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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. The workshop is particularly useful for those who don't know, or who haven't wanted to know, about facebook. Hopefully, hearing it directly from the Police, people will be reassured about the use of facebook for these purposes.

The Workshop is run by Neighbourhood Watch in partnership with Ku-ring-gai Council, sponsored by the Kuring gai Police & Community Safety Committee. It is FREE. Bookings essential, as places will be given on a first come – first served basis, via email to NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Please consider coming along and learning more, especially the concept of holding a Neighbourhood Watch meeting with everybody in the warmth of their own home!

Project **eyewatch** FAQs:

Is it difficult?	No – it's much easier than you imagine.
Is it expensive?	No more than the cost of your computer and Internet access.
Is it safe?	Yes – come along and learn how to set up a safe ID and ensure your privacy settings are correct.
Is it all techno lingo?	Nothing you can't cope with; eg wall, timeline, post, profile, like, share.
Will I get hooked?	Maybe! You'll find there's a lot of interesting & useful information being shared.

Project *eyewatch*



Community Training Workshop

An introductory workshop run by the NSW Police, Neighbourhood Watch with the assistance of Ku-ring-gai Council, and sponsored by the Kuring gai Police & Community Safety Committee.

FREE
WORKSHOP

This workshop will provide an introduction into how Facebook is used for crime prevention - a new communication link between the community and the Police.

Friday 24 August 2012, 10am - 12pm
Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, level 3, 818 Pacific Highway Gordon

Open to anyone in the community, especially those involved with Neighbourhood Watch, or those who would like to learn more about eyewatch for use in their own community organisations.

5 reasons to follow NSW Police on Facebook and attend the training workshop:

1. Find out about crimes in your area
2. Get emergency alerts and warnings
3. Help police solve and prevent crime
4. Ask police for advice or assistance
5. Attend eyewatch meetings



Bookings essential: NHWGordon@gmail.com



Local Solutions
for Local Problems'



From The Telegraph on 2/08/2012: MORE than 65,000 Australian owners of Toyota RAV4 cars are advised to have their car inspected for a possible suspension problem that has caused crashes and injuries in the US.

Don't forget to keep **Sunday 16 September** free for the **annual Bushland Shire Festival**. This year's event promises to be bigger and bushier than ever, with market stalls, a rock climbing wall, V8 car simulator, laser skirmish, Netherby Cottage, Eco Garden and much, much more. High on the must-see list will be the Aerial Circus performances and a chance to get up close to some Australian wildlife including lizards, snakes and crocodiles. Meanwhile, the main stage will be pumping all day, with highlights including Lazy Town Zumba Fiesta Show at 11am and 1pm, as well as Danni Da Ross from The Voice at 2:45pm.

Entry is free and there will be a free shuttle bus to the park from Hornsby and Pennant Hills stations. The Bushland Shire Festival will be held on Sunday 16 September from 10am-4pm at Fagan Park on Arcadia Road, Galston.

Upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meetings:

Turrumurra (Gordon Area 3 / 4) Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held **Monday 27 August at 8pm** at the Uniting Church Turrumurra, Turrumurra Ave.

The Department of Fair Trading is now on facebook, and posted this story: In late 2011, NSW Fair Trading received a number of calls from students and parents about being ripped off by businesses offering to organise the ultimate school formal or after party. These businesses promised students the world but at the last minute cancelled the events. It turned out that the venues and entertainment had not even been booked, leaving the students with nothing including refunds.

