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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 of course includes Hornsby area also. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com. The weekly update usually includes:

- **Project eyewatch:** A selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page, etc.
- **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 incidents from the week before in our LAC.

15th November, from the Bush Telegraph Weekly: We will be handing out our latest Calendar featuring local info, local business and services information and lots of pics FREE to all comers at the **Christmas Spectacular at Rofe Park on Saturday 8th December**. We will also launch the latest in our popular bumper sticker range, the **MOUNT COLAH** sticker which will be given away free as a special Chrissy present to our valued readers. Lots of other giveaways too!

Advice from Kuring Gai LAC:

- Never count cash at the machine or in public. Put cash in a safe place before walking away from the ATM or wait until you are in a secure place.
- Do not use an ATM that appears unusual looking or offers options with which you are not familiar or comfortable. This may be fitted with a skimming device.
- Always pay close attention to the ATM and your surroundings. Don't select an ATM at the

corner of a building (corners create a blind spot.) Use an ATM that is in a public, well-lighted location, free of shrubbery and decorative partitions or dividers.

- PIN security – Try and cover the key pad when entering your pin. Do not allow people to look over your shoulder as you enter your PIN. Memorize your PIN; never write it on the back of your card.

- Maintain an awareness of your surroundings throughout the entire transaction. Be wary of people trying to help you with ATM transactions. Be aware of anyone sitting in a parked car nearby. When leaving an ATM make sure you are not being followed.

- Closely monitor your bank statements, as well as your balances, and immediately report any problems to your bank.

- If you are involved in a confrontation with an assailant who demands your money, COMPLY with them, stay calm. Call the Police at the first available opportunity. Try and remember vital information about the person to assist Police.

14th November, from the Sydney Morning Herald: NSW Police booked 780 drivers for illegal mobile phone use in the first 11 days of new phone rules which came into force on November 1. Breaching the rules attracts a \$298 fine and three demerit points, and this rises to \$397 and four demerit points if the driver is in a school zone. Of the 780 people booked, 24 were in a school zone, police said. Read more: <http://facebook.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=158cd31790&e=a363be97f2> .

14th November: Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione says the NSW Police Force will immediately adopt all five recommendations handed down today by the NSW Coroner in relation to the death of Roberto Laudisio Curti. Mr Scipione says a review has been commenced today into the training and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS) with regard to the use of Tasers, other appointments and other methods of restraint. Complaint investigations in relation to some of the officers involved have also been initiated with the Professional Standards Command, now the Coroner has handed down her findings. “We accept all the recommendations and will carefully examine the issues the Coroner has asked us to look at.” Mr Scipione said. “This was a tragic series of events and I do express my deepest sympathy and sadness to the Curti family, fully understanding the depth of feelings they have been experiencing. “It is a terrible thing to lose someone you love. I am a Police Commissioner but I am also human and I am a father. “Police have a special responsibility in our society and we have been granted special powers to protect the community. It is important that those powers are exercised properly. Mr Scipione says police are constantly amending both training regimes and Standard Operating Procedures in order to improve the way officers are able to go about their duties. “If we need to do anything to improve the safety of the public and the safety of police, we will do that. Mr Scipione noted the Coroner has recommended the actions of police involved be referred to the Police Integrity Commission. An examination of Police VKG

procedures has also commenced following the Coroner's recommendation and communication procedures with regard notification of a mental disturbance will also be reviewed with any appropriate training changes to follow. "No officer goes to work day or night expecting they will be involved in this type of tragic circumstance. They go to work expecting to serve their community to the best of their ability. They are aware they will face danger. "We are already examining a raft of recommendations made by the Ombudsman and we will report back on those next month.

"Both the Coroner and the Ombudsman have noted that our training guidelines and our SOPS are very good and we have recently made changes to SOPS based on our consultation with the Ombudsman's office. "I think we need to remember that Tasers have saved lives, and they have protected police and others, including those suffering mental health episodes, from the risk of injury on many occasions.

13th November, from NSW Fair Trading: \$1.465 million fine for romance robbers.

NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe today welcomed a landmark decision in the Supreme Court for false, misleading and unconscionable conduct. Zivko Dimitrijevski, the former director of the internet dating company True Love Corp (TLC) Consulting Services Pty Ltd and his wife Helen Dimitrijevski, a former manager of TLC, have been ordered to pay compensation of \$1,123,095. TLC's former co-director, Hollie Veall, was ordered to pay compensation of \$342,050. Zivko and Helen Dimitrijevski were also permanently banned from being involved in the introduction agency business. Full article at

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About_us/News_and_events/Media_releases/2012_media_releases/20121113_1465_million_dollar_fine_for_romance_robbers.html

13th November, from Ku-ring-gai Council: Wishing all those in our community celebrating this special day a very Happy Diwali!

