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This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers within the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC). Thank you for all your encouraging remarks. Please suggest your neighbours and friends join our Distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you. And welcome to our new subscribers!

This weekly update includes:

- Project eyewatch: A selection of stories from facebook, as an example of what's been posted for the week (Please note, the detail is no longer timely).
- Local Neighbourhood Watch meetings, relevant tit-bits, Crime Prevention Tips
- We always include the Media Release that our Crime Prevention Officer distributes on a Monday morning, covering a few of the incidents from the week before in our Command.

The Project **eyewatch** team are coming **10am-12noon on Friday, August 24th to the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers** to give a **Project eyewatch Community Training Workshop**, showing how the police use facebook for Crime Prevention. Did you see the piece in the North Shore Times?

Policing online

 The Project Eyewatch team will visit **Ku-ring-gai** Council Chambers on August 24 to give a Community Training Workshop. The workshop will show how the police use Facebook for Crime Prevention. The workshop will take place from 10am-12pm and is free but bookings are essential. Details: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

From our neighbours in Castle Cove: EAGLE-EYED airport staff and travellers are being recruited to help police keep Australia's airports safe. **The Australian Federal Police (AFP)** has unveiled plans for a program called *Airport Watch*, which will encourage people to report any suspicious activity they see. The national security initiative, based on Neighbourhood Watch, will operate a command centre in Canberra to take tip-offs from the public. The program will be introduced at 10 major airports across Australia.

From our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary:



Police Recruitment & Community Engagement Day 2012
Date: Saturday 8th of September 2012 Time: 10am-3pm

Units attending:

- Polair • Dog unit • Police Media Unit • School Liaison Police • Highway Patrol • Constable Charlie
- Crime Prevention Officer • Recruitment Unit • Youth Liaison Police • Police band
- TAFE and Fairfield City Council • Mounted Police • Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Unit
- Forensic Services Group • Marine Area Command

There will also be food vendors, rides, show bags and live entertainment.
Free entry and free parking on site.
Contact person for event:
Alex Sentana (MCLO) Fairfield Police ph: 97288407 Email: sentale@police.nsw.gov.au

Venue: Fairfield High School
The Horsley Drive, Fairfield



Anti-bullying tips from youth beyond blue:

- ***Ignore the person who is bullying you*** (including contact with him/her via mobile phone or email) – bullies are looking for a reaction and often lose interest if they don't get one.
- ***Stay with others*** – stick to areas where you feel safe and hang out with people you trust. The person who is bullying you won't pick on you as much when there are other people around.
- ***Stay positive and be confident*** – think of all the things you do well and try not to let the bullying affect your confidence.
- ***Keep out of the bully's way*** – it might be possible for you to avoid the person who is bullying you, for example by travelling a different way to school, or avoiding the places that he/she hangs out.
- ***Don't reply to bullying messages*** – it'll only get worse if you do. By replying, the bully gets what he or she wants. Often if you don't reply, the person will leave you alone.
- ***Ask for help*** – if the bullying doesn't stop, you might find it helpful to ask someone else for advice. You should also report it to someone in charge – either at school or at work.

Remember:

- Everyone has the right to live, work, study and play in an environment free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. No one deserves or asks to be bullied.
- Reporting bullying or asking for help, does not mean you are giving in to a bully. It's about looking after yourself and making sure you feel happier and more comfortable.
- If you feel no one believes you or is taking you seriously, it doesn't mean that your feelings aren't valid or the bullying should continue. It's important you tell someone else and continue to do so until you are helped.

Upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting: **Turramurra** (Gordon Area 3 / 4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held **Monday 27 August at 8pm** at the Uniting Church Turramurra, Turramurra Ave. Guest speaker is Tim Brown from FunFit, who will be giving advice on how to 'stay safe'. Tim specialises in self defence techniques and strategies. He will share some tips on how people can stay out of trouble and what to do should they get into a physical confrontation. It is important to have situational awareness. Tim will also share some avoidance strategies, verbal dissuasion, mental preparation and effective physical techniques and principles to assist with conflict resolution. All Welcome.

From the new **East Wahroonga Neighbourhood Watch**, an invitation:

East Wahroonga Community Fair

FREE ENTRY AND FREE ACTIVITIES

Meet the Premier Mr. Barry O' Farrell and our
Mayor Ms. Jennifer Anderson

FREE Face Painting, Balloons, Clowns, Live Music lots more!!

