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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 colleagues, family, neighbours and friends join our distribution list by emailing: [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com). 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. (NB: The detail is no longer timely.)
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips
- **Media Release:** Our Crime Prevention Officer distributes this usually on a Monday morning. It covers a few of the incidents from the week before in our LAC.

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From Ku-ring-gai Council: Want to report a problem to us on the run? Download the **Snap Send Solve app** for your mobile - whether it's a pot hole, fallen tree or an illegally parked car - it's so easy to report it to us on this app! Give it a go! <http://www.snapsendsolve.com/>

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**September 27th:** A 48-year-old Ryde man and a 40-year-old Ryde woman are the latest arrests in one of the most successful **identity crime syndicate** disruptions in Australian law enforcement history.

Since October 2011, two facilities manufacturing false documents and credit cards have been shut down, with a total of eight members of a highly sophisticated identity crime syndicate arrested. Police have now seized more than 15,000 false credit cards, with an estimated potential fraud value of \$37.5 million. This includes 12,000 false credit cards seized in November 2011, which was the largest singular seizure of fake credit cards in Australian history. Major manufacturing equipment has also been seized throughout the investigation.

The 48-year-old man has been charged with the following offences:

- Dealing in proceeds of crime, \$100,000 or more contrary to section 400.4(2) of the Criminal Code 1995
- Dealing in proceeds of crime, \$50,000 or more contrary to section 400.5(2) of the Criminal Code 1995
- False or misleading information contrary to section 136(1)(a) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006
- Using a false document, contrary to section 254 of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW).

The 40-year-old woman has been charged with the following offences:

- Dealing in proceeds of crime, \$100,000 or more contrary to section 400.4(2) of the Criminal Code 1995
- Using a false document, contrary to section 254 of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)
- Possession of equipment and materials for making false documents. contrary to section 256(1) of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)
- Dealing with identification information, contrary to section 192J of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)
- Using a telecommunications network with intent to commit a serious offence, contrary to section 474.14 Criminal Code Act 1995, by virtue of section 192J of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)
- Forgery – making false document, contrary to section 253 of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)
- Possession of identification information, contrary to section 192K of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)
- Possession of false document, contrary to section 255 of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW).

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Do you want to **be part of Project eyewatch - designed to help Police & community find local solutions to local problems?**

Worried about going to Hornsby station after dark? Need advice about securing your Hornsby

Heights home? Do you want access to an officer to ask something that's been bugging you? Want to know more about the crime in Brooklyn, or the vandalism near to your business in Pymble? There are hundreds of reasons like these to join in with the '21st Century Neighbourhood Watch'. Click on the link to find out more about Project eyewatch: [http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about\\_us/structure/operations\\_command/project\\_eyewatch/about\\_project\\_eyewatch](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about_us/structure/operations_command/project_eyewatch/about_project_eyewatch). Then download the 'eyewatch group joining form' at the following link: [http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/208577/Eyewatch\\_application\\_form2.pdf](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/208577/Eyewatch_application_form2.pdf). Complete the form and bring it along to Hornsby Police Station with your driver's licence: Once security checked you will be invited to join in with the Hornsby area, or the Ku-ring-gai area groups. If you have any questions, post them on the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page, or phone 9476 9723 to speak with Paul or Mal, your Crime Prevention Officers.

**What's a 'Closed Group'?** A 'Closed Group' allows members to discuss issues in private, in a safe & secure environment. It's described as 'secure' because the Police do a licence check on members prior to access. Although this seems like an inconvenience to some, it is a reassurance that others prefer to have, before opening up and sharing issues about crime and criminals. During a 'virtual meeting' with the group 'behind closed doors' you will be interacting directly with Police Officers. Postings in between meetings will always be under the supervision of the Police. You can see how the inconvenience of a licence check is necessary for the integrity of the group and safety of all its members.

"The Police Crime Management Unit will conduct a CNI enquiry and risk assess the suitability of the applicant. This assessment will be made on a case by case basis, however the **following persons will be excluded** from joining any closed eyewatch precinct group:

- Persons on the Child Protection Register;
- Persons affiliated with criminal enterprises or gangs;
- Persons who have been or are subject to the NSW Police Force Suspect Targeted Management Profile System;
- Any person who has been convicted and served penal servitude for more than five consecutive years."

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NRMA research found seven parents a day had been booked for not having a child under seven fastened in an approved child restraint. We think its alarming that such little education and awareness is out there around parents keeping their children safe in cars. To find the right restraint for your child or grandchild go to <http://www.mynrma.com.au/motoring/child-road-safety.htm> In educating the public, NRMA experts will be at the Baby & Toddler Show at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre this weekend to do fitting demonstrations and provide

information on child restraints.

