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******Project 'eyewatch' and other stories of Interest:

The project eyewatch now has 75,000 fans! As you can imagine, Project **eye**watch has had a lot of communication to-ing and fro-ing this last week regarding the flooding. One bit of light relief:

A photo uploaded by Peter Legge:



Mother of alleged attempted abduction victim appeals for information – South Turramurra #policeappeal

by NSW Police Force on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 11:06am -

The mother of a girl at the centre of an alleged attempted abduction of a young girl in a northern Sydney park last month believes someone would know who was responsible.

About 5:30pm, Thursday 23 February 2012, a six-year-old girl was riding her scooter near the amenities building of the Canoon Road Netball Park at South Turramurra.

Witnesses told police a man allegedly grabbed the girl and started to walk away.

Other members of the public intervened and the man was last seen running into bushland.

Detectives from Kuring-gai Local Area Command are continuing their investigations into the incident and have released a computer-generated image of a man they believe may be able to assist with their inquiries.

The man is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his late 40s, 183cm tall with a medium build and dark or grey hair.

He is also described as wearing dark pants, a blue/grey dress shirt and dark sunglasses on the top of his head.

The girl's mother, who wished to be known only as Audrey, said someone had to know who this man was.

"He is someone's son, father, brother or neighbour," she said.

"Someone has to know who he is and they need to tell the police.

"I would encourage all parents to talk about safe people and places with their kids."

Kuring-Gai Local Area Command Inspector David Hogg said police had not stopped with their inquiries.

"We are highly concerned about the level of intent shown during this incident," Inspector Hogg said.

"Investigators hold real concerns this might happen again to another child.

Investigators have also released images of a car which they believe the man may have been driving. The vehicle is described as being a silver-coloured station wagon .

Anyone with information about the current whereabouts or identity of the man depicted in the computer-generated image or who may have witnessed the incident or seen the vehicle in the

area is asked to contact Hornsby Detectives via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

This man might be able to assist with inquiries into the alleged attempted abduction of a child at South Turramurra

East Killara Neighbourhood Watch Area 25/26 has a facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/East-Killara-Neighbourhood-Watch-Area-2526/269945896351101. CONGRATULATIONS GUYS!

And Berowra Neighbourhood Watch is getting ready for their re-launch using facebook: https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Berowra-Neighbourhood-watch/311144672276657 GOOD LUCK UP THERE!

NEIGHBOUR DAY | SUNDAY MARCH 25TH 2012 | Australia's annual celebration of community - see www.neighbourday.org

The Neighbour Dayconcept was conceived by Melbourne man **Andrew Heslop**in 2003, deeply concerned by widespread media coverage following the discovery of an elderly woman's remains in her home. She had been dead for <u>two</u> years. Mr Heslop wrote to *The Age* newspaper suggesting a National Check on your Neighbour Day. His suggestion became reality and was renamed Neighbour Day. Good neighbours look out for one another and help and support each other in times of need.

Since 2003, five principal aims have shaped Neighbour Day:

- 1.Strengthen communities and build better relationships with the people who live around us.
- 2. Create safer, healthier and more vibrant suburbs and towns.
- 3. Promote tolerance, respect and understanding.
- 4. Break down community barriers.
- 5. Protect the elderly, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged.

Just a thought you may like to invite your immediate neighbour in for morning or afternoon tea on Sunday 25th to mark Neighbour Day. "THE COMMUNITY YOU WANT STARTS AT YOUR FRONT DOOR"

<u>www.vandaltrak.com.au</u> is a website designed specifically to help community groups, residents and governments form partnerships to reclaim their streets from mindless graffiti vandalism.

It mobilises ordinary citizens to report graffiti by using images uploaded from their mobile phone. It's far better than a traditional hotline. The system plots the precise location of each tag using GPS coordinates and catalogues them for reference by volunteer clean up squads, council workers and, eventually, police investigators.

VandalTrak tips:

#7 When taking photos of graffiti ensure to capture some background so we have further confirmation relating to location.

#8 When uploading images into Vandaltrak reduce the photo size either on your phone or digital camera. High resolution images are not required. File sizes around 200kb are sufficient. This will speed up you upload times and time when raising incidents.

#9 Running Google Earth in the 'street view' mode can actually help you specify the exact locations of Incidents, especially whilst entering to the VandalTrak website.

#10 Take a note pad with you to note the general location details, such as the nearest cross street etc. Then when using the Google Earth program, this makes it easier to track where the incidents are located.

And Snap, Send, Solve:

A Phone App called "Snap, Send Solve" is a mobile phone application that allows a person to report to the relevant Council issues relating to maintenance, dumping of large amounts of rubbish, safety issues, large potholes, etc. The program allows for taking a photo, recording details, gives GPS coordinates of problem, allows all details plus an email to be sent to the correct Council (as established by GPS reference) so that the problem may be solved. For the techno daddies and mummies, it works on iPhone, Android, and Windows Mobile.

To download the app, go to-

http://www.outware.com.au/our-apps/snap-send-solve/

To watch a YouTube video of its operation go tohttp://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTUccq4XRFo&feature=player_embedded

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FREE | Darling Harbour

See your NSW Police Force in action at Darling Harbour.

