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This email is compiled by **Neighbourhood Watch** volunteers as a service for residents in the **Kuring Gai** Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the **Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai** areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com). The weekly update usually includes:

- **eyewatch:** A selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page. This includes the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips, etc.

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**08 October: 'Safety Houses'** have been discontinued for quite a while. However, sometimes signage is still around, such as this one spotted in East Killara. If you spot a safety house sign, please use the '**SNAP SEND SOLVE**' App to report the matter to the local council. Details of this App can be found at: <http://www.snapsendsolve.com/>. Or phone Ku-ring-gai Council on 9424 0000, or Hornsby Shire Council on 9847 6666. However, if the sign is on a school, please call Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799.



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**Reminder: Graffiti Removal Day 2013 is Sunday 20 October.** We would like to hear about any community groups within the **Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force** who have organised a clean-up in their area. Please use the comments to this post to include details of a clean-up near you, including times and contact details and say whether you are still looking for volunteers.

For example, we know the guys at many of 'The Sheds' are organising shedders to volunteer as part of 'Rotary Down Under'. The Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop 'The Shed' (based at St Ives Showground) are getting together that day. Please contact Richard Bamann for more details at The Shed 9983 9732.



Graffiti vandalism is a problem across New South Wales and costs local communities millions of dollars each year. The New South Wales Government is committed to reducing this vandalism by encouraging local communities to get involved in the fight against graffiti. To support this goal, the Government has established a state-wide graffiti removal and prevention day known as "Graffiti Removal Day". The aim of the Day is to encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. Graffiti Removal Day is a joint initiative between the New South Wales Government and Rotary Down Under.

This year Graffiti Removal Day will take place on Sunday 20 October 2013. To know more about the day or get involved, please go through the Graffiti Day website: [www.graffiti removal day.org.au](http://www.graffiti removal day.org.au) or phone 1300 665 310.

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**08 October, 9 photos were shared from The NSW Police Force Airwing - Polair,** taken by Polair during the 2013 Royal Australian Navy International Fleet Review. Here's a favourite:



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**08 October, from our Crime Prevention Officer S/C Paul Cleary: Hornsby Police**

**news, 8/10/12 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:**

Incident: Driving offence and warrant for arrest

Time/Date: About 2pm on Friday the 4th

Place: Pacific highway, Pymble

Vehicle 1: Holden Astra

Driver 1: 58 year old female from Hornsby.

Details: Highway Patrol officers were on the Pacific highway at a random breath testing site. Officers saw a Silver Holden Astra stop short of the site and allegedly do a U turn and drive off. Officers stopped the car nearby and spoke to the driver. Investigations revealed the driver had a conviction warrant for her arrest from 2004. Also the driver was allegedly driving while her licence was cancelled.

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 10th of October, charged with driving whilst her licence was cancelled and for the arrest warrant.

Incident: Drink driving charges

Time/Date: About 10.45pm on Wednesday the 2nd

Place: Eastern Arterial road, St Ives.

Vehicle 1: Hyundai

Driver 1: 40 year old male from Waitara.

Details: Police have seen a car travelling along Eastern Arterial road, the car had its high beam lights on and was allegedly within 200 m of a car in front of it. Police have stopped the Hyundai and spoke to the driver. The driver was unaware of the high beam being on or how to turn them off. Police have attempted to conduct a roadside breath test on the driver who, was allegedly unable to or refused to complete this task. The driver was arrested and while trying to conduct a breath analysis at Gordon police station the driver again was allegedly unable to or refused to supply breath for the test. The driver was then charged.

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 24th of October, charged with Driving with the high beam offence, failing or refusing a breath test and breath analysis.

Incident: Shop stealing 2 offenders

Time/Date: Thursday the 3rd

Place: Coles supermarket, Westfield Hornsby.

Details: On Thursday the 3rd, 2 woman aged 44 and 52 in separate incidents are alleged to have stolen items from the store. They did this by paying for some items and not for others, then leaving the store.

Both received Infringement notices for \$300, with the 44 year old female also getting a banning notice from Coles and Westfield for 12 months.

