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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:

- **Project 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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**29th July, Hornsby Police news, 29/7/13** The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Middle range drink driving charge  
Time/Date: About 12.50am on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>  
Place: William street, Hornsby  
Vehicle 1: Holden Barina  
Driver 1: 22 year old male

Details: Police stopped the driver of the Barina for a random breath test. This result was allegedly positive for alcohol. The driver was arrested and a further test gave a result of .099. The driver also had his licence suspended by police.

Court: The male is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Driving under the influence (DUI) and speeding.

Time/Date: About 2.15am on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>

Place: Pacific highway, Warrawee.

Vehicle 1: Holden

Driver 1: 46 year old male.

Details: Police saw the Holden and it appeared to be travelling over the 60km/h speed limit. When police activated the emergency lights and sirens the Holden is alleged not to have stopped. After turning onto the M1 Motorway and about 3km along the Motor way, the Holden has finally stopped, with the driver being spoken to. A roadside breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to Hornsby police station. The driver when requested has not been able to have the breath analysis done as he allegedly fell asleep. For his welfare an ambulance took him to Hornsby hospital where he was left in their care after his details were obtained.

Court: A Wanted Court Notice has been created and he's expected to attend Hornsby Local Court in the near future charged with Driving While under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI) and failing to provide a breath sample.

Incident: Rock through car windscreen.

Time/Date: About 4pm on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>

Place: Mona Vale Road, St Ives.

Details: The car owner was driving along Mona Vale road, St Ives. As the car an Audi A8 was travelling along Mona Vale road a large rock has hit the steel windscreen surround at the front and windscreen which was smashed, the rock has then deflected away from the car. This caused major damage to the car. The driver was not hurt in the incident. There were no bridges or over passes, so it is unknown how the rock became airborne and hit the car. The rock was described to police as being about 10cm x 10cm x 10cm.

Incident: Stealing incident

Time/Date: Between 4.45pm and 4.55pm on Tuesday the 23rd

Place: Myer Hornsby Westfield

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen a Samsung Galaxy Tab 11 from a display shelf at the location. A Samsung Ultra book was also damaged in an attempt to remove it from the

shelf. They were valued with a retail price of \$1,199.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal  
Time/Date: Between 6am and 4pm on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Place: The Glade, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via unknown means. Inside the home several rooms were ransacked with cash and electrical items being stolen. They were valued at an estimated \$12,400.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal  
Time/Date: Between 1pm on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 9am on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Lisa Valley close, Wahroonga

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via forcing the lock on a ground floor rear door. Inside several rooms were ransacked with jewellery and camera items being stolen. They were valued at an estimated \$4,000.

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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**25th July: Reporting acts of cruelty and neglect upon animals.** Please read the following, if you know of any acts of cruelty or neglect please call the Police or the RSPCA.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), the Animal Welfare League (AWL) and the NSW Police Force are committed to ensuring animal welfare standards are protected and that all allegations of cruelty and neglect are thoroughly and professionally investigated. Officers with all three organisations have the authority to prosecute offences under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTA) and have operational understandings and protocols in place between them. The decision whether to report to the NSW Police Force, the RSPCA or the AWL lies with the individual. Police will take all complaints made to them

seriously and will attend and assess a situation once it has been reported to them. They may also seek the assistance of the RSPCA when instituting proceedings particularly for any veterinary care needed.

Just further to the message of animal cruelty, there have been many studies that looked into the minds of violent criminals, criminals who include domestic violence offenders, serial abusers and serial killers. Most of these studies can link back to the early childhood of those offenders who had abused, tortured or killed animals. The studies further stated that had some type of intervention occurred (reporting and investigation of the abuser) that the behaviour of the offender may have resulted in stopping the cycle, therefore stopping the transition into abuse as an adult. So if you know of anybody, be a child or an adult who you know or suspect is abusing animals which include by neglect, please report it. You may just stop a future violent criminal. Do a bit of research yourselves, look at the studies and ask yourself what if it was my family that



became a future victim?