**Hornsby Council is holding FREE Child Restraint Safety Checks** for residents on Thursday 25th October. Bookings Essential. Phone 9847 6616.

**Ku-ring-gai Council is holding FREE Child Restraint Safety Checks** for residents on Wednesday 17th October. Bookings essential. Phone 9424 0798.

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**Neighbourhood Watch Australasia** are inviting any member of a Neighbourhood Watch to take part in an online survey. It takes around 20 minutes to complete. This is the first time that community feedback has been requested in this manner, and will assist them with long term sustainability. Thank you:

[http://nhwa.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_surveyforce&view=survey&Itemid=117](http://nhwa.com.au/index.php?option=com_surveyforce&view=survey&Itemid=117)

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**Bush fire alert** LOC: Crosslands Rd Galston Approx. 500 metres north from end of sealed road sector

About 1650 on the 24/09/12 police attended Crosslands Road, Galston, in relation to a fire in the bushland at the location. At the scene police have gained an appraisal from a fire investigator, who had formed the opinion the fire was deliberately lit. It was most likely that more than one area had been lit and the separate fires had joined. It is believed the fire had started some time early that morning and possibly had been burning for a number of hours before NSW fire brigade was contacted. The fire was quickly contained and extinguished.

Police are advising members of the community to **be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles parked in the vicinities of bushlands** and be aware of any regulated burn offs, if in doubt contact police or local fire service.

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NEW Facebook page **F3voicealerts - F3 Freeway Voice Alerts** - Like this page to receive in your News Feed regular F3 Freeway traffic and incident updates. All alerts are voice recordings. [@F3VoiceAlerts on Twitter](#)

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A 33 year old woman was charged with four outstanding warrants after coming under Police notice for her **behaviour on a city bound train** on Thursday night. (20/9) Chatswood Police met the train at 8pm at Chatswood Railway Station after being alerted to the woman's behaviour by

City Rail staff as the train travelled from Hornsby. Police escorted the woman from the train at which time they became aware that the woman had four outstanding warrants. Police placed the woman under arrest, at which time it is alleged that she has resisted Police, and a wrestle ensued. The woman was quickly restrained and then taken to Chatswood Police Station, where she was charged by virtue of the warrants. She was refused bail and appeared at Hornsby Local Court on the 21/9.

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The following tips can help make sure your home remains your castle **while you're away on holiday**:

