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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 colleagues, family, neighbours and friends join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. 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. (NB: The detail is no longer timely.)
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips
- **Media Release:** Our Crime Prevention Officer distributes this usually on a Monday morning. It covers a few of the incidents from the week before in our LAC.

Graffiti Removal Day yesterday: Did you help out today for Graffiti Removal Day? This photo was taken down at the disused car yards on the Pacific Highway in Gordon. A hot day. Lots of hard work. Thousands of dollars worth of paint & materials. Thanks to all the Turramurra Rotary team, extra volunteers who turned up on the day & to Dulux as sponsors. Part of this site is planned for a mini golf.

We know other sites joined in today. St Ives 'E-Watch#1' (a small Neighbourhood Watch group joined together through email) had a Graffiti Removal project in their alley way. Any photos you'd like to share from your community's graffiti removal?



The Australian Securities and Investments Commission issued the following warning:

ASIC has warned the public against acting upon an email claiming to be from 'Barbara DuFrene', the purported Chairman of ASIC and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

The email, which claims that recipients are entitled to receive a tax refund by clicking on a link provided, is a scam. ASIC urges anyone who receives it or something similar to hit the delete button immediately.

In addition to this email scam, ASIC has been alerted to phone calls made by people claiming to be from ASIC. These calls connect to an automated service seeking payment for ASIC fees. These calls are not from ASIC. ASIC does not use automated services to collect payments.

Posts advertising three events over the weekend:

Graffiti Removal Day: TWO former Gordon car yards which have been turned into graffiti eyesores by vandals are set for a major makeover this Sunday - Graffiti Removal Day. Roger Norman of Turramurra Rotary said people are welcome to join the clean-up at the adjoining Pacific Highway sites.



NSW Police Force:

This Sunday September 23 The NSW Police Force will be holding a special 'meet the police' event which will be held at the Justice & Police Museum. The day will be a great day for families to come and have their fingerprints taken in the 1880s charge room, make kepi hats and to meet members from the NSW Police Force. The day runs from 10am-3pm and we hope to see you all there.

Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade's Open Day on Saturday 22nd September: the guys shared a photo of their display smoke room.



The finishing touches of our Open Day display, which includes the simulated 'smoke room.' This room will be pumped full of theatrical smoke and the heaters will be turned on. Come on down from 10am - 3pm.

www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/Consumers/Scams is a link to the Department of Fair Trading's

website section on scams. They have tons of useful information - really worth a look!

www.stoptravellingconmen.org/incidentlist/2070/LINDFIELD is a new website, a joint initiative of all State & Territory governments. This particular link is for reports of conmen in the Lindfield area. You can view the interactive map for various areas. We also found Turramurra listed.

Recently there have been several warnings from '**Stay Smart Online**' which regardless of the problem, most have the same three fixes:

1. Keep your computer security software up-to-date!
2. Do not click on links in emails from unknown senders!
3. Do not open attachments to emails from unknown senders!

Various warnings include:

- Microsoft issued a security update addressing a critical vulnerability affecting numerous versions of Internet Explorer.
- An email claiming to be from 'Barbara DuFrene', the purported Chairman of ASIC and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- An email with subject line - Don't forget this report for meeting tomorrow. See attached file. [Emails were known to carry malware as the attachment: Report.zip]
- Phone calls claiming to be from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to offer you a grant for mortgage assistance under the Federal Government's Household Assistance Package of up to \$100,000.
- Phone calls seeking your personal banking details to pay carbon 'tax' compensation into your bank account.
- Fake websites which look very similar to official Australian Government websites. The sites may ask you to enter your personal or financial details, or offer to sell you fake carbon credits.
- A phishing email pretending to be from Telstra's payments section.

For more details and up-to-date information directly from the government regarding the safety of your computer, **sign up for email alerts**.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/staysmartonline Email: staysmartonline@dbcde.gov.au Web: www.staysmartonline.gov.au

Cop Speak: 'Hot job' -n (slang). 1. The offender is still at the scene of the crime. Police will

respond with lights and sirens. 2. A '*hot burg*' means a burglar is still on the property.

