Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page (also known as '**eyewatch**'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from another Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

🚔 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? Please email our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

🚔 Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family,

colleagues and neighbours.

🚗 Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? <u>Click here to subscribe</u>**.**

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16 June, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

Did you know if you're caught driving with illicit drugs in your system the minimum penalty is a $561 fine and 3 months without a licence?

If you think you may have illegal drugs in your system, the best decision is not to drive.

Watch video <u>here.</u>

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13 June, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

Police are called upon to deal with numerous types of incidents in our roles, often one straight after another. Having to arrest a violent person one job, protect and show empathy to a victim at the next, help ambulance officers at a car collision and then give CPR to someone requiring it at a concern for welfare job. This could be all in one shift.

People often ask, "What is it that you police actually do all day?" "Do you just drive around picking on P platers?" "Do you just hand out traffic tickets all day?"

Well, here's a little insight into some of the jobs we attend and deal with daily in order to keep our community safe.

Animal complaints

Animals locked in vehicles

Arrests

Assaults

Brawls

Break and enters

Children locked in vehicles

Concern for welfare

Death messages

Deceased jobs

Domestic incidents

Driving complaints

Drug detection

Fires

Foot patrols

Frauds

Hold up alarms

Intoxicated persons

Lost property

Malicious damage

Mental health patients

Missing persons

Motor vehicle collisions

Neighbour disputes

Noise complaints

Parking complaints

Persons on premises

Robbery

Self harm

Shop lifters

Steal from motor vehicle
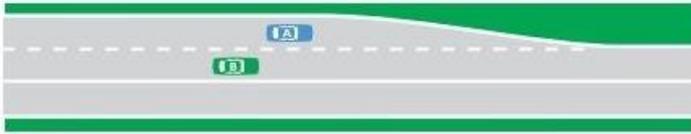
Stolen vehicles

Storm and tempest

Traffic duties

Traffic incidents

And, we love doing them.

13 June, from Northern Beaches Police Area Command

Misunderstood road rules - merging
Broken lines mean give way

Car A gives way to car B.

No lines mean the car behind gives way

Car B gives way to car A.

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13 June, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Fast Five: Police News in Hornsby

Five police incidents across the Hornsby Shire during the past week.

Asquith

Police were called after a food fight broke out at KFC Asquith.

Two women and a man walked into the fast food outlet, ordered food and sat down to eat about 9.10pm last Tuesday.

The two women began shouting and swearing at each other before throwing food.

The manager of the store contacted police but the group had already left when they arrived.

Berowra Heights

Residents on Clinton Cl were without power on Friday morning after a truck rolled down a driveway and hit a power pole.

Police said repairs were being done to a roof at the address when the work vehicle started rolling down the driveway about 10am.

It crossed the road before hitting a power pole.

Power was cut off to nearby homes as a result of the crash.

No-one was injured in the incident. Ausgrid, Fire and Rescue NSW and police attended.

Berowra

A 36-year-old woman had to be flown to hospital following a nasty fall during a bushwalk on Sunday.

The woman and a friend set off for a bushwalk from Berowra to Waratah Bay about 12.30pm. About 30 minutes into the walk, she fell about 2-3m and suffered a head injury and a suspected fractured right arm.

Another walker came across the pair and contacted emergency services.

The woman was flown to Royal North Shore Hospital about 3pm.

Police, NSW Ambulance and Fire and Rescue were all called to the incident.

Hornsby

A teenage girl who allegedly punched a female police officer in the face at a Hornsby shopping centre on Tuesday afternoon has been charged.

Officers were patrolling Westfield Hornsby when they stopped a group of youths about 4.30pm.

Police allege the 14-year-old punched the female police officer in the face without provocation before a scuffle broke out. The girl was arrested.

The officer was okay following the incident.

The girl was taken to Hornsby police station to be processed.

Upon release on bail, she ran at waiting television crews outside the station before being restrained by her mother.

Hornsby

An off-duty police officer spotted a wanted man in a Hornsby shopping centre, sparking his arrest on Tuesday afternoon.