- \* Fit all doors and windows with good quality keyed locks and used them whenever the home is empty.
  - \* Make your home looks lived in by having a neighbour or friend empty your mailbox each day, and put your bins out and in each week.
  - \* You can also use simple plug in timers on lamps or radios inside the home to have them turn on and off throughout the day to make it look like someone is home.
  - \* Allow a neighbour or friend to park in your driveway to again make it look like the house is occupied.
  - \* Let neighbours know if you are expecting anyone to come to your home, and if not instruct them to call the police if they see anything suspicious.
  - \* Make sure your lawns don't become overgrown.
  - \* Don't change your answering machine message to say that you are away.
  - \* Similarly - don't post on Facebook that you are going to be away - thieves use computers too!
  - \* Consider a monitored alarm system so that someone is alerted if your home is broken in to.
  - \* Install security / sensor lights around your home to alert neighbours to any movement around your property at night.
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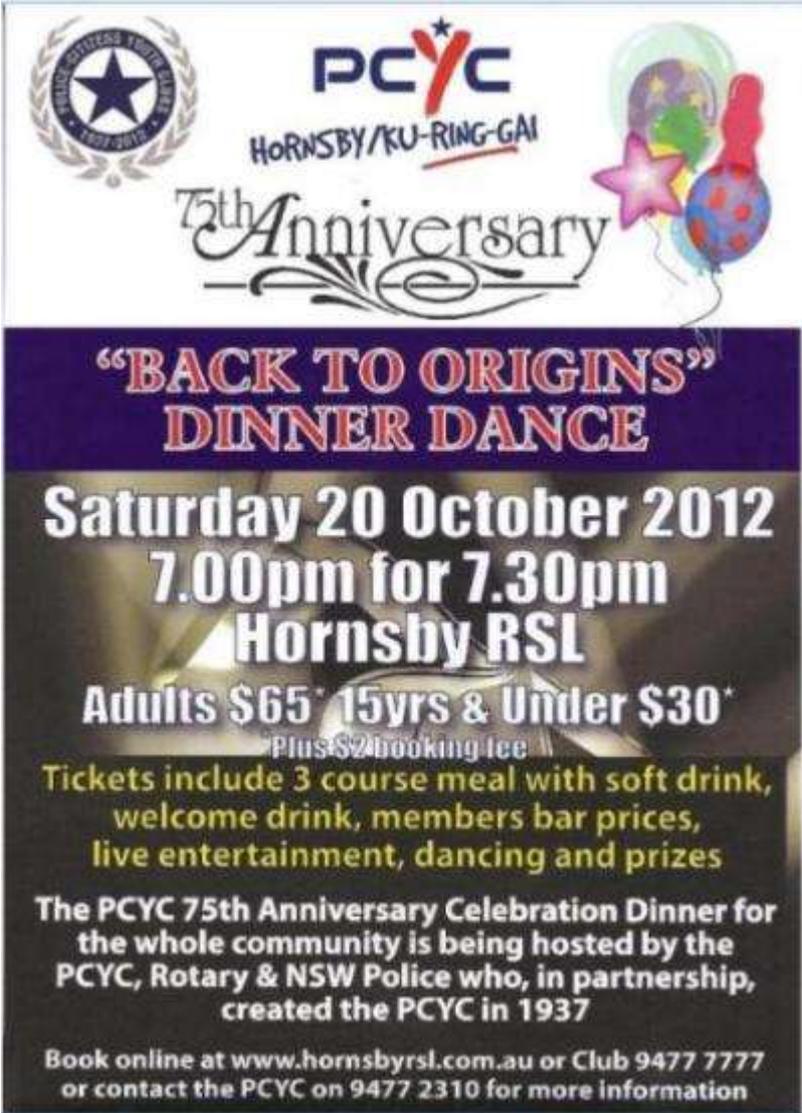
**About 2130hrs on 23/9/2012**, while on a routine patrol, police spotted heavy smoke coming from the vicinity of a residence on **Pacific Hwy, Berowra**. Upon closer inspection police located a large fire which appeared to be coming from a window of the house on the southern side of the building. Due to the intensity of the fire police were unable to gain access to the premises. At 9.40pm NSW Fire crews from Berowra, Beecroft and Hornsby attended and dealt with the fire. During police officers investigations at the scene police ascertained that the elderly occupants of the fire had, in fact, relocated to another property a few doors down a couple of days earlier. Fire crews, at this stage, believe the fire to be electrically related.

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**Graffiti Update:** Police are requesting members of the community be alert to graffiti that may be placed in the areas that were diligently cleaned by community members on Sunday 23rd. The disused car yards on Pacific Hwy, Gordon are a possible target and due to the amount of work put in by community members police are urging members of the community to contact police at Hornsby on 9476 9799 or crime stoppers on 1800 333 000 if any suspicious activity is observed.

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From our Crime Prevention Officer on behalf of the the **PCYC:**



The poster features the NSW Police Force logo on the left, the PCYC Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai logo in the center, and a cluster of colorful balloons on the right. The main text is set against a dark background with gold and white highlights.

**PCYC**  
HORNSBY/KU-RING-GAI

75th Anniversary

**“BACK TO ORIGINS”  
DINNER DANCE**

**Saturday 20 October 2012**  
**7.00pm for 7.30pm**  
**Hornsby RSL**

**Adults \$65 \* 15yrs & Under \$30 \***  
Plus \$2 booking fee

**Tickets include 3 course meal with soft drink,  
welcome drink, members bar prices,  
live entertainment, dancing and prizes**

**The PCYC 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner for  
the whole community is being hosted by the  
PCYC, Rotary & NSW Police who, in partnership,  
created the PCYC in 1937**

Book online at [www.hornsbyrsl.com.au](http://www.hornsbyrsl.com.au) or Club 9477 7777  
or contact the PCYC on 9477 2310 for more information

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**Bush Fire Survival Plan - as part of Bush Fire Awareness Week - see**  
[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au):

## Day 6 - Know your nearest Neighbourhood Safer



### Place

During a bush fire the safest option is always to Leave Early, however fires often threaten very quickly and you may find yourself unable to leave safely, or suitably prepared to Stay and Defend your property. In these cases you should consider going to an identified Neighbourhood Safer Place.

A Neighbourhood Safer Place is a place of last resort. They include buildings or open spaces that can offer protection from the immediate threat of a bush fire. Your nearest Neighbourhood Safer Place should be included in your Bush Fire Survival Plan as a contingency plan, in case it is too late to follow your original plan. A Neighbourhood Safer Place only offers short term shelter during a bush fire and should only be used until the threat has passed – they are not an evacuation centre or a relocation point. A Neighbourhood Safer Place does not offer food or drink, bathroom amenities or facilities for pets; it is a place of last resort. The NSW RFS is responsible for identifying and registering locations.