OK, so I'm on facebook, now what do I do?

- Try clicking on the <help> just below the <logout>. It has some great information to help you, such as: click on <finding & liking pages> or type any word in the <search> box for help.
- Now you know how, try finding and <like>ing pages. Some examples: (your local Police Station) **Kuring Gai LAC, Ku-ring-gai Council, Hornsby Shire Council, Live Traffic NSW**, and plenty more. If you find something interesting, will you share it with us please?
- Once a page is <like>d, news items will come to you from it.
- <Share> a news item with a friend.
- Have a <chat> with a friend.
- Remember to set your <account settings> to get minimal notification emails from facebook.
- Type a <post> onto your own wall, or on a friend's wall, or on a page.
- Comment after someone else's <post> on a wall.
- If you can't understand any of this, get a friend to help, or to discover with, ...maybe over a coffee!

Now what don't I do?

- Don't accept any <friend> invitations from people you don't know.
- Ignore any <friend suggestions>.
- Don't bother clicking on any adverts - just ignore them. That's how facebook makes its money...
- Don't bother reading all the emails generated by facebook.

'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners' & 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Businesses' leaflets were published on facebook last week. These are put together by Neighbourhood Watch with help from our Crime Prevention Officers at the local Police Station. Security staff at Westfield Hornsby also had an input with the businesses advice. Thanks everyone! Please email NHWGordon@gmail.com for a copy. We are working on others in the series, with work being done on '20 Tips' about technology, young mothers, etc, as well as 'Frequently Asked Questions'. Have you any good advice you'd like to share?

The upgrade of the **playground at Cherrybrook's Edward Bennett Oval** is a huge success. The upgrade cost \$200,000 and was funded from the special rate to upgrade local facilities. Features of the upgrade include: bike track, net climbing tower, large play unit catering for toddlers and older children, fire truck, five swings, including a large basket that can hold five people, picnic table and shelter, free electric barbecue, sandstone sculpture/seat, two totem

poles, etc.

GET CASH FOR YOUR ENERGY-GUZZLING SECOND FRIDGE

Are you concerned by how much your old upright freezer is adding to your electricity bill? Is there an ancient beer fridge in your garage that you know is sucking money out of your wallet? If so, Hornsby Council will come to your house and collect it free of charge. In fact, you'll be given \$35 by way of thanks for helping the environment and reducing the strain on our power grid. **The next collection will be on 10 October.** It will be available to residents of Arcadia, Berowra, Berowra Waters, Berowra Heights, Berrilee, Brooklyn, Cowan, Fiddletown, Galston, Glenorie, Middle Dural and Mount Ku-ring-gai. Second fridges or upright freezers must be in regular use, built before 1996 and greater than 200 litres in size.

This time of year is the **party season for Year 11 and 12s**. Here are some reminders:

Please register your party with the local Police.

Visit www.mynite.com.au for Notification Forms and tons of great information.

Get 'In Case of Emergency' contact details for each guest.

Parents, consider serving finger food yourself in order to interact with guests without seeming to be watching!

Advise party guests to remove any 'P' plates from cars parked outside the party.

Use stamps or zipties around the wrist of guests to limit the number of alcoholic drinks per person.

Parents, phone your child during the evening to monitor their speech.

Serve mocktails and have plenty of choice of non-alcoholic drinks.

After the party, search every room floor and cupboard for guests who may have passed out.

Parents, get your child to pour a standard drink or two, to see how much is 'standard'.

Visit www.alcohol.gov.au to try the 'drink meter' and see how quickly you reach the legal limit of 0.05% Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC).

The State Library of NSW has launched a website called **Find Legal Answers**, giving local residents free, online access to a range of legal information. The

website www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au connects users with legal information for common issues such as neighbourhood conflicts, fence disputes, divorce, wills and estates.

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.