The 27-year-old man from Sydney's east was wanted for outstanding parole warrants for wilful and obscene exposure and telecommunication offences and was arrested by Kuring-gai police officers at Westfield Hornsby about 1.30pm.

The man is last known to have resided in Victoria and frequents Surry Hills.

If you have information that could assist police with any of the above incidents contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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12 June, from Kuring-Gai Police Area command

BLESSING / GHOST Scam!

Some members of our community are being scammed by fraudsters using the BLESSING or GHOST scam.

It's a scam which is heavily based on Chinese cultural and traditional beliefs with the scammer preying on our elderly Chinese, predominantly women, tricking them into parting with their valuables and money.

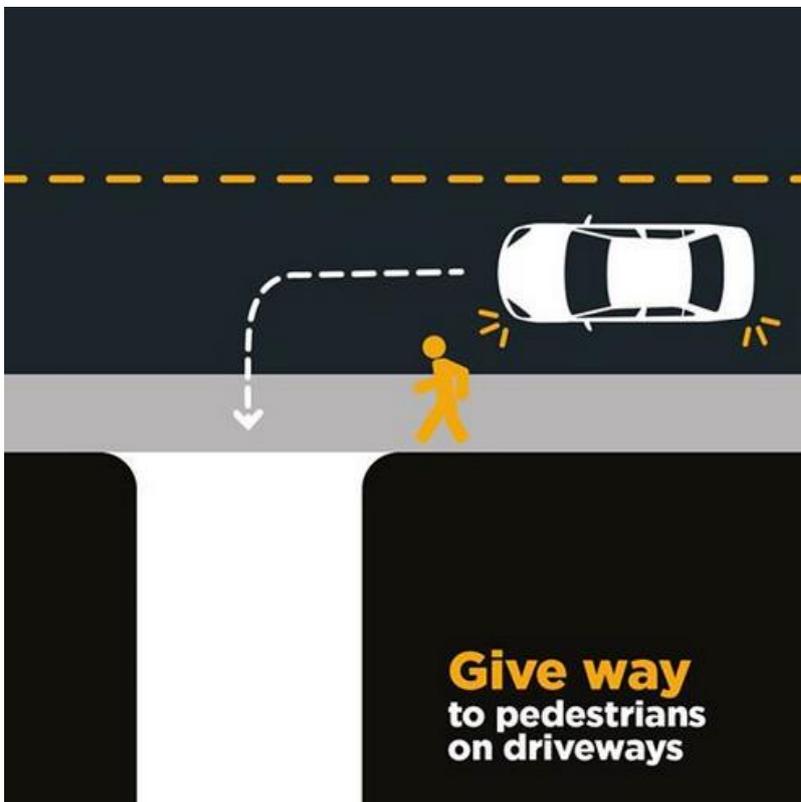Please be vigilant when approached by strangers.

We urge younger people in the community to warn their elderly relatives about the scam and report it to police if they are approached or scammed.

12 June, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

This applies to all driveways including the entry and exit points to shopping centre car parks.

Please be careful when driving into or exiting a car park – the pedestrian has right of way when walking across a driveway.

The driver of a vehicle must always give way to a pedestrian whether the vehicle is entering or exiting a location.

Give way
to pedestrians
on driveways

Check road rules here.

12 June, from Sunrise
A Sydney policeman was shocked after pulling over a driver who had strapped his

mobile phone to the steering wheel so he could watch the cricket! 😵

Watch video here.

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12 June, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon

Monday might have been a Public Holiday for most people, however Firefighters from Fire and Rescue NSW were busy manning Fire Stations all across the State.

Firefighters from Gordon Fire Station as well as Fire and Rescue NSW Station 050 Hornsby pump and tanker crews assembled at 37 Station to conduct a joint training drill on motor vehicle rescues and extrications.

Using a car that was donated to us, crews drilled in the use of stabilization equipment, glass management, hydraulic tools and rapid door entry as well as conducting a complete side removal and roof flap. We also covered such topics as new car technology, hybrid vehicles and exploding lithium batteries.

