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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. 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.

30 September, Hornsby Police news, 30/9/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Stolen car

Time/Date: between 6pm Sunday 29th and 8am Monday 30th

Place: Brookfield pl St Ives

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen a Nissan Navara from the driveway of a house, the Navara

valued at \$22,000.

Incident: Stolen boat and trailer

Time/Date: Between 10.30pm Friday 27th and 6am Saturday 28th

Place: Norman Avenue, Thornleigh

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen a boat on a trailer from the yard of a home in Thornleigh. The

boat was a White and Yellow Star brand, the trailer was home made.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 10.50am and 11.50am on Sunday 29th

Place: Car park in Westfield Hornsby

Details: The owner had parked their car in the car park at Westfield Hornsby, the passenger window was left open. Unknown person/s have stolen a Samsung Galaxy S4 which was on the passenger seat.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 12pm and 4pm Thursday 26th

Place: Stanhope rd, Killara

Details: Unknown person/s have used a rock to smash the window of a Subaru. An Ipod was stolen

from the car and it was valued at an estimated \$500.

Incident: Steal from person

Time/Date: Between 2pm and 3pm Sunday 29th

Place: Woolworths shop in St Ives.

Details: The victim a 68 year old female was in the shopping centre. She has felt someone touching her handbag but thought nothing of it. About an hour later the victim discovered her wallet was missing.

The wallet contained about \$520 and associated cards.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between Thursday 26th and Sunday 29th

Place: Newhaven pl, St Ives.

Details: Several underground unit storage cages were broken into over the last few days. A car amplifier valued at \$2,000 and a push bike and tools stolen from another in the same complex. The bike was a Bronze coloured Ultegra brand custom made bike valued at an estimated \$5,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 2pm Wednesday 25th and 12.30pm Thursday 26th

Place: Killeaton st, St Ives.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home, which was vacant at the time. About 10 windows were smashed, 7 walls were had graffiti painted on them and a TV was stolen. The total damage is not known at this point but is estimated to be several thousand dollars for repairs.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 10am Tuesday 24th and 6.30am Wednesday 25th

Place: Monmouth avenue, East Killara

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home by forcing open a ground floor laundry door. The home was vacant at the time, all the fly screens on windows were removed and thrown about. A flag pole was pulled out of the ground and a basket ball hoop was damaged. Damage is not known as the owner is on holidays.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/date: Between 8pm Tuesday 24th and 6am Wednesday 25th

Place: Railway Avenue, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have forced a lock open on a ground floor rear door to a business. Once inside the cash register was stolen. The register contained no cash but was valued at \$2,000.

Warning: To all who live in unit blocks. The storage cages and garage areas in these units blocks are being targeted by thieves. The storage cages which are in underground car parks are normally constructed of small section steal tubing with wire mesh either screwed on or welded to the frame. The door has small hinges and the securing mechanisms are simple sliding pad bolts. Padlocks are normally used to lock them. The security of these cages is quite simple and easily breached. That means forcing the locks or bending the frames is easy and anything inside is at risk of being stolen. Police have inspected several of these cages and they had very basic cheap padlocks to lock them. Sometimes these cages had thousands of dollars of property inside. Please have a review of the security of the cages and look to upgrade them. Have a qualified trades person inspect them and suggest how best to improve the security.

Of note, high-end push bikes some valued in the thousands have been stolen from cages like these in recent months. If you own a bike like this you are strongly encouraged to take it into the unit with you and secure it there. It is unknown how the bikes were targeted or if it was by chance.

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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30 September: Robbery Prevention leaflet shared, along with updated 'Our 20 Favourite Tips for Businesses'. If you haven't access to facebook, please email NHWGordon@gmail.com for your copies.