The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 23/9/12:

As the community is aware we are at the start of **school holidays**, police want to reinforce school grounds are off limits to unauthorised persons. Police are asking members of the community and residents who reside in close proximity to schools to be alert to persons on school premises at this time. The number of reports received by police increases in relation to damage and break & enters offences to the schools. Residents are advised if they see any suspicious activity to contact police on 000.

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Incident: Break enter and Steal

Location: Killara Public School

Time/Date: Between 19:50 on Wednesday 19 September 2012 and 07:00 on Thursday 20 September 2012

Between 19:50 on Wednesday 19 September 2012 and 07:00 on Thursday 20 September 2012 Unknown person/s have gained entry to Killara Public School by unknown means. There is no damage to any entry point and person reporting is unsure how offender/s gained entry. A classroom within the school, where the after school care is held was entered. Offender/s have stolen a Wii Console, remotes and games from location. The offender/s has also rummaged through desks and drawers.

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Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: 11:00am Sunday 23rd September 2012

Location: Hornsby Quarry

About 11:00am Sunday 23rd September 2012, police have located five males ranging in age from 53 to 18 years of age hiding in the grounds of the Hornsby Quarry. Located within the grounds of the Quarry where the accused had been standing was a large air conditioning unit which contained copper coils in which the males were allegedly attempting to remove. Also located was a petrol powered generator which was full of fuel, two grinders and a number of tools

All five males were charged with enter enclosed lands without lawful excuse, a 42 year old male was charged with larceny.

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Incident: Driving offences
Time/Date: 10.30pm on Friday 21st September 2012
Location: Brentwood Street, Turramurra

About 10:30pm on the 21st September 2012, Police were patrolling the Brentwood Street Turramurra, when they observed a motor vehicle travelling towards the intersection of Eastern Road. Police have stopped the vehicle for the purpose of a random breath test, further checks ascertained that the vehicle was unregistered. Police spoke to the 51 year old male driver who advised police he did not hold a current NSW drivers licence. The driver underwent a roadside breath test which proved positive. He was arrested and conveyed to Hornsby Police Station for the purpose of a Breath Analysis.

A 51 year old male from a Wahroonga address will appear before Hornsby Local Court on the 18th October 2012, charged with numerous offences including driving while disqualified, drive with a mid range PCA.

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Incident: Driving Offences
Time/Date: About 8 am on Wednesday the 19th September 2012
Location: Mona Vale Road, St Ives
Driver: 23 year old female from a Hornsby address

On Wednesday the 19th of September 2012, about 8am, police stopped a vehicle travelling northbound on Mona Vale Road at St Ives. It is alleged the vehicle was travelling at a speed in excess of the sign posted 60 km/h area. On speaking to the driver at first could not produce a driver's licence, and supplied police with details later found to be allegedly false. The driver then produced a learner's licence, the correct details were confirmed. Of note the learner allegedly did not have a licensed driver beside her. The driver was then arrested and charged.

A 23 year old female from a Hornsby address will appear in Hornsby Local Court on the 11th October 2012 charged with Learner licence offences and supply false details to police.

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Incident: Shoplifting
Date: Around 6.30 pm on Sunday 23/9/2012
LOC: Fox Valley Rd, Wahroonga

About 6.30pm on Sunday 23rd of September 2012 a twenty two year old male has entered a general store on Fox Valley Rd, Wahroonga. The male has asked for a carton of cigarettes and upon receiving them has run from the store without making a payment. An alert customer who was in the store at the time has chased the POI and restrained him a short distance away.

Police have attended and issued a twenty two year old male from a Maraylya address a criminal infringement notice.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time/Date: Between 10:00 and 15:00 on Friday 21 September 2012
Location: Residence in Berowra Waters Road, Berowra Waters

Between 10:00 and 15:00 on Friday 21 September 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to a Berowra Water Road residence through a ground floor rear window. The premises is currently undergoing renovations, the person/s have forced a ply panel over the ground floor rear window, then forced through a fly-screen door by unknown means. Numerous rooms were rummaged through, with cash being taken from the premises.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time/Date: Between 07:30 and 16:30 on Friday 21 September 2012
Location: Apartment unit in Ashley Street, Hornsby

Between 07:30 and 16:30 on Friday 21 September 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to an apartment in Ashley Street, Hornsby by jimmying the ground floor side window. Once entry has been gained offenders have ransacked the premises by emptying drawers and cupboards out onto the floor and bed. Offenders have stolen 2 x Video Cameras, 1 x still Camera, camera accessories and a substantial amount of cash.