Even though some Fire Stations like Hornsby are not classified as a 'rescue station,' all Fire and Rescue Firefighters are trained in RAR (road accident rescue) and often commence rescue operations prior to the accredited rescue station attending the incident.

Please remember to slow down and always drive to the road conditions. We don't want to do this to your car.

Visit Fire & Rescue site here.

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11 June, from NSW Police Force: Thinking of our colleague from Liverpool PAC. From us all here, we wish you a speedy recovery.

A police officer remains in hospital in a serious but stable condition after being stabbed at Sadleir.

Just before 7am (Tuesday 11 June 2019), two officers from Liverpool City Police Area Command's Proactive Crime Team attended a home on Heckenberg Avenue, in an attempt to locate a 58-year-old man with an outstanding warrant.

A confrontation occurred at the address, during which a 24-year-old male constable was allegedly stabbed in the hand and slashed in the neck by a 27-year-old man.

The man was arrested by the other officer in attendance. The 58-year-old man, who had the outstanding warrant, was also arrested at the home.

The injured officer was taken to Liverpool Hospital where he is undergoing surgery. He is understood to be in a serious but stable condition.

The two arrested men have been taken to Liverpool Police Station where they are in the process of being charged.

Another older man, who was also inside the home at the time, is speaking with investigators.

A crime scene was established at the home which continues to be examined by forensic police.
Inquiries into the incident continue.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit this site. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

Dates for the Diary:
Wednesday 19 June: DV Expo 9:30 - 12:30 @ Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble
Wednesday 10 July: $100 Ku-ring-gai Youth Services First Aid Course. 8:45-4:30pm @ Gordon Library Info.
Thursday 11 July: Safer Driver Course @ Hornsby PCYC 9:30-11am Info
Thursday 29 August: Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting.
Monday 30 September: Gordon NHW Area 3/4 (Turramurra) meeting. 7:30PM in the lounge area, Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave. All welcome. Tea/coffee & biscuits available.

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17 June, from NBNCO.COM.AU: The government's Scamwatch radar alert: Scams almost triple in 2019

Australians are losing more money to NBN scams, with reported losses in 2019 already higher than the total of last year's losses.

Consumers lost an average of more than $110,000 each month between January and May this year, compared with around $38,500 in monthly average losses throughout 2018 – an increase of nearly 300 per cent.

"People aged over 65 are particularly vulnerable, making the most reports and losing more than $330,000 this year. That's more than 60 per cent of the current losses," ACCC Acting Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Scammers are increasingly using trusted brands like 'NBN' to trick unsuspecting consumers into parting with their money or personal information."

Details here.

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17 June, from finance.nine.coma.u: One of Australia's big four banks hit with another sophisticated scam

Customers of one of Australia's big four banks have once again been targeted by online scammers hoping to steal confidential information.

The most recent scam, discovered by email security company MailGuard, has been sent from several different compromised accounts pretending to be NAB.

Customers receive an email painstakingly formatted to look like an official correspondence from the bank, with the body explaining the last BPAY payment has been put on hold.

It advises the potential victim to click on a provided link to check their transaction history to ensure the payment can be processed.

"Unsuspecting recipients who click on the link to check their BPAY Payment status are led to a convincing-looking copy of the NAB login page. This is actually a phishing page," explained MailGuard.

Read details here.

17 June, from Marine Area Command - NSW Police Force

Here's some tips to prevent the theft of your vessel or property. Some of the vessels that are reported stolen are towed to a different location because they were parked illegally or left abandoned for long periods of time. If you haven't checked on your vessel for awhile, now is a good time. Don't just assume it is where you left it last!