Incident: Boat capsize

Time/Date: About 9.20am on Friday the 4th

Place: Hawkesbury River near the M1 bridge.

Details: A 3.8m 'tinny' was travelling on the Hawkesbury river, The operator a male with his daughters aged 10 and 11 were on board heading to a fishing spot. As the boat neared the M1 Bridge and in the process of turning has lurched causing the driver to fall against the tiller. One of the girls has been thrown from the boat. The boat has spun until it eventually capsized trapping one of the girls underneath. The father has dived and helped the girl 'duck dive' from under the capsized boat. A passing boat has rescued them from the water and 000 were called. The boat was towed to a nearby ramp and inspected. Ambulance officers have attended and assessed them all before taking them to Hornsby Hospital for scans etc. Investigations showed a securing bracket for the seat for the operator had dislodged causing the seat to shift while in a turn. It must be stated all on board had been wearing flotation vests. No action is being taken in relation to the matter. Thanks to the boat that came to their rescue and emergency services.

Incident: Bottle thrown from moving car.

Time/Date: About 6pm on Sunday the 6th

Place: M1 freeway near Berowra

Person 1: 22 year old male.

Vehicle: Toyota Corolla.

Details: A motorist driving a Holden Captiva north bound on the M1 has merged into lane 3 and overtaken a slower car. The Captiva driver then merged back into lane 2. At this time a Toyota Corolla has passed them in lane 3. The driver of the Corolla is alleged to have thrown a bottle believed to be a sports drink bottle with red liquid at the Captiva, this struck the Captiva on the windscreen 'causing a dent'. The Captiva driver has seen a stationary highway patrol car and stopped to report the matter. The highway patrol car soon after has seen the Corolla at the Brooklyn off ramp and stopped to speak to the driver. Another car who witnessed the incident also stopped. Inquiries into the matter are still being investigated with charges likely. It is also worth noting the Captiva had a family inside including a 7 month old child.

Incident: Stolen duck

Time/Date: Between 5pm on Saturday the 5th and 11am on Sunday the 6th

Place: Valley Park Cres, North Turrumurra.

Details: Unknown person/s have unlatched a side gate to a house in North Turramurra and entered the rear yard, they have then stolen a pet duck which was in the yard area.

Correction: The stolen duck didn't end up on a dinner table, as it turns out the owner may have left the side gate ajar and the duck went on a little adventure. The duck had its wings clipped and faced with a partly open gate seized the opportunity, the duck has ventured into the nearby bush. The owner went for a walk later and found the duck on a nearby fire trail. The duck has returned home with his owner with a few quacking good tails to tell.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 4.30pm and 9pm on Monday the 7th

Place: Luxury Afloat business in Brooklyn.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken a padlock and entered a storage shed at the location, 3 outboard motors valued at \$4,500 were stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 2.30pm and 3.35pm on Monday the 7th

Place: Palmerston road, Hornsby.

Details: Unknown person/s have smashed a ground floor rear window and entered the home. Several rooms were ransacked by the offenders, 3 laptops an iPod and jewellery items were stolen, total value of the items is estimated to be just under \$12,000.

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.

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**08 October:** A reminder that school has gone back today and school zones are now in force.

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**03 October, from NSW Police Traffic & Highway Patrol Command: Operation Slowdown this October 2013.** This October long weekend coincides with the end to the school holidays. For all holiday traffic returning home and local drivers please slow down and be considerate. A bad choice can



end in tragedy. Also pushing that extra few Km/h or overtaking that car to be in front, in reality is only a few minutes in the end, so why risk it?



### **Police warn drivers to 'slow down' this long weekend. Issued at 11am, Wednesday 2 October 2013**

NSW Police are warning all drivers to 'Slow Down' at the start of the long weekend in a commitment to reducing the state's road toll, as we get set to start a busy period on NSW roads. Operation Slow Down, the annual state-wide traffic enforcement operation, starts at 12am on Friday (4 October 2013) and will run until 11.59pm on Monday (7th October 2013). Double demerits will be in place for speeding, seatbelt and motorcycle helmet offences. Officers will be out targeting dangerous driving on our roads, focussing on drink-driving, speeding, fatigue and seatbelt offences. As part of **Operation Phoenix II**, a commitment to reducing the state's road toll, Traffic and Highway Patrol officers will be out on our roads and major highways for extra hours as part of the high-visibility operation. **There have been 35 less deaths on our roads this year, compared to the same time last year.**

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**02 October, shared from Brisbane Water LAC:** The hottest winter on record and a warm first month of Spring has prompted a warning from NSW Ambulance about **snakes and spiders**.