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### Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) #7: WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN MY PET GOES

**MISSING?** (More detailed version available from [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) with tips on poster content, out-of-area pound details, etc).

1. Begin searching for your pet IMMEDIATELY!
2. Ask neighbours to check in sheds and garages.
3. Contact all animal shelters, council pounds & vets – even the ones outside of your area.
4. Call the animal division of the council to find out if they have your pet.

**Hornsby Shire Council pound - Ph 9847 6853**

**Ku-ring-gai Council pound - Ph 9484 7418**

5. Animals that are found in Hornsby Shire may be picked up by a Hornsby Council Ranger and taken to **Sydney Dogs and Cats Home Inc.** This is a pound located at 77 Edward Street,

Carlton, Ph **9587 9611**.

6. Do the rounds of pounds and animal shelters yourself – go at least once a week.
7. Pets taken into a pound or shelter it will be held for 7 - 14 days depending on traceable identification or not.
8. If your pet is micro-chipped, contact your council and ask them to note on the Companion Animals Registry that your pet is missing.
9. Contact pet finding organisations such as **Pet Search, Lets Find Your Pet**, who, for a fee, will help you search all of the pounds and shelters: [www.petsearch.com.au](http://www.petsearch.com.au) 1300 309 004 email [help@petsearch.com.au](mailto:help@petsearch.com.au) and Lets Find Your Pet [www.letsfindyourpet.com.au](http://www.letsfindyourpet.com.au) email [letsfindyourpet@ovi.com](mailto:letsfindyourpet@ovi.com) .
10. Make up leaflets with a description of your pet and drop them in letter boxes and put signs up around your area.
11. If you have recently moved, check your old home regularly. Leave food out in the place you used to feed your pet and ask neighbours to keep an eye out. Put up signs and do a “letter box” drop in this area also.
12. Hit the Internet: Send your flyer via email, facebook & Twitter etc. Post messages to animal forums and message boards run by groups based in your area—lots of parks and dog runs have online communities.

**Ku-ring-gai, Hornsby and Willoughby Animal Pound, Thornleigh Veterinary Hospital, 180 Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh NSW 2120: 9484 2166**

**Ku-ring-gai area: Pittwater Animal Hospital, Corner of Pittwater Road and Arnott Crescent Warriewood: 9913 7979**

#### **Related Facts:**

Some people are so convinced that the pet was ill treated that they ignore contact information on the pet's collar.

Get involved! Help people in your neighbourhood find their lost pets! Report any stray animals you see! Subscribe to the **Lost Pet Alert** at [www.petsearch.com.au](http://www.petsearch.com.au) and they will email details of pets that are reported missing in your neighbourhood.

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An interesting snippet about the **FBI Top Ten Art Crimes**: A Renoir named '*Madeleine Leaning on Her Elbow with Flowers in Her Hair*' (bottom left of pic) stolen from Houston last year, has recently been added to the Top Ten list:

- **Iraqi Looted and Stolen Artifacts**
- **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Theft**
- **Theft of Caravaggio's Nativity with San Lorenzo and San Francesco**
- **Theft of the Davidoff-Morini Stradivarius**

- The Van Gogh Museum Robbery
- Theft of Cezanne's View of Auvers-sur-Oise
- Theft of the Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney Murals, Panels 3-A and 3-B
- Theft from the Museu Chacara do Céu
- Theft of Van Mieris' A Cavalier
- Theft of Renoir Oil Painting

Art and cultural property crime—which includes theft, fraud, looting, and trafficking across state and international lines—is a looming criminal enterprise with estimated losses running as high as **\$6 billion annually**. To recover these precious pieces—and to bring these criminals to justice—the FBI has a dedicated Art Crime Team of 14 special agents, supported by three special trial attorneys for prosecutions. And it runs the **National Stolen Art File (NSAF)**, a computerized index of reported stolen art and cultural properties for the use of law enforcement agencies across the world. Anyone can query the NSAF at [http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/vc\\_majorthefts/arttheft](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/vc_majorthefts/arttheft) (and we had fun doing so! Try searching for "Elvis ring".)




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**Helping learner drivers become safer drivers.** FREE workshop for parents, Wednesday 31st October 2012, at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, [818 Pacific Highway, Gordon](#). Contact **Diane on 9424 0798**. Run by Roads & Maritime Services (formally RTA). The 2-hour workshop will provide parents & supervisors with practical advice on:

- planning driving sessions
- completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- giving the learner constructive feedback

- dealing with difficulties that may arise during driving practice
- benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- low risk driving.