TIPS

TO PREVENT THE THEFT OF YOUR VESSEL OR PROPERTY

There are some basic steps we can all take to protect our property from theft.
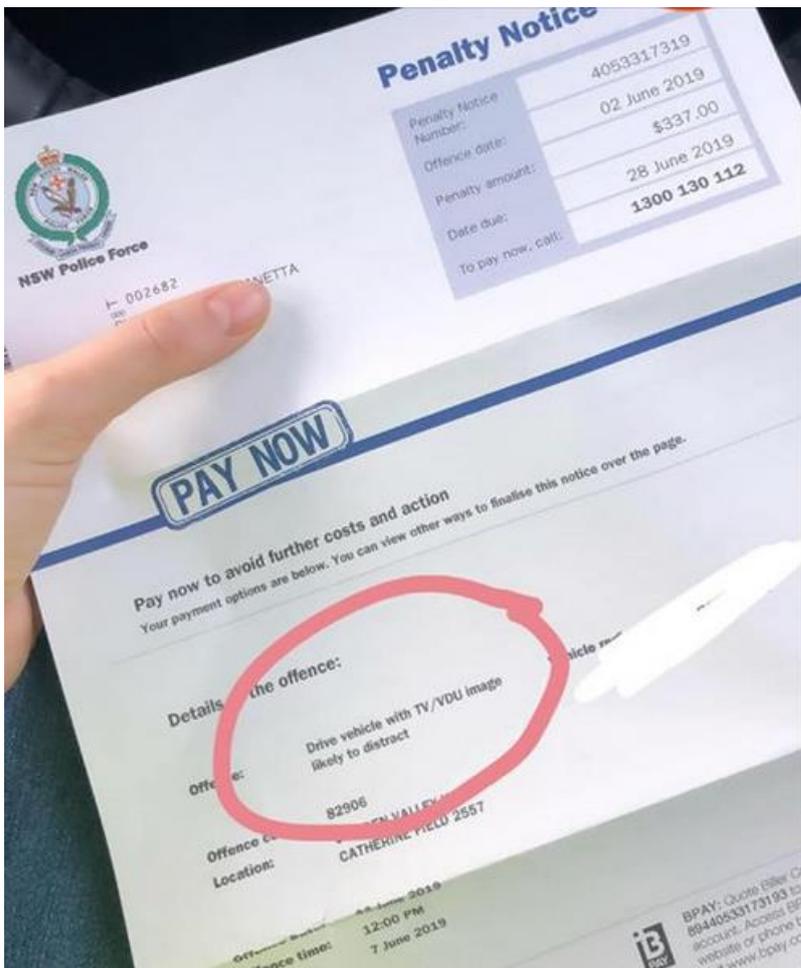
- Record all details of your boat and equipment (including serial numbers) and keep this list in a safe place
- Engrave any valuable items – you can use your driver's licence number
- Mark your dinghy with an identifying feature, such as your driver's licence number
- Fit an anti theft device to your trailer
- Fit a quality lock to your boat
- Remove valuable items from your boat when you leave it unattended. If you have to leave valuables on board, ensure they are out of sight
- If you are leaving your vehicle parked on shore while you go boating, please make certain that you leave NO valuables behind and that you secure your vehicle properly
- Consider fitting a quality alarm to your boat

Note: Neighbourhood Watch has engravers to borrow. They are just being tested

and tagged by an electrician, but will soon be back (thanks, Bob). Request via our website.

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15 June, from Sheree Panetta
Tell your passengers to stay off their phones while you are driving, I got fined because my passenger was on FaceTime. Honestly didn't know that was a thing 😣

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15 June, from 9news.com.au: Seniors the focus for heartless scammers
Seniors are being targeted by scammers fleecing millions of dollars from hard-working Australians.

In the last year alone, scammers have taken more than half a billion dollars from Aussie victims.

While many people are growing more aware of the risks than ever before, the scammers are focusing on people over 65, many of whom are retired.

More details here.

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14 June, from Australian Federal Police

We may be a bit on the nose but this guy is in the 💩

Back in 2017, a 41 year old man came back on a flight from Chile full of something…and it wasn't fibre.

Yesterday he was sentenced to five years imprisonment for attempting to import 278g of cocaine hidden inside 77 pellets concealed internally.

That's right… straight from his bowels to your nose. A reminder not to use illicit drugs - think about where they may have been! And to those trying to import them - we and Australian Border Force will find you!

Poo puns aside - alcohol and drug misuse is no laughing matter. It affects families, friends and the surrounding community. For free and confidential advice about alcohol and other drug treatment services, call the National Alcohol and Other Drug Hotline on 1800 250 015.