30 September: 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 Paul Schiebaan for more details on 0424 751 497.

29 September, from Berowra Waters Rural Fire Brigade: Yesterday at approx 2.26pm both Boat Alpha and Boat Charlie were responded to the **Barrenjoey Lighthouse Fire** with a combined crew of 11 volunteers between both vessels. This fire was very rapid in spread under the prevailing high winds. The waters boats together with 4 other boat brigades were tasked with the evacuation of bush walkers around the foreshore of the headland. The water conditions under the winds were extremely rough wished served to delay smaller vessels, Boat Alpha and Charlie were first on the scene. The official Bushfire season is not yet upon us, it commences on 1st October. Please do not delay in preparing your

27 September, from a community-minded lady in St Ives: Just witnessed some supreme moron speeding way too fast to overtake us and the car in front only to clip a parked car on Eastern Arterial Rd, St. Ives not far from the roundabout near Hunter Ave. We reported it to Gordon Police - the car was a Clio with numberplate "Cup 200" which sped off and turned into Amesbury Ave but unless the owner makes a complaint there is not much the police can do so if anyone knows someone who is missing their driver's side window tonight- hope this helps. As we were driving home from our last dinner out for a while (am 39 weeks preggers with two toddlers in back) - am sending hubby back to put a note on the damaged car as I really dislike people getting away with this!

27 September, TRAFFIC WARNING - NEXT WEEK: Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian has reminded Sydneysiders and visitors that trains and buses will be the best way to move around the city during the **International Fleet Review, next week from 3-11 October.**

The celebration, to be attended by Prince Harry, coincides with a number of major events including the NRL Grand Final and One Direction concert at Sydney Olympic Park. Many roads will be closed and extra clearways will be in place in Sydney's CBD and around the harbour for the Royal Australian Navy's International Fleet Review. Ferries are expected to be at capacity. "This is going to be the biggest celebration on Sydney Harbour in 100 years, and 1.7 million people are expected to participate," Ms Berejiklian said. "Throughout the nine days of celebrations in Sydney, extensive road closures and special event clearways will be in place in various locations at different times. "Getting around by car will be difficult, and anyone who has to drive in the city or around the harbour foreshore during this time should expect significant traffic delays." For all the road closure and public transport information you need to get around Sydney during the International Fleet Review,

visit: http://fleetreviewtransport.info/

26 September: Warning, With the expected high winds just hitting us now combined with high temps the risk of bush fires is high to extreme. There is a total fire ban in place until midnight. To all the smokers out there. **Don't flick your butts out the window.** Over the last few weeks fires on the M1 AKA F3 were started due to cigarettes being flicked out the window of a car. Any suspicious people seen near bush areas should be reported to police ASAP.

26 September, From The Hills LAC, the website with info for School formals and parties. http://www.mynite.com.au/ "Mynite provides a basic summary of some of the most relevant laws that apply to you and your friends when you are out having fun."

25 September: Police have arrested two people over armed robberies at Roseville and Revesby earlier this week.

A 22-year-old man and a 20-year-old woman were arrested at a fast food restaurant at Kirrawee about 11pm (Tuesday 24 September 2013), by police from Sutherland Local Area Command. Police will allege during their arrest and transfer to Sutherland Police Station, the couple bit, kicked, punched and/or scratched seven police officers. A shortened shotgun, cash and clothing were allegedly found when police searched the couple's bags, and officers from the Metropolitan Armed Robbery Unit (MRU) – who are investigating this week's armed robberies at Roseville and Revesby – were alerted. The MRU last night took over the investigation into the alleged car-jacking of a man at Lane Cove, and the robberies of a Roseville cinema and a hotel at Revesby. Police yesterday appealed for public assistance to locate three men and a woman who they believed could assist with their investigations into the incidents. After last night's arrest, the couple were taken to Sutherland Police Station. The man has been charged with:

- Possess unauthorised prohibited firearm
- Possess ammunition without holding a licence
- Robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon x 2
- Damage property by fire
- Unlawfully take/drive motor vehicle
- Deal with identity information to commit indictable offence
- Assault police x 7

He will also face further charges following an incident at Dee Why on 19 September, 2013:

- Intimidate police officer in execution of duty
- Threaten injury to person with intent to prevent lawful detention
- Custody of a knife in a public place
- Assault police

The woman remains in police custody and is expected to be charged later today. Both are expected to be refused bail and will appear in Sutherland Local Court tomorrow. Police are still seeking to identify two other men believed involved in the incidents.

