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Press Release  
North Shore Local Area Command

Here is the latest Press Release from the North Shore LAC

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A 39 year old Crows Nest man was arrested and charged with assault offences after an incident at the Great Northern Hotel on Friday night. Police were called to the hotel around 11.40pm after a patron began fighting with security staff. Police arrived to find the man outside the hotel still arguing with security. Police moved the man away from those present and began to speak with him, at which time he threw himself on the ground and refused to move. Whilst Police were attempting to deal with the man he lashed out and punched a female officer. He was quickly arrested, and continued to struggle with Police, lashing out with his arms and legs towards Police. He was eventually subdued with the use of Capsicum Spray before being taken to Chatswood Police Station, where he was charged with Assault and Resist Police. He will appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 4th of June, 2008

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Police are appealing for witnesses after a single vehicle accident left a 29 year old Artarmon man in a critical condition on Friday morning. The accident occurred at the intersection of Ella and Herbert Street shortly after midnight. It appears that the man's green Subaru sedan was travelling north on Herbert Street before crossing to the wrong side of the road before mounting the kerb and continuing through a fence, where it collided with a tree. A security guard working nearby called Police after he heard a loud crash. The guard flagged down a passing motorist for help to remove the driver from the car when he saw the cabin filling with smoke from the engine bay. The driver was unconscious and unresponsive. Ambulance crews arrived a short time later, and the man was treated at the scene before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition. He is currently in the Intensive Care Unit with head and internal injuries. Anyone who may have been in the area around the time of the collision and who has information which could assist police is asked to call Chatswood Police Station on 9414 8499

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Residents of Castlecrag could have been forgiven for thinking they were on the set of a Police Academy film on Thursday afternoon when local Police were called to the area to rescue a cat which had become stuck in a tree. Police were called to Warners Park after Oliver, a two year old feline became stuck on a tree branch 25 metres in the air. Oliver's owners were concerned when he failed to come back down after three days. Police quickly assessed the situation and decided to call in reinforcements from Crows Nest Fire Brigade. They soon arrived and determined that Oliver was too high for their ladders, and it was decided that the only option was to call on "Bronto," the Fire Brigade's high reach ladder platform. Bronto was no sooner set up and hoisting its two intrepid Fire Fighters skywards when Oliver became displeased with the attention he was receiving, and promptly ran back down the tree to his thankful owner, who took him straight to the vet for a checkup. Despite the risks associated with a hungry and frightened feline, no emergency services workers were injured in the operation.

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Police within the North Shore Local Area Command have noticed a marked increase in Break Enter and Steal Offences which are occurring while the premises are occupied. All residents of the North Shore Local Area Command are encouraged to be aware of their home security arrangements and ensure that they lock-up their homes and out buildings even when they are at home during the evening. Offenders are targeting unlocked doors and windows to gain access to homes.

Thieves are targeting property such as wallets, jewellery and electronic equipment. Items such as wallets and car keys should be kept in the bedroom at night, not left unattended in the home. Residents are reminded to engrave property where possible, and record serial/model numbers of electrical equipment. This information is important as property can be readily identified, quickly returned to the owner, and offenders identified.

If residents notice any suspicious or out of the ordinary behaviour, they are encouraged to call 000 or Chatswood Police Station of 94148499 at the time the behaviour is happening. Police are particularly interested in descriptions of persons or vehicles involved, however residents are advised not to put themselves in dangerous situations to obtain this information.