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14 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson.

The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Grandfather, " said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor."

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the

boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up."

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

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TOMORROW is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Old age is a privilege not afforded to many, so it is important we help provide our elderly loved ones with a life they can be proud of. Let's all treat our elderly with love and kindness.
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14 June, from abc.net.au: Seatbelt covers showing emergency medical information prove a viral hit.

Read details here.

From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday13 June [Online edition here**]**
Street Watch [Page 07]

THORNLEIGH

Two men stole more than $1000 worth of alcohol from Dan Murphy's Thornleigh. The two men, described as being of Indian appearance and aged in their mid-20s, walked into the store about 1.55pm last Thursday, both carrying duffel bags. They filled the bags with 10 bottles of alcohol including six bottles of Hennessy brandy. A store assistant approached them but was sworn at before the men fled the store with the stolen alcohol. They were last seen getting onto a train nearby. One of the men was described as being of medium build with a grey jumper and blue Nike runners, while the other man was described as being of large build with white runners and track pants.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS

A Blacktown man was allegedly drug driving with his three-year-old daughter in the car. He was arrested after being stopped last Friday about 5pm on Galston Rd. He failed an oral drug test which was positive for meth. He was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station. A secondary oral test was taken and has been sent away for tests. He is due to front court at a future date.

BEECROFT

A 42-year-old Beecroft man has been charged after he allegedly shoplifted from a supermarket in Beecroft. The incident happened about Thursday at 4.30pm. At the self-serve check out, the man allegedly failed to scan three items worth $100. He allegedly left the store with the items before being stopped. Police were called and the man was issued an infringement notice.

From the North Shore Times Thursday 13 June [online edition here]:

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ROSEVILLE

5 Police charged a Chatswood man, 19, with breaking into a home on Victoria St and assaulting a male resident on 30 April. Police will allege the man was one of two to force their way into the home and assault the resident before fleeing the location.

Following an investigation, on 6th June detectives from North Shore Police charged the man with aggravated break and enter, aggravated enter dwelling in company and assault. He was refused bail and will face Hornsby Local Court.

Email Fraud

Police are urging businesses to use extreme caution when confirming payment details with suppliers and customers via email. A North Sydney business paid over $1m into the wrong account in May after receiving emails from a fake supplier. North Shore Police have received several similar reports recently. The supplier usually takes several days to follow up on the outstanding debt making it hard to recover funds. Emails can be intercepted by sophisticated hackers and police recommend using anti virus software and confirming account changes with suppliers.

14 June, from Lessons Learned in Life Inc.

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13 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW: WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOSE YOUR MOBILE PHONE 📱

Losing our mobile phone can be very distressing, especially these days when they are so much more than just a phone.

If you lose your phone it is important to report this to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 (24/7) as you will need an EVENT NUMBER if you are claiming insurance.

REMEMBER to have your IMEI number ready. This is a serial number specific to your phone and you can find it on the box if you still have it. Otherwise, your service provider can provide this number to you. The IMEI number goes into your police report and is an identifying feature for police if your phone is ever found or recovered.

You can also report online via the Community Portal here.

13 June, from acma.gov.au: Your mobile is often your life saver: Are your details correct?

Watch video here.