Fair Trading has some tips to help you organise your party as a night to remember:

- **Conduct your own research on the business. Do an online search of the business and get references from people who have used them before**
- **Know who you are dealing with. Get their name, position and business details like the business name or company registration.**
- **Know what you want from the event. Don't be convinced you need something you don't want.**
- **Make sure you get everything in writing. The agreement should list all the services that they will provide, when and where the event will take place, and the refund policy.**
- **Don't sign anything if you don't understand all the terms and conditions. Ask questions or call Fair Trading on 13 32 20 if you are unsure about anything.**
- **Always have a parent, teacher or legal professional read over the agreement. They should also be available when you contact the business.**
- **Don't pay anything until you get a written agreement. Pay using electronic funds transfer, cheque or credit card as it is easier to trace who was paid and when.**
- **Keep all receipts. They may come in handy in the future.**
- **If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.**

From the latest **Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting:**

Tips for Carers #1: If you are caring for someone and leave the home, please don't leave the

door unlocked ready for another carer to arrive. What might make the carer's lives easier, leaves the attendee in an extremely vulnerable position.

Another from the Dept of Fair Trading; *ShopSmart* gives you handy access to information on refund, warranty and lay-by rights while you shop. This free app is available for Android and iPhones. *ShopSmart* answers common shopping questions as well as also allowing you to:

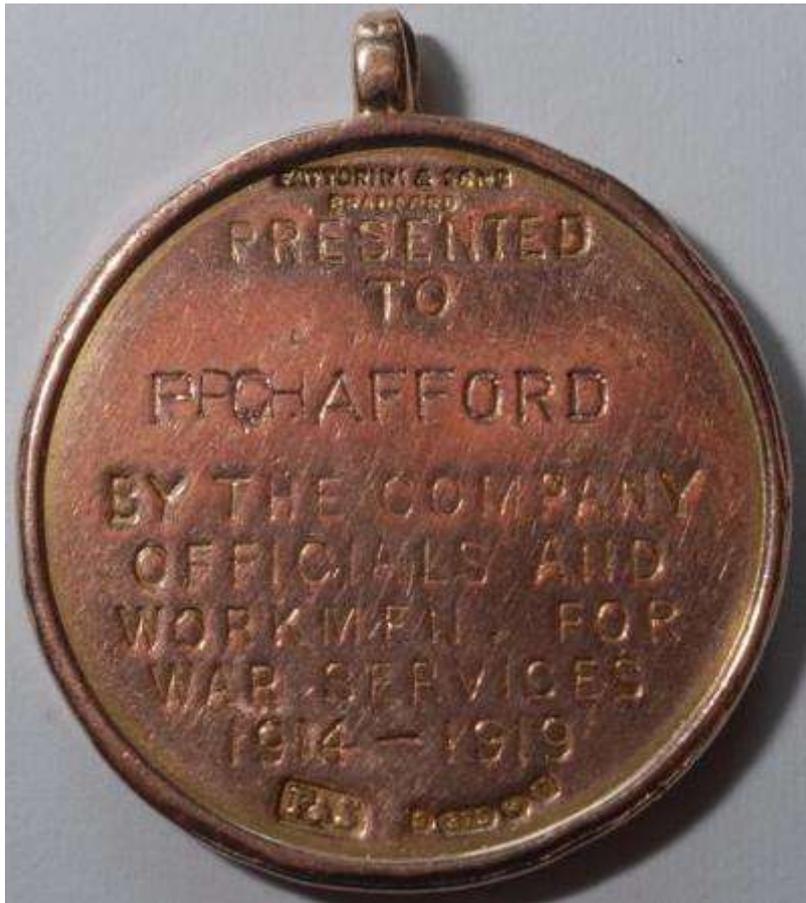
- store photos of your receipts
- set reminders for your gift-vouchers, lay-bys and warranties.

The *ShopSmart* app includes changes to shopper rights as specified in the new Australian Consumer Law (ACL) which began in January 2011.

From Maitland Police LAC:

Maitland Police have come into the possession of a medal and are keen to learn if any person has knowledge of its origin. The medal appears to have been issued to a Mr Afford shortly after the 1st World War, from the Mitchell Main Colliery in the UK. Police are trying to identify the owner of the medal. If any person has knowledge of the medal can they please contact Maitland Police on 49340200 and quote COPS event number E 49420341.