Beware the Sydney funnel web (*Atrax robustus*). Picture: Jacky Ghossein.

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**01 October**, Photo(s) from the scene at Mona Vale. NSW police have confirmed at this stage that there are at least 2 people deceased and multiple persons injured. 4 rescue helicopters on scene and triage areas are been set up at Mona Vale and Royal North Shore hospital.



Photo: NSW Incident Alert.





Photo: NSW Fire & Rescue.



**From Neighbourhood Watch Gordon Area 24/12:** Do you live or work in Gordon or Killara? Or know someone who does? Then please pencil in this event.

**Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12 AGM & annual get-together. Thursday, 28 November 2013 7pm Gordon Bowling Club, 4 Pennant Ave, Gordon, NSW.** What have we been up to? Important absorption of Gordon NHW Area 23. Guest Speaker, Cecilia Castle (lawyer) talking about 'Neighbourhood Disputes'. What question will you ask Cecilia? Bring a plate and a neighbour! Our Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary will be available to discuss crime & crime prevention in the Kuring Gai Local Area Command.



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**Some of the information & advice from our Crime Prevention Officer S/C Paul Cleary, speaker at the Turramurra (Gordon 3/4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting last Monday:**

- Beware a front door with leadlights and sidelights. The leadlights can be very vulnerable, due to the use of lead, a soft material.
- Use visible deterrents, such as sensor lights, burglar alarm warning stickers. (email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) for local stockists of stickers.)
- Lock your doors, even if only popping out for 2 minutes, or when working in the back garden.
- Remove keys from locks and keep them away from the doors and windows.
- Phone, car keys, money etc should not be left by the front door, hall table, or on the kitchen bench.
- Jewellery etc should be locked in a good quality safe, bolted to the floor.
- Keep ladders locked in a shed or garage, or chained away from the house.
- Be aware that burglars use wheelie bins to access second floors. Lock balcony doors & windows.
- Remove any remote controls from the car that could be used to open the car and/or garage.
- Dogs are a good idea. But beware a large dog-flap.
- Don't display large amounts of cash in public.

- Secure bags/handbags on your person. Zip them up closed. Don't leave your purse on show.

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In addition to the above 01 October photos of the **Mona Vale Truck Incident**, we have these shared by **Ingleside Rural Fire Brigade**. #Ingleside volunteers from #NSWRFS were the first Emergency Service on scene for some time today at this tragic fire in Mona Vale. Whilst on standby at Ingleside Stn, to protect the community from bushfires due to the temp & winds, we were called to a reported bushfire and on arrival, found it was far from it. Ingleside were quickly backed up by Tumbledown Dick & Headquarters volunteers, Narrabeen Fire Station (FRNSW), 4 other RFS Brigades and numerous Fire Rescue NSW appliances, after about 1 hour the fire was brought under control and extinguished. A tremendous effort in very difficult circumstances by all the #NSWRFS volunteers in attendance along with the many other agencies: ASNSW, FRNSW, NSWPF, RMS. Ingleside Brigades thoughts are with those affected by this tragedy.



Ingleside Rural Fire Brigade was the first Emergency Service on Scene to this Accident & Fire at Mona Vale today. Quickly backed up by Tumbledown Dick & [Warringah / Pittwater Headquarters Rural Fire Brigade](#), volunteers, we were able to deploy a number of hoses & provide first aid. There were a number of volunteers in attendance today including from: [Belrose Rural Fire Brigade](#), [Davidson Rural Fire Brigade](#), [Terrey Hills Rural Fire Brigade Public Page](#), Beacon Hill and Duffys Forest.