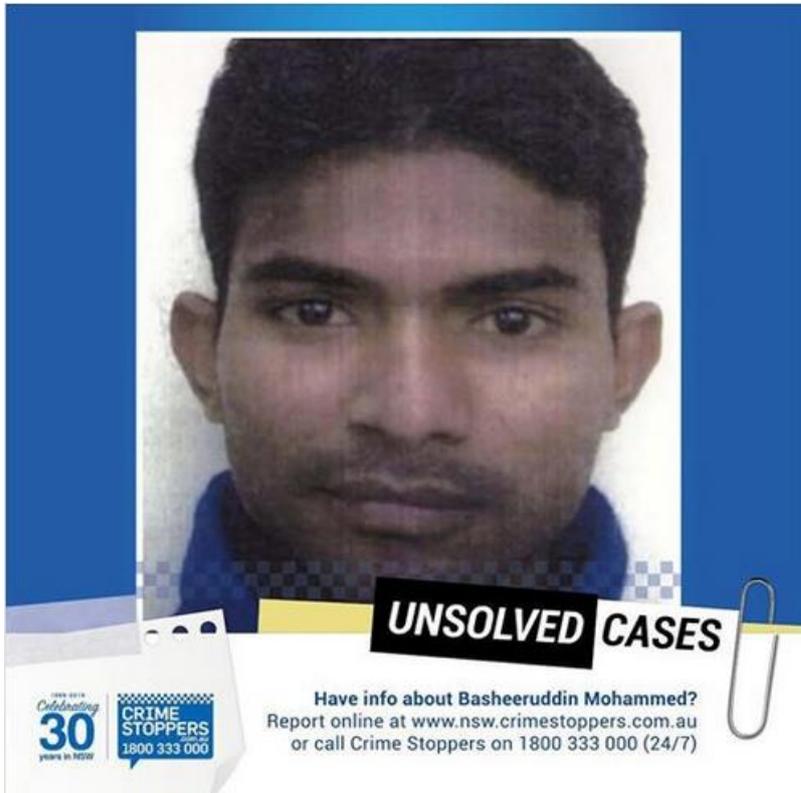**12 June, From southburnettimes.com.au:** Coles' new move to save lives

COLES has teamed up with The Heart Foundation to roll out defibrillators in all their supermarkets and distribution centres by July 1 and train at least five staff per location to provide assistance to anyone in the event of a heart attack.

This means more than 800 locations throughout the country will be fitted out with the machine to combat the shocking figure of cardiovascular disease killing one Australian every 12 minutes.

"All our first aid team members will be trained in the use of the AED, and we have chosen an easy-to-use device that includes audio and visual instructions so that just about anyone can use it in the case of an emergency," said Coles director of safety David Brewster.

For more details, click here.

UNSOLVED CASE

Basheeruddin Mohammed, 37, is wanted in relation to the death of 31-year-old Shoukat Mohammed.

About 10pm on 29 June 2003, Shoukat Mohammed's body was found inside a sleeping bag in wheelie bin on James Street, Redfern.

The victim was drugged and assaulted before being strangled to death.

Police from Redfern Local Area Command conducted an extensive inquiry into the incident, and on 2 August 2003, they arrested a then 32-year-old man who was later found guilty and sentenced to over 26 years in prison for his role in the murder. He remains in custody.

Despite extensive inquiries, police have been unable to locate 37-year-old Basheeruddin Mohammed who is believed to be in India.

He is listed as one of the state's 'most wanted' men and a reward for information leading to his arrest is being offered.

Police urge anyone who is aware of his whereabouts, or has any information that could assist investigators, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Basheeruddin Mohammed is described as Indian/Sub-Continental appearance, 165cm tall, with a thin build, and short black hair.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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12 June, from NSW Government

Could you cut your shower time by just 1 minute? 🚿 If all Sydneysiders did, it would save around 45 million litres of water... every single day!

Your precious declining Sydney Water supply says thank you – every little bit to conserve water helps during this time.

TICK WARNING

Please send this warning to everyone on your Facebook

If someone comes to your front door saying they are checking for ticks due to the warm weather and asks you to take your clothes off... and dance around with your arms up,

DO NOT DO IT! - - THIS IS A SCAM!

I wish I'd seen this yesterday... I feel so stupid.

Pass it on..

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): **000**

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): **9476 9799**

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: @Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](#)

[WatchOut.org.au](#) - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention

Facebook [@NHWKuringgaiHornsby](#)

[NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Facebook Closed group](#)

Twitter [@NHWKRGHornsby](#)

Email [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](#)

Local Facebook pages:

Our Crime Prevention [WatchOut! Facebook page](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#) (technical issues)

[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural (Rural Areas)](#)

[NHW Glaston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural (Rural Areas) Facebook Closed](#)

[Group](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)

 [Gordon (NSW) Community (incl NHW) Facebook Closed Group](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Killara](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra](#)

 [Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga](#)