On August 5th: A SYDNEY family have escaped injury after a **removalist truck smashed through the front wall** of their two-storey Wahroonga home tonight. Emergency crews were called to the Water Street residence in the city's north about 6.30pm after the truck rolled down a steep driveway and crashed into the house. Firefighters had to secure a support beam underneath a second-storey bedroom so the truck could be towed away. A NSW Police spokesman said no one was injured and that officers were investigating the circumstances around the crash.

From North Shore Police LAC: **Man charged with three alleged robberies – North Shore**
Issued at 3.20am, Sunday 5 August 2012

Police have charged a man for alleged robberies at two service stations and a convenience store in Roseville, Artarmon and North Sydney. About 7.23pm on Friday 3 August 2012, a man attended a service station on the Pacific Highway at Roseville and put an amount of petrol into the vehicle he was driving. The man then allegedly entered the store, threatened the male employee and took an amount of cash before leaving the premises without paying for the petrol. About 5pm yesterday (Saturday 4 August 2012), the same man allegedly attended a service station on the Pacific Highway at Artarmon and again put petrol into his vehicle. He entered the store, threatened the male employee and demanded an amount of cash. The man fled the

premises without any money however he did not pay for the petrol. Police will allege he then drove to a convenience store on Walker Street, North Sydney where he threatened the male employee and took an amount of cash before leaving the location.

About 5.50pm yesterday (Saturday 4 August 2012), police from North Shore Local Area Command stopped a vehicle on Victoria Avenue at Chatswood and arrested the 23-year-old male driver. He was taken to Chatswood Police Station where he was charged with three counts of robbery. The man was refused bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court later today (Sunday 5 August 2012).

Media release issued on behalf of **London Metropolitan Police**. All inquiries should be directed to London Metropolitan Police.

Police from London Met are seeking assistance to locate friends or relatives of a man who was seriously assaulted in London on August 3, 2012. Neil Hannah, believed to reside in south London, remains in a critical condition in a London Hospital and police are desperately trying to locate his next of kin. Neil is described as Caucasian in appearance with a large build, grey thinning hair and false teeth. He spoke with an Australian accent and it's believed he may have family connections in Sydney. If you know Neil, please contact London Metropolitan Police on 0044 2073217228 and speak to Detective Constable Melissa Burns or Detective Constable Robert Burke.



A man has died after becoming trapped between two vehicles in Sydney's north. About 12.10pm today (Wednesday 8 August 2012), emergency services were called to Reserve Road and Cedric Street at Artarmon after reports a man had been unloading a truck when he became trapped between two vehicles. Despite efforts of emergency services personnel at the scene, the man was unable to be revived. Police from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit will

investigate the circumstances leading up to the man's death as a part of their report for the Coroner. Anyone with information about this incident should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Our local Police's facebook page <http://facebook.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=7be8bbb452&e=a363be97f2> now has a newly-updated 'Welcome' tab, accessing a welcome page from our Commander, Supt Jeff Philippi. The welcome has been translated into several languages by our Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Yanfang (Fiona) Zhou. A thankyou to the guys at Project **eyewatch** who have helped with the design of this page and assisted in getting it up on facebook. This is an important step in making our various communities feel 'welcome'!



Last weekend there were changes in traffic conditions on the M2 Motorway at the M2 tunnel. From Sunday afternoon new long term changes to traffic conditions will result in two lanes running in each direction using the citybound M2 tunnel. A third westbound lane will also be available in the westbound tunnel during weekday afternoon peak between 2 - 8pm.

These traffic conditions will remain in place for the duration of the westbound widening work (**approximately 8 months**). Motorists are advised to exercise caution and drive to the conditions. For further information, visit <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=0dea7863a9&e=a363be97f2> or call the Traffic Information Line on 132 701.