"crying room" and dialled 000 after an axe-wielding gang of robbers burst into the Roseville cinema. http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/north-shore/witness-tells-how-gang-hit-cinema-during-quiet-night-at-movies/story-fngr8h9d-1226725781853





From Neighbourhood Watch Gordon Area 24/12: A huge 'Thank you!' to Bunnings in Gordon for painting away the hideous graffiti that was down the alley way running from Wade Lane through to the Pacific Highway. Not only does it look better, but it makes us all feel safer. Let's hope it lasts.



From Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Area (Gordon 3/4):

Our next NHW meeting is on tonight MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER at 8.00pm at the Turramurra

Uniting Church in the Lounge Area. Light refreshments tea/coffee available. Snr Cons Paul Cleary will give a presentation on " EVERY DAY STEPS TO KEEP YOUR HOME SECURE PLUS FURTHER UPDATE ON LATEST SCAMS". Come along and hear what Paul has to say about increasing your home security and making it difficult for an intruder to target your home.

From the North Shore Mothers Group/Ku-ring-gai Council Protective Behaviours Forum 23 September, here are the four websites recommended by Snr Con Paul Cleary, just-in-case you missed his useful advice:

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/

domestic and family violence/

personal safety and protective behaviours

http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/kids and teens

http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/

0008/107936/resource kit keeping me safe.pdf

Sep 25: Thanks to Northern Beaches LAC

An elderly man was trapped in his car for 40 minutes after it left the road and crashed into a tree beside Mona Vale Rd on Sunday afternoon. Police said there may have been a minor collision between two cars travelling in the westbound lanes and that the man's car left the road and hit a tree about 400m east of St Ives Showground about 1.35pm. The driver suffered only minor injuries but was trapped by confinement until firefighters could cut him free, after which paramedics treated the man for minor injuries and took him to hospital for treatment. Westbound traffic on Mona Vale Rd was disrupted for more than an hour.

SECURE YOUR PUSHBIKES! The Northern Beaches Local Area Command has had a number of push bikes stolen recently from underground car parks of unit complexes. If you have a bicycle and you don't want it stolen take note of the following tips. If you are storing your bike in a unit block foyer/garage/ balcony etc ensure that your bike is always locked with a secure locking device. Here are some security tips for bikes.

- * Use a heavy bike lock a 'D' style is definitely the best and a simple way to prevent theft
- * Lockyour frame and the front wheel to something that won't move
- * If you have quick release wheels- use a second small cable lock to secure the other wheel to your frame

- * Secure your bike in an open place where there are lots of people and good surveillance rather than tucked away somewhere out of sight
- * Always lock your bike up at home even if it is stored in the garage or garden shed
- * Remove any valuable accessories from the bike when stored e.g lights, speedos etc
- * Ensure that your bike is able to be identified and returned to you.
- * Maybe paint the bike a bright colour such as orange or yellow
- * Maybe put stickers on the bike and decorate to personalise it
- * Record the serial number of the bike, make, model and store these details somewhere safe (serial number under the front chain rings)
- * Take a photograph of the bike and store somewhere safe
- * Engrave the bike with an identifiable number e.g drivers licence to ensure its safe return to you. (We have engravers at the station for loan)
- * Mark the bike with an identifiable number using an ultra violet pen

 If you have lost a bike or had one stolen please contact police or bring in a photo to see if any of our bikes are yours.

"Man wanted over home invasion, assault - Cabramatta

Police in Sydney's south west are appealing for public assistance to locate a man wanted over an alleged home invasion and assault. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of **21-year-old Taylor Gambrill**. The warrant relates to the assault and stabbing of a teenage boy during a home invasion on Fairview Road, Cabramatta, in the early hours of Thursday 26th April 2012. Detectives from Cabramatta Local Area Command have been conducting extensive searches and are appealing for public assistance to locate Taylor Gambrill. He's described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 170cm to 180cm tall, thin build, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Detectives believe he may be travelling between south-western Sydney and the Central Coast. Members of the public who see Taylor Gambrill are urged not to approach him but to contact Triple Zero '000' immediately. Anyone with information should contact Cabramatta Police Station on 9725 8999 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000."