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[www.facebook.com/#!/KuringGaiLAC](http://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.



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The following relate to local issues in the **Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 2/10/12:**

Police attached to the Kuring Gai Local Area Command conducted an operation over the October long weekend that involved police from numerous areas of the command. The Kuring gai launch conducted over one hundred and thirty vessel stops on the Hawkesbury waterway with vessels subject to RBT, fisheries and RMS inspections.

Further to that police conducted over three thousand RBT's throughout the Kuring Gai Command. Resulting in over twenty infringement notices and 12 charges been laid, ranging from PCA, a speeding offence where it is alleged speed exceeded by 45 km/h. And a male was charged when it was noted his licence had expired in 1985.

Although police are pleased the large percentage of drivers complied with the road rules in relation to the volume of vehicles and vessels stopped. It is important to remind drivers of their obligations when travelling in a vehicle on our roads.

Kuring- Gai police advise they will be continuing to target road and water safety over the coming summer months.

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Time/Date: About 4.30pm on Sunday 23rd September, 2012

Location: Werona Avenue, Gordon

About 4.30pm on Sunday 23rd September, 2012 Police were patrolling around Gordon and observed a vehicle travelling in a northerly direction allegedly above the sign posted-speed of 50km/h.

Police immediately activated all warning devices and observed the vehicle to continue to accelerate away from the Police vehicle which had to conduct a U turn. Police then attempted to catch the vehicle which has attempted to turn left into the City rail car park. The vehicle has failed to negotiate the turn resulting in the vehicle colliding with a tree. Police checks on the vehicle have advised the vehicle was unregistered. The driver was not injured as a result of the collision.

The 23 year old female driver from a Mt Colah address was issued with three infringement notices relating to excessive speed, the collision and driving an unregistered vehicle.

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Time/Date: Between 08:00 and 13:30 on Monday 01 October 2012

Location: A residence in Arterial Road, St Ives

Between 08:00 and 13:30 on Monday 01 October 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to the a residence in Arterial Road, St Ives by removing the fly screen and opening the ground floor rear window.

2 rooms were ransacked with items strewn around taken from drawers and cupboards. Stolen was a television still in the box that the victim had recently won. Other property included jewellery, cash, jewellery, clothing and collectibles.

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Time/Date: Between 11:45 and 15:15 on Thursday 27 September 2012

Location: A residence in Ferguson Ave, Thornleigh

Between 11:45 and 15:15 on Thursday 27 September 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to a residence in Ferguson Avenue, Thornleigh by an unlocked and ground floor rear door into the garage, then through an unlocked internal door.

Rooms were ransacked with clothing items strewn throughout, property taken include jewellery, perfumes, luggage, cameras and cash.

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Time/Date: Between 10:00 and 15:10 on Friday 28 September 2012

Location: Residence in Isis St, Wahroonga

Between 10.00 and 1500 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to a residence in Isis St, Wahroonga by smashing a glass panel in the ground floor front door. Once entry has been gained offender/s have stolen cash from a wallet situated on a table. A number of rooms in the house have been disturbed and ransacked, drawers have been upended with contents strewn throughout the rooms.

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Time/Date: Between 19:00 on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and 07:05 on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Location: Normanhurst West Public School

Between 19:00 on Monday 24 September 2012 and 07:05 on Tuesday 25 September 2012 unknown person/s have entered the grounds of the Normanhurst West Public School. While on the grounds they have forced the lock on 2 storage sheds belonging to the OOSH program at the school.

On entering the sheds offender/s have scattered the contents of the shed around the school grounds. It appears they have attempted to remove one of the sheds off its foundations damaging the shed quite extensively.

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Time/Date: Between 18:00 on Sunday 23 September 2012 and 08:30 on Thursday 27 September 2012

Location: Galston Public School

Between 1800 hours on Sunday 23 September 2012 and 08:30 on Thursday 27 September 2012 Person/s unknown have smashed a glass panel in ground floor front door to enter

Administration Building of Galston Public School. Once inside the offender/s have stolen a Computer monitor, Hard Disk and keyboard.

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Time/Date: Between 11:00 on Friday 21 September 2012 and 14:15 on Saturday 29 September 2012

Location: Unit in Mc Intyre St, Gordon

Between 11:00 on Friday 21 September 2012 and 14:15 on Saturday 29 September 2012 unknown person/s have gained entry to a ground floor unit in a complex in McIntyre St, Gordon.

The unit appeared to be ransacked with drawers pulled out and upturned with property thrown throughout the home. Jewellery was taken.

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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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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](mailto: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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