13th November, [NSW SES Sydney Northern Region's photo](#): Paddy Platypus signed the SES Truck Load of Thanks at Hornsby today - did you?



Plody the Dinosaur on the F3 has been painted orange in support of SES Week. Thanks so much to the Australian Reptile Park for their support!



Did you wear orange for 'WOW - Wear Orange Wednesday'?



From Harbourside LAC: Juveniles detected with False IDs

On Thursday 8th November 2012, police were conducting operations in the area surrounding end of HSC examination celebrations. During the operation police detected over 25 young persons using false ID's attempting to enter licensed premises in the North Sydney area. Police seized all of the false ID's and the juveniles detected were each issued with a \$220 fine for the offence. Police are reminding young people to be aware of the dangers of this behaviour and the legalities involved. In addition to the fine received by the young person, as an automatic deterrent the Department of Roads and Maritime services place **an additional 6 month period onto their provisional drivers licences** before there are eligible to obtain a full unconditional NSW Drivers Licence. Police run the Your Choice alcohol program for young people and their parents with the NSW Ambulance Service to educate people about the harms associated with underage alcohol consumption. Any persons wishing to participate in the program with their teenage children should contact Constable Keary from North Sydney Police on 9956 3199 for more information.

Do you want to be part of Project eyewatch - 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.

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.

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, phone 9476 9723 to speak with Paul or Mal, your Crime Prevention Officers.

PERSONAL SAFETY - Don't be a Victim? As the busy shopping season approaches here are some tips for keeping safe during this Christmas Season...

- If you carry a bag, hold onto it under your arm or in front of you.

- Always keep your handbag zipped up even while carrying it,
- Do not leave your handbag unattended for any reason,
- Do not leave your handbag on shopping trolleys while shopping,
- Be aware of people distracting your attention away from your property,
- Don't carry large amounts of cash on you,
- Put your wallet inside your jacket or a front pocket,
- Choose an ATM where you feel safe,
- If you are afraid, ask the shop keeper to call the Police.

If you are the victim of a purse or bagsnatch please report it to your local police station.

Would you like to join us at the White Ribbon Breakfast this year? Everyone welcome.



Half of all Australian women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. White Ribbon Day is the International Day to promote the elimination of violence against women.

**You are invited to join us for our
White Ribbon Breakfast**

**Friday 30th November 2012
7:30am – 9:30am**

**Asquith Golf Club
Lord Street, Mount Colah**

Cost \$25 per person (includes buffet breakfast and lucky door prizes)

\$5 from every ticket will be donated to the Hornsby Kuring Gai Domestic Violence Network and the White Ribbon Foundation.

Please RSVP by 20th November 2012 to:

Natasha Doggett: 9476 9775 or dogg1nat@police.nsw.gov.au

Payment methods:

Cheque:	White Ribbon Breakfast
Cash:	Please contact to organise payment
Internet transfer:	Acc Name: White Ribbon Breakfast
	Acc No: 514000
	BSB: 032285

For more information about White Ribbon Day please visit www.whiteribbonday.org.au



Lane Cove's
**ACTIVE LIVING
EXPO**

**A FREE event for
people aged 55+**

**Join us for a free event that aims to promote
healthy and active living for local residents by
showcasing services available to our community.**

Tuesday 27th November 2012
10:00am - 2:00pm

Cove Room, Lane Cove Council
48 Longueville Road, Lane Cove

**Further information contact: Ruth Jacka
on 9911 3593 or rjacka@lanecove.nsw.gov.au**

**Demonstrations will include Tai Chi,
Healthy Lifestyle & other fitness programs**



HUG, DON'T HIT - Injuring children is a crime.

If you are about to hit your child STOP now and try the following simple alternatives, you'll feel better... and so will your child:

- Take a deep breath. And another.
- Then remember you are an adult.
- Close your eyes and imagine you are hearing what your child is about to hear.
- Think about why your child is misbehaving.
- Count to 10. Or better yet, count to 20.
- Put your child in a time-out chair. (Remember the rule: one time-out minute for each year of age).
- Put yourself in a time-out chair. Think about why you are angry: Is it your child or is your child

simply a convenient target for your anger?

- Phone a friend or relative.
- If someone can watch the children, go outside and take a walk.
- Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
- Hug a pillow.
- Turn on some music on the radio.
- Pick up a pencil and write down as many helpful words as you can think of. Save the list. Much more information available from NHWGordon@gmail.com

An extract from a popular **crime prevention leaflet - HOME SAFE** - that has been uploaded by our volunteers. Email NHWGordon@gmail.com for your soft copy of the complete leaflet:

ENGRAVING AND INVISIBLE MARKINGS

The engraving procedure is suitable for hard surfaces only. Engrave or etch your property with a traceable number, e.g. your driver's licence number for NSW Police identification. Ensure that you have adequate levels of insurance for the replacement of property. Please note: be sure that engraving of new property does not void the warranty of that item.