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**25th July**, Do you have a **working smoke detector** in your home or office? A timely reminder from: **NINE Morning News | Bonnyrigg house fire 25/7/13**

At 7:22am this morning (25 July), Fire & Rescue NSW firefighters were called to a house fire at Brown Rd, Bonnyrigg. Crews from Bonnyrigg Heights, Busby and Cabramatta arrived a few minutes later to find the single level home well alight. Five adults and two children had safely self evacuated from the building. Crews extinguished the blaze after about an hour. Sixty per cent of the house was destroyed by fire with a major roof collapse. Great work by crews who stopped the fire from spreading to nearby properties and to the passer by who alerted the residents to the fire.

This is a timely reminder to ensure your home has a working smoke alarm.

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**24th July:** With **National Missing Persons Week NMPW (Sun 28 July - Sat 3 Aug)** about to start this is a great result with a young girl being reunited with family. MISSING teenager Bethany Neville, who disappeared while on her way to school over four months ago, has been found alive and well. The 14-year-old, who was last seen by her family when she left her Kiama Downs in March, has been discovered living in Cessnock in the Hunter Valley. Neville, who was 13 when she disappeared, has been featuring on posters for Missing Persons Week, which is due to start on Sunday (July 28) and runs until Saturday (August 3). **Channel Ten's 'Wanted'** presenter Sandra Sully interviewed Bethany's parents John Neville and Tracy Mahoney, for the crime show, and said it was the programs first victory in solving a case. "We are thrilled for her family. I spent time with mum and dad and as any parent would, they were distraught, wondering how and where she was. "We are so grateful to the Channel Ten viewers they helped us to deliver." Full article

at: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/missing-teen-bethany-neville-found-alive-and-well-after-four-months/story-fni0cx12-1226683921159> .

Around 35,000 people are reported missing each year in Australia one person every 15 minutes. In NSW last year, 12 409 people were reported missing, of those 84 remain missing. NMPW is a national annual campaign to raise awareness about the issues and impacts associated with missing person cases.

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**23rd July: Police are appealing for information after a girl was approached by a man near Turramurra on the weekend.**

Between 10.30am and 12.45pm on Saturday 20 July 2013, a 12-year-old girl was playing soccer with her grandmother at Aluba Reserve, South Turramurra, when she went to use the public toilet. As the girl exited the toilet she was approached by the man and asked if she wanted some lollies. She became scared and ran off, alerting her grandmother to the incident. Police from @Kuring-Gai Local Area Command attended the park but a search of the area was unable to locate the man. Investigators are now looking for a man described as being of Caucasian appearance, bald and heavily tattooed, aged in his 40s or 50s.

Anyone with information about this incident should call **Hornsby Police or 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. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.



Meanwhile, the incident has again prompted police to encourage parents to discuss the 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages with their children, including;

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
  - Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
  - Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
  - Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
  - Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
  - If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
  - If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.
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**23rd July: IDENTITY THEFT.....** Why should I worry about it? It won't happen to me....

Take the time to look at the **PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY - What Everyone Needs to Know** booklet from the link below. It goes into great detail about ID theft and the associated fraud offences. It shows what the crooks are after, why they are after it, and more importantly what they do with YOUR IDENTITY. I do apologise in advance for this being so long but this is the crime trend of this century. It is so easy for the crooks and you must take control of your ID and its security (if you don't they will).

**So what key pieces of your ID are they after** and how will they steal/get it? Your name and your address is pretty much public info by the nature of how we interact in the world. What the crooks want are as follows:

1. your date of birth
2. Tax file number
3. bank account details
4. credit card details (especially those 3 security numbers on the back of the card for online internet purchases).
5. Passport number
6. drivers licence number
7. mother's maiden name.
8. Superannuation details.
9. work details
10. car rego papers.

These are the most used details for proving an ID.

**How do they get them?** Numerous ways, these are crooks after all and they are very creative and resourceful.

They may call you by phone and they will quote back to you most of your details and then ask you to confirm you are the real person they want, one or all of the above. DO NOT under any



circumstances give out any details or confirm your name, or birth date; just hang up. If they have claimed they are from a bank, call that bank and report it.

You may get an email or a pop-up on your screen while on the computer. The email may advise your details have been compromised and you need to 'reset' a password. NEVER respond and never follow a link to another website. Delete the email and keep track of your accounts.