From August 3rd: If you're looking for a fun outing this weekend, check out the **newly renovated Wollundry Park, next to Pennant Hills Library**. It's had a dramatic make-over that's retained

its native animal theme but added new features including a fire truck and improved boardwalk. Kids are bound to be pleased with the upgrade, which has also added a group nest swing and play unit, a sandstone sculpture frog (created by a local stonemason in Glenorie), a fairy ring, stepping stones and a crocodile. Big kids will also get a lot of use out of the renovated boardwalk, with a new low-energy overhead light to guide their way. A new handrail and decking – a composite product made of wood and recycled plastic – has been installed. Two totem poles, created by a Queensland artist, now stand at the entrance to the boardwalk with native animal footprints carved into the wood.

<http://facebook.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=f822eb9e21&e=a363be97f2> 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.



Hornsby Police news, 8/08/12. The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command;

Incident: Motor vehicle and cyclist collision
Time/Date: About 2.00pm Saturday the 4th August 2012
Place: Pacific Hwy Mt Kuring Gai

About 2.00pm Saturday the 4th August 2012, the driver of a utility has parked the vehicle in the break down lane on Pacific Highway at Mt Kuring gai and left it for around 5 minutes. At this time a 51 year old male from an Arcadia address was cycling along the break down lane. As the driver was returning to the vehicle he has heard a loud bang come from the rear of the vehicle. Upon investigation the driver has observed the cyclist lying on the road directly behind the vehicle. He noted the cyclist appeared to be injured and an ambulance was called. While waiting for the ambulance the driver and another cyclist have rendered aid to the stricken cyclist.

The injured cyclist was conveyed to Royal North Shore hospital where he was diagnosed with breaks to his jaw, nose and thumb and deep lacerations to the head region.

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Incident: Trespass on School Grounds
Time/Date: About 11.30 am on Wednesday the 1st of August 2012
Place: Thornleigh West Public School
Person: 46 year old male

Details: About 11.30 am on Wednesday the 1st of August 2012 a 19 year old male and 18 year old male have entered the grounds of Thornleigh West Public school. They have approached the administration block and it is alleged used a rock to break a window. They have gained access through the broken window and proceeded to rummaged through drawers and desks. It is also alleged the two males have forced open the roller shutter door in the reception area causing damage to the door and surrounding framework. Police have arrived a short time later and both males have fled on foot through the school grounds police have pursued and apprehended the two males.

A nineteen year old male from a Westleigh address and an eighteen year old male from a Pennant Hills address will appear before Hornsby Local Court in August 2012 charged with aggravated break and enter offences.

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Incident: Scam Watch
Time/Date: The evening of Monday the 23rd of July 2012
Place: Residence in Eden Drive, Asquith
Person: 63 year old female

In the evening of Monday the 23rd of July 2012 a 63 year old female from an Asquith address received a call from a person stating she was from Microsoft Technical Support. The person stated the victim had an error with her internet access and it was running slow. The female was informed that the corruption on her computer could be corrected and viruses removed by Microsoft for a fee of \$244.00 which would give a lifetime of protection on the computer. The caller stated that they would check all files on her computer remotely after he received payment by credit card. The Victim has given the caller her credit card details expecting the computer to be fixed. The following evening the victim had trouble accessing her bank account and has called Microsoft Technical support where she was informed that she had not been contacted by Microsoft, and that there was a scam going around.

The victim has contacted her bank and cancelled her credit card; The Victim was informed that

\$251.54 had been taken from her credit card.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time/Date: Saturday 28th July and Monday 30th July
Place: underground car park in unit block in Eulbertie St, St Ives

Sometime on Saturday 28th July 2012 person or person/s unknown have gained access to the underground car park in a unit block in Stanley Street, St Ives. The offenders have then broken into the secure caged car spaces of a number of residents in the car park. High end value cycles have been stolen. On Monday 30th July person/s have returned again and taken property from more caged units.

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Incident: Robbery
Time/Date: 2.50pm on Wednesday 1st August 2012
Place: Turramurra Car Wash Ray St, Turramurra.