Did you know? Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command covers the following suburbs:

Arcadia 2159 Asquith 2077 Berowra 2081 Berowra Heights 2082 Berowra Waters

2082 Berrilee 2159 Brooklyn 2083 Canoelands 2157 Cowan 2081 Dural 2158 East Killara 2071 Fiddletown 2159 Forest Glen 2157 Galston 2159 Glenorie 2157 Gordon 2072 Hornsby 2077 Hornsby Heights 2077 Killara 2071 Middle Dural 2158 Mount Colah 2079 Mount Kuring-Gai 2080 Normanhurst 2076 North Turramurra 2074 North Wahroonga 2076 Pymble 2073 South Turramurra 2074 St Ives 2075 St Ives Chase 2075 Thornleigh 2120 Turramurra 2074 Wahroonga 2076 Waitara 2077 Warrawee 2074 West Pymble 2073 Westleigh 2120.

How can I report a water or wastewater (sewerage) fault?

If you would like to report an emergency water or wastewater (sewerage) fault, the quickest way is to call us on 13 20 90 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). If your request is not urgent, you can contact us online, however please note, our staff can only respond during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 5.30pm), which can lead to delays in attending to possible emergencies.

There is a bad odour near my residence. How do I report this?

To report a bad odour, the quickest way is to call us on 13 20 90 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). We will investigate the source of the odour and either repair the fault, or report it to the appropriate authority for repair. If your request is not urgent, you can contact us online, however please note, our staff can only respond during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 5.30pm), which can lead to delays in attending to possible emergencies.

How can I report graffiti on a Sydney Water property?

If you spot graffiti on one of our properties, please contact us to let us know. We need to know:

the street address and the nearest cross street

- a description of the property that has been graffitied, for example whether it is a building, fence or pipeline
- a description of the graffiti, including the approximate size and whether it is offensive.

A member of the Graffiti Removal Team may contact you to follow up on your report. For your own safety, if you do see graffiti on Sydney Water property, please do not attempt to remove it yourself. We have an experienced team who are familiar with our properties and can remove graffiti safely.

SydneyWater can be contacted on 13 20 90. Alternatively, you can use the reporting form at: http://sydneywater.custhelp.com/app/ask

From The Hills LAC: MISSING PERSON Police are appealing for anyone who may have information about the whereabouts of missing person **Tane SCOTT**. Tane went missing from Baulkham Hills in July and hasn't been seen or heard from since. Tane is an 18 year old male with an olive complexion, solid build, brown hair and brown eyes.



If you have any information about Tane's whereabouts please contact the Castle Hill Police Station on 9680 5399 or if you would like to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/

To share with your 'L' and 'P' platers, from the New York Post: This 22-year-old man had a car accident last year and as a result his nose became infected and deformed. Doctors weren't able to repair it, but decided to take cartilage from one of the young man's ribs to grown a new nose. The nose, which is temporarily attached to his forehead, has been developing for 9 months and is ready to be

 $transplanted. \ Read\ more: \ \underline{http://nypost.com/2013/09/25/doctors-grow-nose-on-mans-properties of the transplanted of the$

<u>forehead/</u> Image: Reuters



One for your diaries: The Role of Grandparents Today, a workshop on Thursday 24 October 10am-12:30pm at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. \$5 incl morning tea. Bookings essential. More info: 9424 0000.



Have you seen 46-year-old Paul Rushworth?



Police from Redfern LAC - NSW Police Force are seeking help from the public to find a man missing since Friday, 13 September, 2013. Paul Rushworth, aged 46, from Redfern, was last seen about 7am on Friday 13 September, telling a friend he was leaving his Boronia Street address to go for a walk. About an hour later, Mr Rushworth contacted a friend and said he was catching a train up to the Blue Mountains. He has not been seen since.

