"THE COMMUNITY YOU WANT STARTS AT YOUR FRONT DOOR"

www.vandaltrak.com.au We mentioned VandalTrak last week. Anthony will be visiting our NHW stall on Thursday. He'll be showing how to reduce the size of any graffiti photos

taken on your mobile phone, in order to quicken the upload speed for you.
Recently Parramatta has been mentioned on the graffiti grapevine;

VandalTrak's founder, Anthony Krkac, said Parramatta residents could provide valuable information to the site and community groups could be involved. The images are a key source of information for VandalTrak to identify vandals. He said it was important for those who come across graffiti tags to not paint over it without first taking a photograph.

"The problem is if they clean them off and don't report them we're never going to catch the vandals," Mr Krkac said.

"We need to know because if we don't, we might lose valuable data."

VandalTrak has joined with community groups in western Sydney to help police prosecute vandals and assist with the clean-up of graffiti.

Councils give paint and Rotary members provide volunteers to remove tags.

"More statistics are coming out that really put a perspective on just how bad the problem is," Mr Krkac said. "We've identified some 650 unique tags and we know that taggers will have five or six tags for themselves, so if you divide that, you start to have a clearer picture of how many are active offenders. "Most of the offenders don't reside in the area they're targeting."

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GENTLE REMINDER - DON'T MISS IT!

KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL'S SENIORS EXPO - 9am til 3pm, Thursday 22nd March at St Ives Shopping Village. **Neighbourhood Watch** will have a stall downstairs in front of Woolworths with the other stall-holders, where we will be showing that NHW is alive and kicking. NHW is special though - it will have a second stall at the top of the escalators, adjacent to a Police Highway Patrol vehicle! Wahoo! Tell all the kids, and the big kids too! Project **eyewatch** will be demonstrated - come and see how your local Kuring Gai Police facebook page looks, and how it could be useful for **you**. We will be sharing the latest leaflet, "Our Favourite 20 Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors". You can also pick up the handy booklet, "What is Neighbourhood Watch?" which might answer a few of your questions. Do you know whether your suburb comes within the Kuring Gai Local Area Command? A map will be on display at the Expo, further showing the area covered by our local Police - it's huge!

The Kuring Gai Police & Community Safety Committee have asked us to collect your comments on Crime, Crime Prevention and how you perceive it to be in our local community. A brief survey form will be available from the Neighbourhood Watch stall at the Seniors Expo. Please ask for a survey form and take the time to note your feelings etc - the KPCSC welcomes your feedback. Thank you.



Hornsby Police news,
19/3/12

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

Incident: Drink driving charge
Time/Date: About 12.20 am on Friday the 16th
Place: Old Pacific Hwy, COWAN
Vehicle 1: Holden Cruze
Driver 1: 46 year old female

Details: Police stopped the Holden for a random breath test. Police could allegedly smell intoxicating liquor from inside the car. A roadside breath test was allegedly positive for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .090. Her license was suspended by police.

Court: The is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 26th of April charged with driving with a middle range concentration of alcohol.

Incident: Car crash
Time/Date: About 9 am on Saturday the 17th
Place: Pacific Hwy, PYMBLE 100m East of Livingstone Ave,
Vehicle 1: Holden Astra
Driver 1: 31 year old female

Details: Police have attended the scene of a car crash. It was alleged a Holden Astra has rounded a slight bend in very rainy conditions and slid a number of metres before colliding with the guttering. Police have looked at the road then driven along it and also noticed problems with the surface (pot holes and deviations). A number of other cars were also having trouble with this section of road. Council and the relevant authorities have been notified to fix the issue. No action is being taken in regards to the crash. The driver was not injured but the Holden had to be towed from the scene.

Incident: Drug offences
Time/Date: About 9:30 pm on Saturday the 18th
Place: Fairlawn Ave, TURRAMURRA

Details: Police have seen a Hyundai parked with 2 males inside upon police speaking to the males police have allegedly noticed a strong smell of burnt Cannabis from inside the car. A search has allegedly resulted in a small amount of Cannabis being located. Both males aged 18 received a cannabis caution.

Incident: Drug arrest
Time/Date: About 1.55 pm on Saturday the 17th
Place: Pacific highway, Asquith
Person 1: 26 year old female

Details: Police stopped a Hyundai for a random breath test. Observations and conversations with the 26 year old female driver led police to search her. Police allegedly found a small amount of Green vegetable matter and prescription tablets in her possession. The female was arrested and subsequently charged.

Court: The female is to appear at the Hornsby Local Court on the 3rd of May on drugs charges.

Incident: Aggravated Break & Enter
Time/Date: About 8 pm on Saturday the 17th
Place: King Rd, HORNSBY
Person: Male, Caucasian appearance, 5ft 8" tall, thin build, black hoodie with a white design on the back of the actual hoodie, dark pants.

Details: The home owner was home when he noticed a male standing outside a window of the home. A quick search revealed the male had left the area. About 5 minutes later the male

has again attended and allegedly entered the home via a rear door. A struggle has ensued with the victim falling and sustaining some abrasions. The male has then run from the home. Police have attended soon after but a search failed to locate the male.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 3.30 pm on Saturday the 17th and 6.50 pm on Sunday the 18th

Place: Beechworth Rd, PYMBLE

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a second story window in the home. \$2,700 in cash and a watch was stolen by the offenders. No one was home at the time of the incident.

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.

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