About 2:50pm on Wednesday the 1st August 2012 a male described as Male, late 20's early 30's, stubble on face, 5'8, black hair, brown hoodie with 'Monster' written on it, , dark baggy pants has entered the small office at the Turramurra Car wash and confronted the 18 year old male who was working at the location. The male produced an uncapped syringe filled with a coloured substance and threatened the 18 year old male employee, while demanding money. The victim has complied with the demands and as the offender left the location he has locked the victim in the office and taken his vehicle.

Police investigations are continuing.

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Incident: Assault
Time/Date: 1:20am on Sunday 5th August 2012
Place: Outside McDonalds, Gordon Pacific Highway - Gordon

About 1.00am on Sunday the 5th of August 2012, three males aged in their early twenties who reside in the local area attended McDonalds at Gordon after an evening out. Upon exiting McDonalds the group were confronted by another group of about 10 males, all described as being of mixed ethnicities. An argument has ensued resulting in a male described as Male, of Middle Eastern descent, about 180 / 185cm Tall, slim build with dark hair, who was wearing a white spray jacket, sports pants and carrying a bum bag. Has caught up with the three males and assaulted them. As a result of the attack the victims attempted to flee down the adjacent alleyway where they were followed by the offender. The three males continued to run in the direction of Gordon Police Station. The ambulance attended and all three were treated for minor cuts and abrasions.

Police investigations are continuing.

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Incident: Break, Enter and Steal
Time/Date: At 2.30pm on Saturday the 4th of August 2012
Place: Residence in Livingstone Avenue, Pymble

At 2.30pm on Saturday the 4th of August 2012, the resident at a home in Livingstone Avenue Pymble has left the location with all doors closed, leaving the second storey door open with the screen door closed. Upon their return about 8.30pm the resident has observed the rear door open. Police attended and noted scuff marks on the rear balcony where the offender/s have gained entry. Numerous rooms were disturbed with jewellery to the value of approximately \$5000 being taken.

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Incident; Fire
Time/Date: Between the hours of 5.00pm on Friday the 3rd of August and 7:00am on Monday the 6th of August 2012
Place: Killara High School, Killara

Between the hours of 5.00pm on Friday the 3rd of August 2012 and 7:00am on Monday the 6th of August 2012 persons unknown have entered Killara High School by using wire clippers to cut wire on the southern side of the school. They have entered a demountable room on the southern side of the school through a window. Upon gaining access to the premise, the persons have left cigarette butts in the classroom as well as burnt wax on desks. A door has been set alight which was partially destroyed.

Police investigations are continuing.

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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.

Crimes of the Month

Kuring-gai LAC
Steal from Unit Complex

Hornsby police have noticed an increase in the number of unit complexes being targets of Break & Enter offences. The thieves are targeting the secure caged areas in the underground carpark. The security of the cages and padlocks on inspection is usually weak.

STEALING

The items being taken are usually high end pushbikes some valued over \$1,000. Expensive sporting equipment, power tools and motor bikes are stolen plus GPS units and remote controls left in cars.

How they get in

The thieves usually 'tailgate' a resident in either by the driveway or the foyer and then target the cage areas usually unseen. Sometimes a fire door or utilities door is forced open to gain access.

DON'T GIVE OPPORTUNISTIC THIEVES A CHANCE

If you have expensive items in the caged area think about relocating these to inside your apartments/units.

Do an audit of the security of your cage, have someone trained to assist if needed.

Reduce the chances of 'tailgating' by waiting until the doors close BEFORE moving away.

Be neighbour aware know who should be there and who should not, if in doubt seek assistance or advice from others.

Raise the issue at your next body corporate meeting to review the complex's security measures and how best to target these incidents. An audit tool is on the police website.

Police Assistance Line – 131-444
Hornsby Police Station – 9476-9799
Gordon Police Station - 94185399
IN AN EMERGENCY CONTACT 000

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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