FREE Presents for Kids, Scrumptious Sausage sizzle, Live Music

Get your Pictures taken with the Clown, Police Car, Fire Trucks

A **FREE** Community event to promote the EyeWatch and
how to keep our families safe

Cherrywood Reserve (Cherrywood Avenue / Bunyana Avenue)

Time : 10:00 AM, 26th August 2012 (Sunday)

Entry by invitation only. If you have not received your invitation
call 04 3188 1478

An alcohol-free, non-profit, event for local Families, Conditions apply
subject to change without notice.



Neighbourhood Come along to a great fun day, with all proceeds going to the **Ku-Ring-Gai Youth Development Service (KYDS)**. Project **eyewatch** will be there - you'll kick yourself if you haven't been along to the previous Friday's Project **eyewatch** Community Training workshop (see above)! Century 21 Cordeau Marshall are joining in, as sponsors of the face-painting and clowns etc. And AMDG Photography are assisting with photos. And the Bush School are providing the live music. And electrical help is from GDM Electrical - meet them at the fair to discuss your requirements. Thank you to everyone. Let's hope it's a great day!

From our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary:

Media release

Kuring-gai LAC

Retired police officers function

As part of the 150th police celebrations, NSW police are holding a 'retired police officers' function at Chatswood Police station, 63 Archer Street, Chatswood on Monday 6th September 2012.

Retired police are required to register for the event and will be presented with a 150th year pin. Hornsby police are keen to hear from retired police officers from within the Kuring-gai LAC who would like to attend.

Retired officers can email or ring their interest for the event.

Registration closes 27th of August.

**Contact - Inspector Neil Higgins
Hornsby Police Station
Phone – 9476-9709
Email – higg1nei@police.nsw.gov.au**

Following the unfortunate experience of an **East Wahroonga resident**: Don't ignore your dog barking! The residents were happily watching tv together when their dog barked persistently. They shouted at it to shut up. Unfortunately the dog was warning its owners of the thief who had let himself into the house through the unlocked front door, stolen valuables, then left. If only they had responded to their dog differently...

~~August 14th. NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe is warning the public not to deal with George Sekuloski, also known as Goco Sekuloski, an online trader and director of Bulk Imports & Exports Pty Ltd. Fair Trading investigators executed a search warrant yesterday at a commercial business premises in Sydney as part of an ongoing investigation into Mr Sekuloski and his companies. Business records, computers, loose brand name labels and other items were seized. George Sekuloski is listed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as the sole director of: Bulk Imports & Exports Pty Ltd (ACN 131 768 084); HTR Caravan and Camping Pty Ltd (ACN 154 876 954); and, Earth8 Construction Pty Ltd (ACN 154 876 000). Bulk Imports & Exports Pty Ltd has registered the following business names: Solar Energy Store~~

~~International (BN08531802); EProducts (BN08440073); and, Luxury Home Products (BN08440740). George Sokulski is also known to trade under the names of: Solar Energy Store; OzEpicDeals; Eproductshop; Double gear; Esales_superstore; Online group; Solar Energy Store Australia; and, Lhpnet.au. George Sokulski has two business premises at Seven Hills in Sydney and advertises by website and 4x4, camping, caravanning and RV magazines. He sells products including solar panels, generators, spas, saunas and camping and caravan equipment.~~

August 14th: NSW Fair Trading Minister Anthony Roberts is warning consumers to be wary if **purchasing extended warranties** on products and services. Mr Roberts reminded consumers that if purchasing an extended warranty, to make sure they are getting protection above and beyond those guarantees already provided by Australian Consumer Law (ACL). Mr Roberts said the ACL already gives people free protection and ensures goods and services must be of an acceptable quality, free from defects and fit for purpose. Consumers have the right to a remedy, including repairs or replacement, if goods or services fail to meet a consumer guarantee. "People often underestimate their rights at law and may be convinced of the need to buy an extended warranty when they don't actually need one," he said. "Consumers have the right to a remedy, including repairs or replacement, if goods or services fail to meet a consumer guarantee."

August 15th: 'Global Roll' - a world-first charity initiative set to span five continents, twelve countries and 50,000km. Sydney participants will roll a giant globe, beach ball, wheelbarrow and rugby league ball. For further information see www.globalroll.org. **HOT OFF THE PRESS!** Our NSW Premier, the Hon Barry O'Farrell MP, will be opening our event in front of Parliament House on Friday morning. He will also be joining us in the Roll! Will you join us too? Choose a charitable cause and come Roll with us this Friday 17 August.

