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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.**



From The Daily Telegraph, shared on facebook: The number of people killed crossing the road has doubled, thanks mainly to both pedestrians and drivers being distracted by mobile devices.

Six pedestrians are hit by cars and seriously injured every day in Sydney with 26 dying from their injuries each year - double the number in the same period last year.

Experts blamed technology such as iPods and mobile phones for distracting pedestrians and

drivers.

An 18-year-old woman listening to music on an iPod was hit this week as she crossed a road in Marrickville.

Police are to change the format of crash reports to include information about distractions - the first time such data has been collected - to provide insight into the cause of pedestrian collisions.

NSW Ambulance said at least 161 pedestrians had been hit by cars in Sydney since May 1, up by 10 on the number of incidents in April.

Pedestrian Council of Australia chief executive Harold Scruby has launched a public awareness campaign.

"A lot of these new earphones are noise cancelling so you can't hear sirens, you can't hear a horn, you can't hear someone say 'watch out'," he said.

Here is the discussion about eyewatch and our alert systems, from NSW Parliament - 3 April 2012

"CHILD ABDUCTION ALERT SYSTEM

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The Hon. CATHERINE CUSACK: My question is addressed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Will the Minister inform the House on the child abduction alert system in New South Wales?

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: This Government is committed to the safety of children and to the taking of prompt action to locate abducted children. We know that time is of critical essence in the location of abducted children. Whilst child abductions are rare, it is essential that we have an effective way to respond when they happen. The 2006 report by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research into victims of abduction found that there were 33 attempted abductions of children aged under 15 years and 16 abductions of children under 15 years in a six-month period. The New South Wales child abduction alert system alerts the public when there has been a suspected abduction of a child.

Urgent broadcasts are made via radio, television, taxi systems and electronic signs on motorways to saturate the vicinity of the incident with details of the abduction so that the community can help locate the child. **Alerts are issued on Eyewatch—the Police Facebook page—to reach a broader audience.** Police issue alerts to participating organisations every 15 minutes, updated as appropriate, until the final alert is sent after four hours or when the child is located. Alerts are intended to be used only on limited occasions.

Research indicates that the first few hours after abduction are critical. The New South Wales alert system, which has been in operation for a number of years, is based on the Queensland model. Alerts are issued in accordance with an interagency child abduction alert protocol. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the Bus and Coach Association of New South Wales, Commercial Radio Australia Limited, Free TV Australia, the New South Wales Taxi Council, the NSW Police Force, and Roads and Maritime Services are signatories to this protocol. Initially the alerts were for use only when a stranger had abducted a child. In 2009 the protocols were revised to develop a second level of alert for when a child is abducted by a family member. These are called "concern for child" alerts.

In February 2012 a concern for child alert was activated at 5.55 p.m. to help locate a four-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl believed to have been taken by their mother from the Central Coast. A motorist in the Australian Capital Territory heard the appeal for help on a radio news bulletin and alerted local police that he was following the vehicle being sought. An Australian Capital Territory police vehicle intercepted the wanted vehicle—it was stopped approximately an hour after the initial alert. By 7.00 p.m. that same evening police issued the final alert announcing that the children had been located safely. In another instance a 15-month-old boy was located after information on his abduction had been broadcast on television, radio and the variable messaging system of the Roads and Maritime Services. The boy was found as a direct result of the alert. The New South Wales child abduction alert system is not activated very often, but I am pleased to note how effective it is when it is activated. This is an important tool to ensure the safety of our children.

Burning-off, even in incinerators, in NSW is illegal, except in certain cases

Burning wood and rubbish in open fires and incinerators can cause smoke, which is a major cause of air pollution. It can harm the environment and your health.

To protect public health and the environment, there are only certain situations when fires can be lit in NSW. These are:

- for hazard reduction work under the [Rural Fires Act 1997](#)
- for recreational purposes such as barbecues or camping
- for agricultural purposes (other than construction)
- for fire fighting training provided by an official fire control officer, or
- if you have approval from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

No-burn Notices or Total Fire Bans override any permits obtained. If you are planning to light an outside fire you should check with OEH, your local council or the NSW Rural Fire Service to make sure your fire is legal.

For more information call **OEH's Environment Line on 131 555**.

19 year old from Galston charged with Mid Range PCA

[Eastwood LAC - NSW Police Force](#) on Monday, 21 May 2012 at 18:25

About 11:30pm on Wednesday 16th May 2012, Police were patrolling Epping Road Macquarie Park when they observed a 19 year old male from Galston driving his vehicle erratically by changing lanes without indicating, swerving in lanes and driving at speed. He was stopped by Police and was submitted to a breath test. He returned a positive roadside reading and was placed under arrest. As Police were arresting the male person they noticed two people in the boot of the vehicle. The 19 year old was taken to Eastwood police where he underwent a breath analysis. He returned a reading of 0.081 and had his license suspended. He was issued with a court attendance notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA and Drive motor vehicle with persons in/on boot. He will appear in Ryde Local Court on 6th June 2012.