Detectives from Redfern are now investigating Mr Rushworth's disappearance and are keen to speak with anyone who may have information concerning his whereabouts. He is described as being Caucasian in appearance, about 170cm tall, with short brown hair. He was wearing blue jeans with brown walking shoes, red/maroon shirt, with a brown and cream coloured horizontal striped over shirt. Police have concerns for the welfare of Mr Rushworth as it is out of character for him to leave his home and not make contact with friends, and due to his mental state.

Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Scheduled Road Works:

Pymble Pacific Hwy between Grandview Street and Telegraph Rd Thur 10 Oct 2013 - Fri 18 Oct 2013 (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Reduce speed. Check signage. Traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

Hornsby, Pacific Hwy at Bridge Rd. Wed 2 Oct - Fri 11 Oct 2013 (Sunday to Friday 8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. maintenance work will take place over 2 nights. Traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect minor delays.

Galston, Galston Rd Mon 23 Sep - Mon 14 Oct 2013. (Monday to Friday 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.

Mt Colah M1 Pacific Motorway (F3) between Pacific Hwy off-ramp and Pacific Hwy Tue 17 Sep 2013 - Mon 30 Sep 2013 (Sun thru Fri 8pm to 5am). Check signage. Allow extra travel time. Expect minor delays. Traffic controllers will provide access to properties as required.

Berowra Waters Ferry, Berowra Waters Rd to Bay Rd. Routine Ferry Maintenance. The Berowra Waters Ferry will be out of service on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm, until Tuesday 10th December 2013. Advice: Use alternative route. Allow extra travel time.

Hornsby CBD - major drainage upgrade. Council is undertaking construction of major drainage upgrade works in Hunter Ln, Linda St and Hunter St, Hornsby. End date: 30/11/2013. The work involves replacement of old pipe drainage with larger pipes and culverts to increase the overall system capacity through the area.

St Ives E-Watch #1 is looking for a new coordinator from the end of October. An E-Watch is a Neighbourhood Watch community connected simply via email. The area covered includes Walker Avenue and Gowrie Close. Recently it included the Fernbank Retirement Village into its area. Are you around there? Would you like to liaise with the Crime Prevention Officer and other Neighbourhood Watch groups within the Kuring Gai Local Area Command? Please contact NHWGordon@gmail.com . Thank you.

Need to report a faulty traffic light, pedestrian light etc?

You can phone the Transport Management Centre section of the RMS on 131 700 (menu option 4) or enter it via the 'Contact Us' section of the RMS website, link below. This is also the phone number for reporting:

Traffic incidents - crashes

Road conditions - delays, breakdowns, flooding, debris

Vehicles parked on clearways

Traffic signal faults

Damaged traffic signs, potholes, or other road conditions

http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=feedback.form

Thanks to Berowra Waters Rural Fire Brigade for this warning: NSW Health Alert - Watch Out For Measles (24 September 2013) NSW Health is today warning the public to be alert to the symptoms of measles after three young men were confirmed to have been in the community while infectious with measles in the last week. http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20130924_00.aspx

Saturday 12 Oct PCYC Trivia Night Fundraiser. Call 9477 2310 or email: hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au .

Have you heard of this App? From Australian Red Cross: The Red Cross First Aid app is a free, comprehensive pocket guide to First Aid, giving you access to the most up to date First Aid information anytime, anywhere. Download from: http://redcross.org.au/first-aid-app.aspx [Highly

recommended - ed]



New Brooklyn Ferry Timetable: The new Timetable (effective 20/10/13) can be found at the following link: https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynFerryService?sk=app_137541772984354&ref=woobox Direct Ferry Phone Number: 0448101016 Office Phone Number: 0448101010.

From Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Area 24/12: There has been some malicious damage around the **Marian Street Theatre** area recently. If you see any new graffiti, please ring Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799. Of course, please phone 000 if you are reporting it as it's actually happening. Thanks.



Email <u>NHWGordon@gmail.com</u> with any crime prevention questions you may have and we can share the answers with other residents in the community.

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. This page is where our volunteers copy and paste the posts from, in order to create the email content above.



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.



This email has been forwarded to you by Gordon Area 12 / 24 Neighbourhood Watch group. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai LAC, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

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