Friday 17th: The **#BledisloeCup** is taking place tomorrow at Sydney Olympic Park and we'd like everyone to be on their best behaviour. A large crowd is expected, so please make use of the free return public transport included in your tickets. ANZ Stadium also has the right to refuse entry to intoxicated and disorderly people. All the best to the Wallabies! We'll be proudly cheering you on.

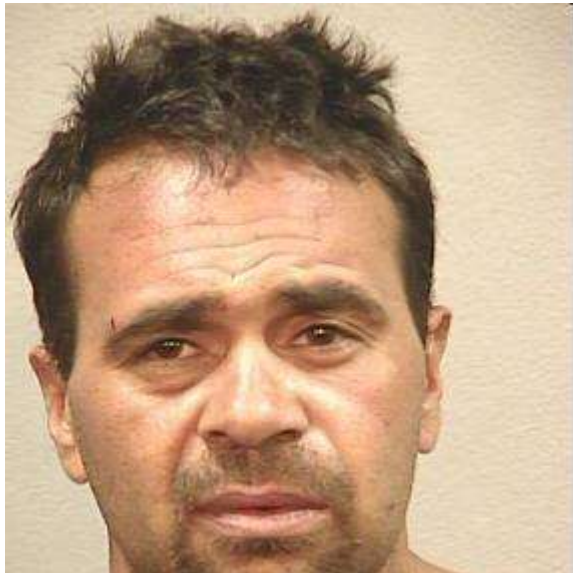
[The **'#'** symbol in front of #BledisloeCup is a **'hashtag'** used in **'Twitter'**. It is used to mark keywords or topics in a Tweet. It was created organically by Twitter users as a way to categorize messages. People use the hashtag symbol # before a relevant keyword or phrase (no spaces) in their Tweet to categorize those Tweets and help them show more easily in Twitter Search. Clicking on a hashtagged word in any message shows you all other Tweets marked with that keyword.]

WANTED BY POLICE: Jeffrey McKELLAR

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man who is wanted over an alleged sexual assault in the state's west. Jeffrey Thomas McKellar, 36, is wanted on two first instance arrest warrants. In 2010 police from Darling River Local Area Command charged McKellar over the

alleged sexual assault of a woman in Bourke in 1996. He was placed on bail but failed to appear for the trial at Dubbo District Court on Monday (13 August 2012).

He's described as being of Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander appearance, 171cm tall, of medium build and about 80kg. He has short black hair and brown eyes. McKellar is known to frequent the New South Wales towns of Wentworth, Dareton and Bourke, as well as Mildura and Geelong in Victoria. Members of the public urged not to approach him but to contact Triple Zero (000) immediately if they believe they have seen him.



Anyone with information about his whereabouts can also contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

On Saturday: Did you just see Westleigh 1 Bravo responding through Westleigh? They were responded to reports of a fire in the Westleigh Quarry just off the Timbarra Fire Trail. They found a large camp fire, extinguished it and have just returned to station.

On Sunday: A crew from Westleigh will be participating in a Hazard Reduction burn tomorrow (Monday 20 August 2012). It's location will be Berowra Valley Regional Park, between Gum Leaf Close, Binya Close to Calna Creek and Benowie Walking Track, Hornsby Heights. Smoke will be visible in the local area. Only call Triple Zero (000) if you see unattended fire. PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.



Another picture from hazard reduction burns being undertaken in Sydney's north today. Do you recognise this location? This was once the ranger headquarters from a very famous Australian television show. Photo by: Bernie O'Rourke NSWRFs.

August 15th: NSW Police have been handed the keys to a brand new **9 tonne BearCat** as part of the national counterterrorism funding. The armoured rescue vehicle - our second BearCat - will contribute to capability and keeping our officers safe. It is used throughout the world by law enforcement agencies due to the high level of protection it offers. See the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAl1OxrLKio&feature=em-uploademail>

Another from our Castle Cove NHW neighbours: Find out why speed cameras work? See where speed cameras are currently located. Have your say about where you think speed cameras should be on NSW Roads: Visit the Safer Roads website at www.saferroadsnsw.com.au.

Helpful hints #53: Did you know that if you invite someone into your home and they steal an item, that you are probably **not insured**? Always chose your tradesperson, not them chose you! Check their references.

www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Look also for Gordon, Mount Colah, eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara and other Neighbourhood Watch

areas.



Unfortunately due to pressures, there is no Media Release to share this week from the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

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 at 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.

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