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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** area also. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

A further media release for this week was posted on the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page and emailed:

17th April, Hornsby Police news, 17/4/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Shop Stealing

Time/Date: Between 12.20pm and 12.30pm on Tuesday the 16th

Place: ICE design Westfield Hornsby

Person 1: 15 year old female.

Details: The female has entered the store and selected a pair of jeans and a dress then entered the change rooms. The female is alleged to then place the items in a carry bag she had and leave the store without paying for them. The female was detained by store staff and police were called. Certain admissions were allegedly made. She is to receive a caution for the offence.

Incident: Shop Stealing.

Time/Date: About 5.30pm on Monday the 15th

Place: Coles Westfield Hornsby

Person 1: 35 year old female

Details: The female has entered the store with her son in a pram. The female is alleged to have then placed (hidden) numerous items in a storage compartment at the bottom of the pram covering them with a blanket. The female has then paid for a few other items and is alleged to have left the store without paying for the 'hidden' items. She was detained by store staff and police were called. The total of the items was \$299.59. The female allegedly made certain admissions and received a Criminal Infringement Notice for the offence.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 5pm on Sunday the 14th and 5.30pm on Monday the 15th

Place: Twickenham close, Thornleigh

Vehicle 1: BMW

Details: A BMW was parked at the above location but was left unlocked, unknown person/s have entered the car and stolen a total of \$1,400 in cash from the centre console.

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: Between 10am and 10.50am on Monday the 15th

Place: ICE design Westfield Hornsby

Person 1: Described as being a 15 – 19 year old female of Caucasian appearance with Brown hair.

Person 2: Described as being a 15 – 19 year old female of Caucasian appearance with Brown hair with pink hi-lites.

Details: 2 unknown females have entered the store and removed from display racks a pair of shorts, 3 shirts and a pair of thongs then left the store without paying for them. They had total value of \$97.

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.

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17th April: from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary:

Protecting your car

Having personal items stolen from your car is inconvenient, distressing and expensive. You face the cost of replacing those items, and also the cost of repairing damaged windows or locks. Most thefts from cars are crimes of opportunity: the items stolen can be seen from outside the vehicle, and a window is broken.

Keep your possessions safe:

The following are 'hot items' that are usually left in cars and stolen.

Usual method of theft:

Number Plates stolen - method Removed with a screwdriver

What can you do? Install theft-resistant number plate screws

(number plates are stolen, then used in fuel theft offences at servo's can cost over \$100 to replace your plates).

GPS devices stolen - method Smashed window

What can you do? Remove portable GPS devices when you park your car. Wipe off suction marks left on your windscreen and turn off Bluetooth devices (other bluetooth devices can 'sniff' your bluetooth device).

Cash stolen - method Smashed window, forced lock

What can you do? Don't leave any valuables in your car

Laptop computer, mobile phone stolen - method Smashed window, used Bluetooth to detect presence.

What can you do? Turn off Bluetooth devices and don't leave valuables in your car.

Money and other valuables stolen - method Smashed window, forced lock.

What can you do? Don't leave any valuables – no matter how small – in your car.

More information at: <http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/cpd/protectcar.html,c=y>

Ku-ring-gai Council 'Festival on the Green', Sunday 5 May, 10am - 4pm at the St Ives Village Green. Please come to the Police stall for all your Crime Prevention questions answered.

www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Have you had a look? (The page can be accessed without being logged in to facebook.)

Email NHWGordon@gmail.com with any crime prevention questions you may have that could be shared with the community.



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 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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