Someone may phone or that Internet pop-up shows up advising you have a virus and they can fix it for you. Chances are you have already been 'hacked' with a virus or some kind of spam. Hang up the phone and disconnect your computer, now contact a trusted friend or a local computer company (you look up) and have your system checked with up-to-date security added.

Leaving documents in your car is a big no-no. All that stands between your documents and a thief, is a window or door lock. So never leave personal info in your car.

MAIL THEFT is on the rise. It is being committed across NSW with some parts of Sydney experiencing it more than others. In the Hornsby and Kuring gai areas mail theft is quite low, but it is still occurring. The crooks may target a whole street or suburb, but this is time-consuming for them. With the growing number of high-rise unit blocks popping up, it unfortunately becomes a 'shopping centre' for the crooks. All those mail boxes in such a small space... and remember crooks don't normally have day jobs. They sleep while we work and they 'work' while we sleep.

#### **So to minimise your risk:**

1. Place a good quality lock on the mailbox. If it is in a unit block, the generic lock is basic and easily breached, so look to upgrade.
2. Clear your mail daily.
3. Get rid of junk mail. (a postie will not remove your junk mail - they will simply put your mail on top).
4. Know when important statements and documents are expected and chase this up if it doesn't show up.
5. Have your credit and bank cards delivered to the bank and pick them up there (they may not like this, but tough).
6. Know when your drivers licence and rego are due. Check if they don't show up.
7. If someone is loitering near the mail boxes, watch them to see if they are 'shopping for mail'.
8. If someone is seen going to more than one mail box (taking things out, not putting things in) make a note of what they look like and call 000 immediately - keep an eye on them and keep updating police of what is going on.

Most importantly report anything suspicious to police or **Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)** Report all thefts to the **Police Assistance Line 131444**.

Finally, I guess to humanise the issue a bit, here's an example. Your ID is stolen and the crooks change passwords and postal address, which can take 1 to 2 months for you to realise. In the meantime, the crooks have transferred your personal savings off shore (you're not getting that back). They have increased the limit on your credit card and run up a bill until it is 'maxxed' out. They have obtained a new Iphone and plan, bought 'high end' goods like a laptop. Then sold your ID to others, so they can target you next.

Again sorry for the long version but it is that serious and the problem is not going away; it is an emerging trend and it's growing.

**PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY - What Everyone Needs to Know** is a booklet produced by the Australian Government, available

from: <http://www.ag.gov.au/RightsAndProtections/IdentitySecurity/Documents/Protecting%20Your%20Identity%20booklet%20%20What%20Everyone%20Needs%20to%20Know%20.PDF>

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**Identify your valuables!** Each Neighbourhood Watch group in the Kuring gai Local Area Command has **engraver(s) and ultraviolet marker pens for you to borrow** and mark your valuables. Please contact your local NHW group, the Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station (9476 9723) or email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) .

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**The next meeting of all the Neighbourhood Watch groups in the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby areas** is scheduled for the evening of **Wednesday, 31 July**. Have you any issue you would like discussed? Would you like to set up a NHW group for your area? Please email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) or contact Paul, our Crime Prevention Officer at Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9723.

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### **A reminder: Hidden Dangers in your Car**

"Your car may have the latest safety features, and hasn't missed a single scheduled servicing at the workshop, [but when you go out,] do you consider what is on the back-seat floor? Or in the cargo area? While everyone is buckled in, they're surrounded by a baby pram, water bottles, a mobile phone and bags of groceries, just to name a few items that might go along for the ride." Any of these objects could turn into a **deadly projectile**.

"There's no doubt that the divider saved my son's life," McCarthy says. "Before I went to that car-seat check, I'd never read a single thing about the dangers of projectiles," she added. "And I read everything about safety I can get my hands on. Why is it that no-one talks about this?" Full article at : <http://www.rdasia.com/node/2954>

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**The Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command host quarterly Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) 'Precinct' meetings.** The membership includes various community-based groups, organisations, police and local government departments in



order to reflect the local demographics. The aim is to address issues pertinent to our area, "to reduce localised crime and fear, by promoting and coordinating multi-faceted approaches to prevention and problem-solving."