The offenders appear to have attempted to exit through the side door, but were unable to fully open it. It appears the offender/s have used a shovel found at the scene to jimmy the window open. The shovel belongs to the victim and was located behind the Unit.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time/Date: Between 08:20 and 17:50 on Thursday 20 September 2012
Location: Residence in Stuart Avenue, Wahroonga

Between 08:20 and 17:50 on Thursday 20 September 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to a residence in Stuart Avenue, Wahroonga, using unknown means to tear a flyscreen on

the ground floor rear window. A rock was then used to smash the window, with the rock found on the ground at the base of the window. Once inside, offender/s have moved through numerous rooms and have stolen property including cash, Ipad, Nintendo DS, jewellery, laptop and a video camera.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: Between 20:00 on Wednesday 01 August 2012 and 09:30 on Thursday 20 September 2012

Location: Residence in Koora Avenue, Wahroonga

Between 20:00 on Wednesday 01 August 2012 and 09:30 on Thursday 20 September 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to a residence in Koora Avenue, Pymble, using unknown means, stealing various jewellery items to the value of \$13 000 from three individual jewellery boxes. The Victim only realised days later that the jewellery is missing, as they are all items which are not worn/used on a regular basis.

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Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between 20:00 on Sunday 02 September 2012 and 22:00 on Friday 14 September 2012

Location: Residence in Hunter Street, Hornsby

Between 20:00 on Sunday 02 September 2012 and 22:00 on Friday 14 September 2012 unknown person/s have stolen a trek push bike valued at \$2 000 from an open garage at a residence in Hunter Street, Hornsby. There is no sign of forced entry to the garage and during the stated times the garage had been left open and unattended.

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Incident: Stealing

Time/Date: Between 17:30 and 23:00 on Saturday 22 September 2012

Location: Residence in Bromley Avenue, Pymble

Between 17:30 and 23:00 on Saturday 22 September 2012 person/s unknown have entered a residence in Bromley Avenue, Pymble via the ground floor side window by removing the flyscreen and forcing the lock.

Once inside the offender/s have ransacked numerous rooms throughout the premises. The offender/s have stolen assorted jewellery and the security alarm keypad. Police noted the security system attached to the home had been tampered with (disabled). Jewellery to the value of over \$30 000 was stolen.

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Time/date: 9.30am on Sunday 23rd September 2012

Incident: House Fire

Location: Premises on Pacific Hwy, Berowra

About 2130hrs on 23/9/2012, while on a routine patrol, police spotted heavy smoke coming from the vicinity of a residence on Pacific Hwy, Berowra. Upon closer inspection police located a large fire which appeared to be coming from a window of the house on the southern side of the building. Police have forced the front door and observed flames travelling across the ceiling in the hallway. Due to the intensity of the fire police were unable to gain access to the premises. Police called out with no response. Police again called through the open door of the building again unable to raise any occupants.

At 9.40pm NSW Fire crews from Berowra, Beecroft and Hornsby attended and dealt with the fire.

During police officers' investigations at the scene, police ascertained that the elderly occupants of the fire had, in fact, relocated to another property a few doors down a couple of days earlier.

After extinguishing the fire, the NSW Fire officers entered the building escorted by police. The Inspector believed the fire to have originated in a bedroom in the Northern side of the house. They believe the bedroom door to have been left open and that the fire had spread through the middle of the house. The rear of the house had been relatively untouched by the fire and had only suffered smoke damage. Fire crews, at this stage, believe the fire to be electrically related.

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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.

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 at NHWGordon@gmail.com.

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