The NSW Police Force is turning 150 years old. We are celebrating with a police expo at Darling Harbour on 1 April 2012.

Involving displays in Hall 1 of the Exhibition Centre - Tumbalong Park and on the water in Cockle Bay.

Police will have all our specialist and general police areas on display. **Project Eyewatch**, **Police Rescue**, **Polair**, **Forensics**, **Dog Squad**, **Detectives**, **Highway Patrol** and every group... will be on display for you.

GENTLE REMINDER - DON'T MISS IT!

KURING GAI POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE FREE SEMINAR "PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS"

MONDAY 19 MARCH 2012 - 6.00PM FOR 6.30 PM TILL 8.30 PM
on: Level 3, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon.

[ACCESS VIA REAR ENTRANCE – OFF DUMARESQ STREET – take lift to Level 3]
Light Refreshments available

We do encourage parents/supervising drivers together with their young drivers to attend as it means they are both starting from the same communication point.

Please encourage your colleagues and friends, together with their young drivers, to join us on MON 19 MARCH 2012 and to make the necessary bookings.

Bookings are essential - please ask them to phone Carroll on 0405 558 660 or email carroll.howe@gmail.com asap to reserve their seat.

According to experts, getting to know your neighbours is a key to living a safe and healthy life.

Social isolation has become a big problem in Australia and can lead to serious health problems such as strokes, University of Queensland social psychology professor Jolanda Jetten said.

"The more connections people have the better their wellbeing and physical health is," Prof Jetten said. "Isolation is one of the big factors that we know affects mental and physical health."

Prof Jetten said having neighbourhood connections was important especially in times of despair because people knew who to call for help.



Hornsby Police news,

13/3/12

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

Incident: Drink driving charge

Time/Date: About 11.40 pm on Thursday the 8th

Place: Pentecost avenue, St Ives.

Vehicle 1: Red Nissan
Driver 1: 38 year female

Details: Police were following the Nissan on Mona Vale road and noticed the car did not have its headlights on. The Nissan has then allegedly turned into Pentecost avenue against a red traffic light. Police stopped the driver. A roadside breath test allegedly gave a positive result for alcohol. The female was arrested. A subsequent test gave a result of .107. The driver had her license suspended by police.

Court: The female is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 29THof

March charged with driving with a middle range concentration of alcohol.

Incident: F3 speeding

Time/Date: About 2.50 pm on Monday the 12th

Place: F3 freeway Berowra

Vehicle 1: Subaru Grey

Driver 1: 26 year old male P2 license.

Details: HWP Police performing speed enforcement on the F3 for north bound traffic saw the Grey Subaru travelling allegedly above the 110 speed limit a check on radar showed the Subaru's speed to allegedly increase from 160 – 175km/h. The driver was stopped and spoken to. He received an infringement for exceeding the speed limit over 45km/h. He also had his license suspended for 6 month.

Incident: Throw object at cyclist

Time/Date: About 6 pm on Saturday the 10th Place: Sherbrook Road, Hornsby.

Vehicle 1: Red Holden

Details: The red Holden was driving along Sherbrook road and as it passed 2 cyclists the rear left passenger a 16 year old male has lent out of the car and allegedly 'popped' a party popper at the lead cyclist this caused the cyclist to swerve due to the noise and streamers. Police who were following pulled the car over and spoke to all persons. All parties were disciplined by police and appeared remorseful and apologetic. They will be receiving a ticket in the mail. The cyclists were satisfied with police action.

Incident: Shop lifting arrest

Time/Date: Between 2.30 pm and 3.15 pm on Sunday the 11^h

Place: Myer Westfield Hornsby

Person 1: 33 year old female from Mt Kuring gai

Details: The female has entered the Myer store and was observed with 2 'Manchester' items in a trolley. The female has allegedly attempted to 'return' the goods. A review of the stores CCTV revealed an alleged stealing on the 6th. Police were called with other items being located allegedly having been stolen. The female received 2 criminal infringement notices for shop stealing and was banned from Westfield.

Incident: Drug possession

Time/Date: About 9.30 pm on Sunday the 11^h

Place: Warrimoo Oval St Ives

Person 1: 19 year old male.

Details: Police patrolling the oval have seen 3 males. Police have approached them and from conversations and observations have submitted them to a search. Police allegedly found a small amount of Cannabis on 1 male. He received a caution for the offence.

Incident: Stolen phone

Time/Date: About 9:45 pm on Sunday the 11th

Place: Government road, Hornsby

Person 1: Described as riding a BMX bicycle wearing all dark clothing and dark helmet.

Details: About 9.45 pm the victim a 30 year old male was walking along the footpath talking a mobile phone when the bike rider has ridden past and snatched the phone from the victims hands. The offender has then ridden off with the phone. The phone a HTC desire was valued at \$700.

Incident: Malicious damage to school

Time/Date: Between 3 pm on Friday the 9th and 8 am on Monday the 12th

Place: Thornleigh West Public School.

Details: Unknown person/s have smashed 2 windows at the school sometime over the

weekend. Damage is estimated at \$600.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident to contact Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

END

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 and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list.

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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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