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This weekly update has two sections:

- 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).**
 - 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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Police detect 20 drivers drug-driving during targeted operations - Mt Druitt and Botany Bay

Monday, 25 June 2012 01:11:19 PM

Police detected 20 drivers with allegedly having illegal drugs in their system during two separate operations in Sydney. Officers from the Traffic and Highway Patrol ran Random Drug Testing operations in Mt Druitt Local Area Command on June 21/22 and in Botany Bay Local Area Command on June 22/23. In total, police conducted 610 drug tests which resulted in 20 drivers returning positive indications for illegal drugs (cannabis and/or amphetamine). Those results have been sent for laboratory verification before charges are laid. All drivers involved have had their driver's licences suspended.

Traffic and Highway Patrol Command's Superintendent Stuart Smith said the results of the operations are cause for concern.

"People need to realise their driving ability will be severely affected if they are under the influence of illegal drugs.

"It greatly increases your risk of being involved in a serious crash.

"The Traffic and Highway Patrol Command will continue to carry out these operations across the state in a bid to get drug drivers off our roads."

Hornsby Shire Council shared photos from the 'Rock the Block' competition, held at the PCYC

Performing Arts Centre. [PCYC - Police Citizens Youth Clubs] The PCYC have a representative at the quarterly 'Kuring gai Police & Community Safety Committee' meetings, which is where Neighbourhood Watch groups are represented also. If you have any concern regarding safety in the Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Shire council areas, Neighbourhood Watch representatives can raise these issues on your behalf at this meeting, as well as at other meetings. Please contact us at NHWGordon@gmail.com. If it's worrying you, then it's worth mentioning!

20 June: Police are warning residents to be aware of **bogus utility workers** after two incidents in the Roseville area last week. Police were called after the occupants were approached by people claiming to represent Energy Australia and Sydney Water. In one case the bogus Sydney Water employee was granted access to the victims home to supposedly check plumbing. All residents need to be mindful that legitimate representatives of such companies will always have clearly visible photo identification from their employer. Anyone who is approached by people not displaying the correct identification should call Police immediately. There is also rarely if ever the need to allow these people into your home. Anyone using any sort of pressure tactics to be allowed into your home should also be reported immediately to police. Any vulnerable people (young children, the elderly, or those living alone) should always speak with unannounced visitors through a secured door. Only once someone's identity and intent is confirmed should anyone consider opening the door to unannounced visitors.

Congratulations and well done to Kuring Gai Local Area Command for reaching over 500 fans on your facebook page, a stellar effort. Thank you to the community for your support of the Kuring Gai LAC Police, and their 'facebook' page - "well done"

Regards, C/Insp Josh Maxwell & The team at Project eyewatch.

It's expected further charges will be laid in the future. Anyone with information that might assist investigators should contact Strike Force Better via Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000.

Detectives lay charges after uncovering treasure trove of stolen cash, property worth up to \$6.5million

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Police have laid charges against a man over the discovery six months ago of stolen cash and property worth up to \$6.5million during a raid on an inner-Sydney storage unit.

Detectives from Kuring-Gai and North Shore Local Area Commands and State Crime Command's

Property Crime Squad formed Strike Force Better in September last year to investigate a spate of burglaries on Sydney's north shore.

As a result of inquiries, police executed a search warrant on a storage unit in Crystal Street at Waterloo, in Sydney's inner-south, about 5.20pm on Wednesday 28 December 2011.

They allegedly recovered up to \$4million in Australian currency, a large amount of foreign cash, 120kg of silver bullion, thousands of pieces of gold and silver jewellery, precious stones, antiques, heirlooms, fraudulent identification, five firearms and ammunition.

It's believed the items were stolen during a string of home burglaries on Sydney's north shore and a break-in at a storage facility at Ivanhoe, 10km north-east of Melbourne.

Strike force detectives arrested two men, aged 33 and 56, on outstanding Victorian warrants, at a Randwick boarding house on Monday 19 December 2011. The pair was subsequently extradited to Victoria where they're currently before that state's courts on multiple charges.

Inquiries into the offences allegedly committed in New South Wales have been ongoing.

At Hornsby Local Court today (Monday 18 June 2012), local detectives laid 15 charges against the 33-year-old man – including property, firearms and identity information offences.