Ingleside RFS was the first Emergency Service on scene today to this tanker accident. Picture is of 3 [NSW Rural Fire Service](#) volunteers including [Ingleside Rural Fire Brigade](#) volunteers, here in Breathing Apparatus, using a foam branch to assist in extinguishing the Flammable Liquid fire at the tanker.

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**Following on from the above Oct 03 post about spiders & snakes, we have this tip from an East Wahroonga eyewatch/NHW group member:** It's spider season so the best thing to do is spray your door and window ledges with a surface insecticide every few weeks and be careful whilst in the Garden and Sheds.

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**Some great photos from the Moon Festival on Sat 21 September at Killara High School.** Thanks North Shore Times! <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/north-shore/gallery-fngr8h9d-1226727609493?page=1>

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**From CareFlight an update 'Miracle for Teen Speared in Head' about the 18 year old Lindfield construction worker who cheated death (with link to a must-watch video):** Many of you may remember that CareFlight attended a young construction worker who had a serious accident, leaving Kieran with a length of rebar protruding from his head. Amazingly, he has made a full recovery with very little long term effects, and was released from hospital only 2 weeks after his accident. Watch his story -

<http://aca.ninemsn.com.au/video/?uuid=2705746885001>

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**From Ku-ring-gai Council:** It's time to clear out your garage and dispose of old **unwanted household chemicals** safely at our next free Chemical CleanOut at the **St Ives Showgrounds on 19 and 20 October, 9am - 3.30pm**. Learn more about what items will be accepted: [http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services\\_facilities/Basics/Waste\\_recycling/Houses/Dangerous\\_waste/Chemical\\_CleanOut](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/Basics/Waste_recycling/Houses/Dangerous_waste/Chemical_CleanOut)

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**From the North Shore Times, Oct 04:** The elderly **Turramurra man** who died after his car collided with an out-of-control fuel truck on Mona Vale Road has been described by a neighbour as a "lovely chap" who was always the first to help. - See more at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/north-shore/lovely-chap8221-from-turramurra-lost-in-mona-vale-road-blaze/story-fngr8h9d-1226732749880#>

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**Marine Tip#1** - Record all details of your boat and equipment, including serial numbers, and keep this in a safe place.

**Marine Tip#4** - Engrave any valuable items, your dinghy and equipment. You can use your driver's licence number.

**Marine Tip#5** - Fit an anti-theft device to your trailer.

**Marine Tip#6** - Fit a quality lock to your boat. Consider fitting a quality alarm also.

**Marine Tip#7** - 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.

**Remember** - engraving tools can be borrowed from your local Neighbourhood Watch groups or the Crime Prevention Officer, S/C Paul Cleary 9476 9723.

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**From NSW Fair Trading (You can request alerts such as those below from <http://enews.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/subscribe.aspx>):**

**Public Warning - Infinity Brand Electrical**

**Cable:** [http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About\\_us/News\\_and\\_events/](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/)