The next CSPC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 7 August**. Neighbourhood Watch are represented at the CSPC by Dick Whitaker (E-Watch St Ives #1) for Ku-ring-gai, and by Mick Gallagher (Mt Colah NHW) for Hornsby areas. Have you any issue you would like raised on your behalf?

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### From NSW Fair Trading: A New YouTube Warning Released Today

New South Wales Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe today re-issued a warning on **dangerous gas cabinet heaters** and encouraged consumers to watch a new YouTube video on the dangers of the unapproved products. A home in Port Macquarie was destroyed this week by a fire caused by one of these heaters bought off an online auction site. Three people were transported to hospital with smoke inhalation. The video can be found on the Fair Trading YouTube channel at [youtube.com/NSWOFT](https://www.youtube.com/NSWOFT)



Full article: [http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About\\_us/News\\_and\\_events/Media\\_releases/2013\\_media\\_releases/20130719\\_port\\_macquarie\\_home\\_destroyed\\_by\\_gas\\_cabinet\\_heater\\_fire.page](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2013_media_releases/20130719_port_macquarie_home_destroyed_by_gas_cabinet_heater_fire.page)

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**Teen Techno Tip #7:** Walking along the street listening to your favourite tunes? Be more aware of your surroundings by leaving one earphone hanging.

**Teen Techno Tip #8:** If you do receive something online that is inappropriate, don't delete it! Tell your parents or an adult you can trust as soon as possible.

**Teen Techno Tip #9:** Never click on an 'Agree', 'OK' or 'No' button to close a window on a website you don't trust. This can launch spyware onto your computer. Instead, click the 'X' in the corner of the window.

**Teen Techno Tip #10:** Even if your social-networking page settings are secure, your friends' may not and that could leave you vulnerable.

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### From the Rural Fire Service: Latest Hazard Reduction Advisory for 25th July to 2nd August 2013

27/07/2013 to 28/07/2013	Hornsby	19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 31, 33, 35, 37, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49 Caneelands Road Caneelands 2157	Private	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, Rural Fire Service
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Residents around the hazard reduction burn areas are reminded to take the following precautions:

- Keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering homes
- Keep outdoor furniture under cover to prevent ember burns
- Retract pool covers to prevent ember damage
- Remove washing from clotheslines

- Ensure pets have a protected area
- Vehicles must slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on
- Sightseers must keep away from burns for their own safety
- If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities if smoke levels are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice.

[http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_more\\_info\\_latest.cfm?CON\\_ID=20993](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_more_info_latest.cfm?CON_ID=20993)

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### **Scheduled Road Works:**

**West Pymble, Comenarra Parkway (Doncaster Ave to Parker Ave)** Week of Monday 22 July. Three nights of resurfacing works are scheduled.

**Lindfield, Pacific Hwy between Eton Rd and Bent St** Mon 22 July to Mon 5 August. Sunday to Friday (8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Road re-surfacing work will take place at night. Traffic controllers will be on site. Motorists are advised to expect delays.

**Berowra, Pacific Hwy at Berowra Waters Rd** Mon 22 July to Wed 31 July. Sunday to Friday (8pm to 5am). Both directions affected. Allow extra travel time. Reduced speed limit.