May 19th (after a Vietnamese festival for Budha's birthday), from one facebook user: Hello, I just wanted to say how great it was to see Kuring Gai LAC Police at Hornsby today & for the opportunity to talk with local police face to face in the presence of the Local Area Commander. Police do an excellent job in the most difficult of circumstances & the work that you do is noticed and appreciated :) To see the Local Area Commander side by side with his command Officers in the community is inspiring :) I am afraid I didn't take any photos I'm sorry to say but I thoroughly enjoyed the chance to talk to local police during my visit to Hornsby. Your presence is always welcome & appreciated :)

Kuring Gai LAC posted, Safe internet use tips for parents include:

- Be aware of how much time your child spends on the internet.
- Spend time talking to your child about the dangers associated with online conversations.
- Spend time exploring the internet wi...th your children and let them teach you about their favourite websites.
- Keep the computer in a room the whole family can access; not in your child's bedroom.
- Consider installing filtering and/or computer blocking software provided by your internet service provider. The Netaalert web page provides information on a number of commercially-available products at www.netaalert.net.au.
- Ensure you are able to access your child's email and randomly check the contents.
- Check your phone bill for unusual outgoing calls, or consider using a 'caller ID' device to identify incoming calls.
- Consult your telephone company for options designed to ensure privacy and security.
- Enquire with your child's school, public library, and places they frequent, to find out what internet safety measures they have in place.
- Information on internet safety is available on the NSW Police website at: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/children/child_exploitation

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?ref=ts.

The 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch quarterly get-together is being held this Wednesday. Please email with any comments or suggestions you would like raised on your behalf: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

This quarter's meeting has a visit from Roger Norman, Team Leader of the Turramurra Rotary group that is tackling the removal of graffiti within Ku-ring-gai. He will be giving us an update about the graffiti, its removal and the team's use of the VandalTrak system and its outcomes. There has been a significant increase in graffiti within the Gordon 'CBD' over the last few months. Have you noticed?

Thanks go to Century 21 Cordeau Marshall Group who have offered the use of their offices at Gordon for the meeting, which would normally be held at Gordon Police Station, but was unavailable to us this time. One of the agenda items is to look at how Neighbourhood Watch might extend its role to help local businesses.

Crime Prevention Tip#43: When working in the garden, or on the house or car, don't be tempted to leave open your garage door or shed door.

Next Tuesday 4.15 - 4.45pm, June 1st, our Acting Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Mal Baker, along with Julia, one of the Project eyewatch Kuring Gai Precinct Coordinators, is chatting on the **Triple H Community Radio StreetBeat program**. Please listen in at 100.1 FM, or go to Triple H's website www.triplehfm.com.au and 'stream' the program. They will be discussing

current Project eyewatch issues, local Crime, Crime Prevention and are in the process of putting together a "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies".

Have you visitors from overseas, **renting a vehicle** whilst they're here? All AVIS & Budget cars are fitted with an electronic tag for use on toll roads in Australia. Other rental vehicles, it's recommended to purchase an eMU (electronic Motorway User) Pass. This is a casual pass that enables you to pay for travel on Sydney toll roads for up to 30 days. If you wish to travel interstate or longer than 30 days, other options are available. eMU passes can be purchased online: www.emupass.com.au, at participating petrol stations and retail outlets, by phone: 13 18 65, at any NSW Motor Registry. Note: If you use another tag or pass in an AVIS or Budget rental car, you may be charged twice. Any further questions: contact www.myetoll.com.au or phone 13 18 65.



**Hornsby Police news,
28/05/2012**

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

Incident: Drug Detection
Time/Date: About 9.30 am on Wednesday 23rd May 2012
Place: Platform 5 Hornsby Railway Station
Young Person: 12 year old male

Details: Police were alerted to the male smoking on the platform and approached and searched the 12 year old male. A small amount of green vegetable matter was found on his person, police allege this to be Cannabis.

The 12 year old male is to be dealt with under the Young Offenders Act and will receive an official caution.

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Incident: Posses Prohibited Drug

Time/Date: Between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm on Friday 25th May 2012
Place: Rushall St Pymble
Person: 34 year old Male
Vehicle: White Nissan Pulsar

Details: Police have observed the vehicle parked in the area and have driven up to the vehicle. The 34 year old male upon seeing police has moved away resulting in police activating the warning lights to stop the vehicle. The resultant search has located a green vegetable matter police allege is Cannabis.

The 34 year old male was charged with the offence of Possess Prohibited Drug and will attend Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday the 13th of June 2012.

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Incident: Steal from Motor Vehicle
Time/Date: between 8.00 pm and midnight on Saturday 26th May 2012
Place: Hayes Park, Galston Road, Galston
Vehicle: White Nissan Pulsar

Details: The vehicle was parked and secured at the location, while the vehicle was unattended unknown person/s have smashed a rear quarter window and gained access to the vehicle. The glove box was rifled through and the front and rear registration plates were stolen.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time/Date: Between 10.00 am and 11.30 am on Friday 25th May 2012
Place: Residence in Willunga Road, Berowra

Details: Person or persons unknown have gained access to the location by removing a ground floor rear window flyscreen, and forcing the lock on the window. Jewellery and personal items were taken.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time: 12.17 pm Friday 25th May 2012
Place: Residence in Kuring Gai Avenue, Turramurra

Details: Person or persons unknown have gained entry to the premises by a ground floor side window. Although the alarm has activated the intruders have gained access and stolen jewellery to the value 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 have been receiving an increased number of **reports of an email scam** that appears to be originating in Europe.

It appears the offender uses a current email address and contacts the persons in that particular person's contact requesting money. On occasions this email has come from overseas because the actual owner of the email address is overseas at the time. The acquaintances/friends who are receiving this email are advised that the email owner has been robbed of their wallet, credit cards and phones and desperately require funds as soon as possible.

Because the recipients of the email are aware of the person, they put some credibility to the email and upon attempting to contact them are advised via email that they do not have a phone and the only means of contact is via email. The request for money is the ongoing theme of all emails, with the proviso the money has to be transferred via Western union.

Police advise Kuring gai residents under no circumstance send money but report any incidents to police or contact Scam watch on 1300 795 995

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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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