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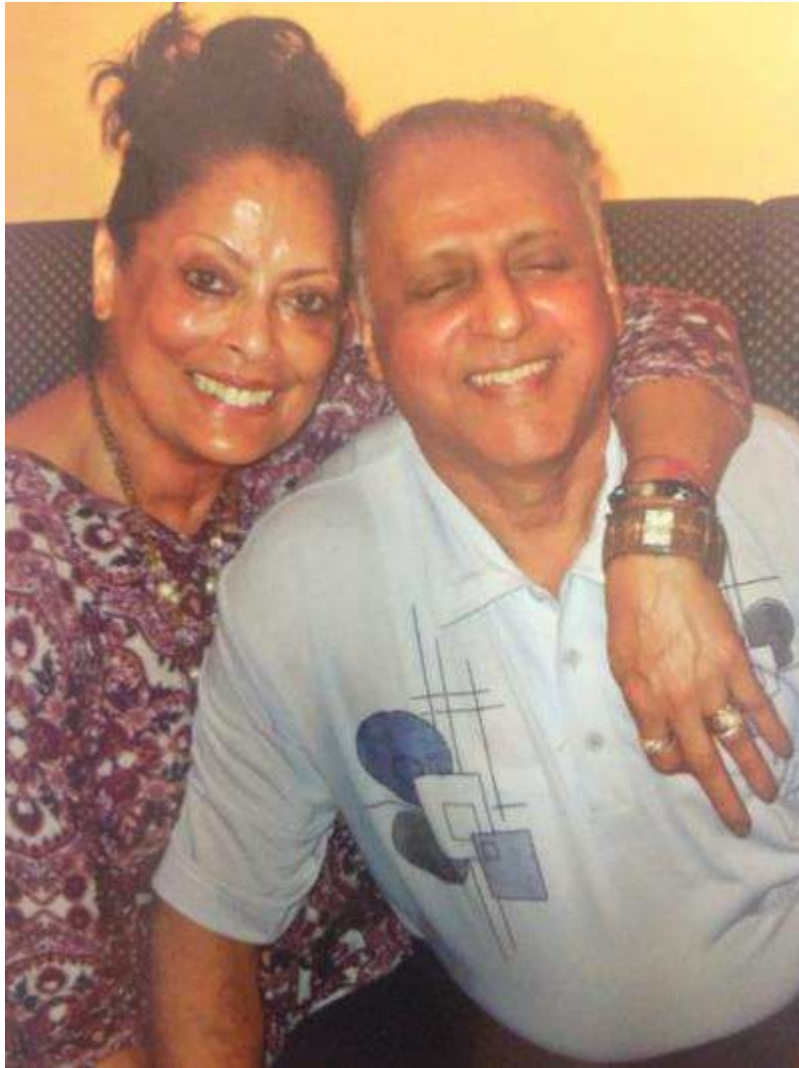
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**Important Reminder from Ku-ring-gai Council: All pool owners are required to register their swimming pools by 29 October.** All information and registration requirements can be found at: [http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Your\\_Council/Organisation/  
News\\_and\\_media/Latest\\_news\\_-\\_media\\_releases/Swimming\\_pool\\_register](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Your_Council/Organisation/News_and_media/Latest_news_-_media_releases/Swimming_pool_register)

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**From the Hornsby Advocate, 05 Oct:** Do you recognise either of these people? Janette Harris from Berowra kindly sent the image in after finding a camera card with 300 photos at Westfield Hornsby in September. The pictures were taken in Pakistan. She would love to return the photos to their owners. If you know anything, email [editor@hornsbyadvocate.com.au](mailto:editor@hornsbyadvocate.com.au).



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#### **Scheduled Road Works (thanks to the Live Traffic App):**

**Mount Colah**, Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd at Belmont Parade Thu 17 Oct to Fri 25 Oct (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. maintenance work will take place over two nights. Partial lane closures will be in place and traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect minor delays.

**Pymble** Pacific Hwy between Grandview St and Telegraph Rd Thu 10 Oct to Fri 18 Oct (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Reduce speed. Check signage. Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

**Berowra Waters Ferry**. Berowra Waters Rd to Bay Rd. Routine Ferry Maintenance Tu 11 Jun to Tu 10 Dec. Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time. The Berowra Waters Ferry will be out of

service on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm. The next occurrence is Tue 08 Oct.

**Hornsby** Pacific Hwy at Bridge Rd. Wed 02 Oct to Fri 11 Oct (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Maintenance work will take place over two nights. Traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect minor delays.

**Galston**, Galston Rd. Mon 23 Sep to Mon 14 Oct (Mon to Fri 7am to 6pm). Both directions affected. Exercise caution. Expect delays. For further information, or if you have any questions, please call Roads & Maritime Services Project Engineer Alan Li on 02 8874 6885 during business hours or email [alan.li@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alan.li@rms.nsw.gov.au) .

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**Do you have any crime prevention problems or questions?** Email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) with any crime prevention questions you may have and we can share the answers with other residents in the community.

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**Your local Police have a facebook page.** Have you had a look? The page can be accessed without logging in to facebook. Simply click on the link: [www.facebook.com/KuringGailAC](https://www.facebook.com/KuringGailAC). This page is where our volunteers copy and paste the posts from, in order to create the email content above.

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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, family, colleagues and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list at [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).



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