Beware of "voucher prize" scam text messages

June 2012: SCAMwatch is warning consumers not to respond to text messages which claim you have won a voucher, when in fact you are entering into an expensive mobile premium SMS service.

How this scams works

- You may receive a text message from an unknown number congratulating you on winning a voucher from a competition you supposedly entered into.
- This scam uses (without authority) brand names and logos of well-known companies and products in order to make the prize look legitimate. The voucher is for a high dollar value, which makes it especially attractive.
- You will be provided with a code to enter into a website to claim your voucher. Once the code is entered the website link will redirect you to another website confirming your win.
- On the second website you will be requested to enter your mobile number. It has been reported that if you enter your number you may be subscribed to a mobile premium service (mps).
- Mps can be activated by typing your mobile phone number into a website resulting in you receiving an expensive phone bill you didn't expect.
- Similar scams are perpetrated via email with links to online scam surveys.

Protect yourself

- Never give your mobile phone details in response to an unsolicited SMS.
- Never enter your mobile phone number into a website unless you are certain that the website is genuine. Never enter details into a website which you visited by clicking on a link in an SMS.
- Never respond "Ok" or in the affirmative to SMS messages you receive out of the blue and have no knowledge of. Responding to these messages could subscribe you to further expensive competition and prize alerts.
- If in doubt about the authenticity of an SMS, always contact the business or service provider to verify that the request is genuine.
- Never rely on contact details provided in an SMS. Instead, find genuine contact details independently from an authentic source.
- Be very wary when filling in online surveys. Scammers commonly use these surveys to steal your valuable personal information.

Thank you to those who have helped whilst our usual volunteer has been overseas. If any of our readers would like to join in the production of this newsletter, you'd be very welcome! It is now being shared, not only outside of the Gordon area, but outside of the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Shire council areas and overseas! We must be doing something right? Guess the same messages are relevant whether Crime Prevention is in Gordon, or in the UK. Please share with us any of your favourite Crime Prevention tips. Currently under production is a leaflet for distribution in retirement villages, to remind our elderly neighbours how to best protect themselves. Last month's 'Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies' is currently being finalised [for those in the UK: 'tradies' = 'tradesmen']. Thanks go as always to our Acting Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Mal Baker.

www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC is the link to your local Police's facebook page.

The Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 facebook page can be found at (but possible only if you are signed onto facebook!): www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchGordon.



Hornsby Police news, 25/06/12. The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command;

Incident: Motor vehicle Collision

Time/Date: About 2.40pm on Monday 18 June 2012

Place: Churchill Road, Killara

Details: Around 2.40pm on Monday 18 June 2012 the driver of a Green Toyota was travelling north along Churchill Street and lost control, veering onto incorrect side of road and in doing so has collided with a parked Maroon Holden. The resultant collision has involved another two parked vehicles. The Toyota has ended up on its roof, no persons were injured.

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Incident: Pursuit

Time/Date: About 4.09pm on Saturday 23 June 2012

Place: F3 Freeway Hornsby

Rider 1: 37 year old Normanhurst male

Details: About 4.09pm on Saturday 23 June 2012 Police in a fully marked highway patrol vehicle was travelling south bound on the Pacific Highway, Berowra. A motor cycle ridden by a 37 year old male from Normanhurst has past the patrol vehicle in excess of 160kph in a sign posted 110 kph area. The police patrol vehicle has attempted to stop the motorcyclist with out success resulting in a pursuit, with speeds in excess of 200kp/h reached.

The pursuit continued throughout local residential streets of Wahroonga, Pymble and Normanhurst. During the pursuit the accused was fully aware of the Highway patrol sedan chasing him. On at least three occasions the male observed Police driving closer to him before he would again accelerate way at high speed. The accused rode in excess of double the speed limit on most roads during the pursuit. The Male rode his motorcycle with total disregard for other road users.

Court: A 37 year old Normanhurst man will appear at Hornsby local Court on Thursday 26 July 2012 charged with numerous traffic offences including Skyes Law, Manner Dangerous and Exceed Speed Limit-Over 45 kph.

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Incident: Fire

Time/Date: About 8.45 pm on Saturday the 23rd June 2012

Place: Residence on Calabash Road, Arcadia

Details: About 8.45 pm on Saturday the 23rd June 2012, the resident was at home watching TV. He has heard what he believed was bangs from fireworks and has come outside to investigate. Initially he has seen flames that he has thought were coming from his neighbour's house. On closer inspection the resident has realised that there were flames coming out from North West side of his shed. Numerous Fire brigades attended.