**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.

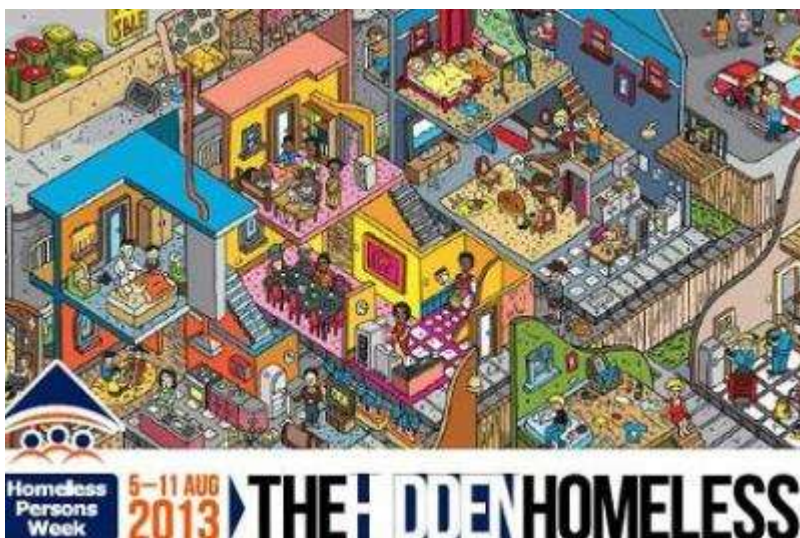
## **WARRAWEE**

# **Road closures given the nod**

ROADS around Gillespie Field in Warrawee are to be closed on September 6 after Ku-ring-gai Council approved a request from Knox Grammar School's parents' association to hold its 55th annual Knox Garden Day.

Chilton Parade (between Young Street and Warrawee Avenue) and Warrawee Avenue (between Bangalla Street and Chilton Parade) will be closed between 6.30am and 3pm.

Thanks to News Local, Live Traffic NSW and Ku-ring-gai council's page: [http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services\\_facilities/ Basics/Streets\\_roads\\_parking/Streets/Roadworks](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/ Basics/Streets_roads_parking/Streets/Roadworks)



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**Poisons Information website:** [http://www.chw.edu.au/poisons/poisoning\\_prevention.htm](http://www.chw.edu.au/poisons/poisoning_prevention.htm)

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### **Illegal Dumping - Is there dumped rubbish on your street?**

Remember, please record: Date and time (you found the rubbish, or saw it being dumped), Exact location, Type of items. If possible, also record: Vehicle registration, colour and make/model, Company name or logo, Photos.

**Ku-ring-gai Council:** Report it to council using this link, or phone 9424

0000 [http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services\\_facilities/Basics/Waste\\_recycling/Houses/Illegal\\_dumping](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/Basics/Waste_recycling/Houses/Illegal_dumping)

**Hornsby Shire Council:** Please report illegal dumping (kerbside, vacant land and bushland) by phoning Council's Waste Hotline on (02) 9847 4856 or use this

link: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property/waste-and-recycling/report-illegal-dumping>.

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### **From Ku-ring-gai Council:**

These 'NO JUNK MAIL' mailbox stickers are being produced as part of the council's sustainability program. They go great with our preventing Identity Theft messages! Collect your sticker from the Customer Service counter, or through your local Neighbourhood Watch group. Or email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) .



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**From the Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate, 29th July:** ROAD rage may have been behind a two car crash on the F3 at Mt Colah on Sunday night. Police have been told that objects were thrown by the occupants of at least one of the vehicles towards a second car before one of the drivers rammed the other. One of the vehicles flipped, landing on its roof and trapping a female passenger aged in her 20s. She was later taken to hospital with leg injuries. The other vehicle continued driving to Gordon Police Station. An investigation has been launched into the cause of the crash. Both drivers are expected to be interviewed.

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**From the Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate, 29th July: POLICE will hold a Community BBQ** in Brooklyn following frustrations from locals that anti-social behaviour in the once-sleepy town is getting out of control. Local residents and business owners have told the Advocate that in recent months assaults, robberies, violence and threats have become out of control and that a greater police presence is needed. Full report in next week's Hornsby Advocate.

**Provisional details are: Monday 5th August 11am- 4pm approx. Community Engagement BBQ** for the homeless and community members - Lower McKell Park (the bottom park). The Advocate and Police Inspectors will attend, who will be happy to discuss policing matters in Brooklyn.

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**From Stay Smart Online, a warning:** Wave of malware and spam follows royal baby news: SSO Alert Priority High

Almost immediately following the royal birth, large volumes of spam emails have been identified targeting interest in the baby prince. Many of these emails carry malware or links to malicious websites. For example, the following includes a fake link to view a live video feed from the hospital.

More at: <http://blog.trendmicro.com/trendlabs-security-intelligence/the-birth-of-the-royal-baby->

[blackhole-exploit-kit-run/](#). See: [www.staysmartonline.gov.au](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au)

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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).

This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. 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 area, 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.

Our mailing address is:

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