The start of the fire could be pin-pointed as starting where an air compressor was stored. It was confirmed that there would have been sufficient fuel sources around the compressor to assist in intensifying the fire. The resident stated that there were a number of rare vintage cars garaged in the building. It was deemed that there are no suspicious circumstances revolving around the fire at the location.

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Incident: Drug Detection

Time/Date: About 2:00pm Monday 18th June 2012

Place: Residence in Havilah Ave Wahroonga

About 2:00pm Monday 18th June 2012, Police attended the address after a male who was looking after the property while the owners are away has attended the premises to check the premises were secure, and noticed a large hessian bag located between the house and the garage. Upon opening the bag the male has discovered the bag to be full of cannabis and has subsequently contacted Police.

Police attended the LOC and seized the bag which contained approximately 20 kilograms of cannabis. It is unknown who placed the bag in this area. The neighbours do not recall any unusual activity in the area.

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Incident: Malicious Damage

Time/Date: Tuesday the 19th June 2012, around 2:45pm

Place: Grosvenor Road, Wahroonga

Person: A 32 year old Wahroonga man

Details: A 32 year old male has been charged with malicious damage after he has confronted workers on a building site complaining about the noise. Originally armed with a Stanley knife and a piece of wood, the male has become aggressive and belligerent towards workers at the site. This has resulted in the male stepping into oncoming traffic and stopping a vehicle driven by a Wahroonga resident. At which point it is alleged the 32 year old male has become aggressive and moved towards the driver's window where the male has proceeded to punch the window. The female driver has driven from the location and stopped to ring police. The male was seen to be running towards the victim and her vehicle. The male was seen to kick the door panels of the vehicle on numerous occasions.

Court: A 32 year old Wahroonga man will appear before Hornsby local Court on Wednesday 11 July 2012 charged with Custody of a knife in a public place, Destroy or damage property.

Incident: Shoplifting

Time/Date: About 6:30pm on Thursday the 21st June 2012

Place: Myers Store, Westfields Hornsby

Details About 6:30pm on Thursday the 21st June 2012, a 31 year old female entered the Myers Department store. She was observed by an alert staff member to select a number of items of perfume from the display shelves and handbags. No attempt was made to pay for the items as a result police attended the female was arrested and questioned in relation to the items totally over \$600.

Court: A 31 year old female will appear before Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 11 July 2012 charged with shoplifting.

Incident: Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: Between 10.30pm on Friday 22 June 2012 and 07:00am on Saturday 23 June 2012

Place: Residence in Wiltshire Place, Turramurra

Details: Between 10.30pm on Friday 22 June 2012 and 07:00am on Saturday 23 June 2012

Unknown person/s have gained entry to the above premises by unknown means. There were no signs of forced entry. Once inside offender/s have stolen a handbag, wallet, cash, credit cards,

licence, membership cards, cosmetics. The residents were asleep on the premises at the time.

Incident: Break, Enter and Steal

Time/Date: 7.20pm and 7.40pm on Tuesday 19 June 2012

Place: Residence in Trentino Street, Turramurra

Details Between 19:20 and 19:40 on Tuesday 19 June 2012 unknown offender/s have gained entry to the location by unknown means, offender/s have entered the kitchen and stolen the victims handbag and contents by unknown means. The victim was upstairs and heard a commotion, whereby both her dogs were barking and very distressed, she came downstairs but did not see offender/s. It is believed the garage roller door was unlocked and up and the internal door to the house was closed but unlocked as was the front door.

Incident: Malicious damage

Time/Date: Between 6.00pm on Saturday 23 June 10.12pm and 10:20am on Sunday 24 June 2012

Place: Yallambee Road, Berowra

Details: Between 18:00 on Saturday 23 June 2012 and 10:20 on Sunday 24 June 2012

Vehicle numerous vehicles were targeted with graffiti causing damage in excess of \$5000.

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 to **lock front and rear doors or flyscreens when home**. There are still a number of reports of break and enters into residential homes when residents are at home, where entry has been gained via an unlocked door or window. This also creates a possible situation of the resident/s being confronted by the offender/s on the premises. Make it a habit of locking the door as soon as you have entered, and make sure the keys are not left in the lock, remember it only takes a moment.

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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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