For items that cannot be engraved, marking can be achieved using an ultra-violet pen. This procedure causes no harm to the item and is only visible using an ultra-violet light. This kind of invisible marking fades over time and needs to be renewed. It is best to renew the markings when checking house or fire alarm batteries.

Many councils or local police stations will assist you with this activity. For advice on engraving or marking your property contact your local police station.

E-Watch St Ives #1 shared their important phone numbers, now including the rural fire service:

Police Assistance Line:	13 14 44
Gordon Police:	9418 5399
State Emergency Services:	132 500
Hornsby Ku Ring Gai Rural Fire Service	(02) 9883 2000
NSW Rural Fire Service	1800 679 737
Don't forget Crime Stoppers, guys!	1800 333 000

Turrumurra Neighbourhood Watch (Gordon Area 3/4) are holding their next NHW meeting on **Monday, 26th November at 8.00pm** in the Lounge Area at the **Turrumurra Uniting Church**, Turrumurra Avenue, Turrumurra. Light refreshments available. Guest speakers will be [Dick Whitaker](#), Chief Meteorologist from the Weather Channel and Author, together with a representative from the [Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service](#). They will give an important

presentation on "Be Prepared - Bushfires in Ku-ring-gai".

Terrumbine Reserve (off Illeroy Ave, Gordon) now has a facebook page! Their very first post was a photo of a briefcase dumped in the reserve, broken into and empty. Probably stolen from a commuter's car parked along McIntosh Street. It was handed in by a BushCare volunteer to the Gordon Police Station.



BushCare volunteers are always

welcome - phone **Anne on 9499 7080**.

<http://facebook.us2.list->

[manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=2f6a573413&e=a363be97f2](http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76e5dc9a91946a6f3d7f0da9d&id=2f6a573413&e=a363be97f2) is the link to your local Police's facebook page. Look also for Gordon, Mount Colah, eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara, Berowra and other Neighbourhood Watch areas. Is there interest for NHW in the Pymble and Warrawee areas?



The following relate to local issues in the **Kuring gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) 19/11/12:**

Incident: Concern For welfare
Time/Date: Tuesday the 13th November 2012
Place: Residence in Wiltshire Place, Turramurra

On Tuesday the 13th November 2012 an elderly couple residing at a premises in Wiltshire Place, Turramurra, have gone out to the backyard to check on an unstable oil heater tank fitted to an external wall. It is believed one of the couple have touched the tank which measures approximately 1500 x 1200 x 450, causing the tank to come away from its fixtures trapping a 91 year old male and 90 year old female on the lower body and legs. An amount of oil has escaped

covering the couple. Both victims were eventually released by fire brigade/ rescue and conveyed by ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital. Both victims are currently in a stable condition.

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Incident: Drug detection
Time/Date: About 5.30pm on Thursday 15th November 2012
Place: Telegraph Road, St Ives

About 5:30pm Thursday the 15th of November 2012 police were patrolling along Warrimoo Avenue, St Ives when they noticed motor vehicle take evasive action when sighting police. Police stopped the vehicle and conducted a search resulting in an amount of cannabis being located along within the vehicle. An 18 year old male from a St Ives address was issued with traffic infringement and defect notices on the vehicle.

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Incident: Fraud
Time/Date: Monday the 12th of November 2012
Place: Hornsby Westfield
Person: 63 year old female

A 37 year old male from a Hornsby address will appear at Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 19th December 2012 charged with goods in custody and obtain benefit by deception. Police will allege the male took 208 activated gifts cards while employed at a Newsagency in the Kuring gai Command. He was approached by police while attempting to use some of the cards in the Westfields Hornsby shopping complex. The estimated value of the fraudulently obtained gift cards is thirty one thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars and fifty four cents.

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Incident: Steal from motor vehicle
Time/Date: Between 6.30 on Friday 9th November and 11.00am on Saturday 10th Nov
Place: Driveway in residence in Coonanbarra Road, Wahroonga

Between the hours of 6.30pm on Friday 9th November and 11.00 am on Saturday 10th November 2012 persons have taken property which included a GPS, sunglasses, correspondence and

cash from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence in Coonanbarra Road, Wahroonga. Police advise drivers to ensure when leaving a vehicle unoccupied to lock and secure the vehicle and place any items of value out of sight.

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Incident: Break, enter and steal

Time/Date: Between 14:30 on Friday 16 November 2012 and 10:00 on Saturday 17 November 2012

Place: Building site, Culworth Avenue, Killara.

Between 14:30 on Friday 16 November 2012 and 10:00 on Saturday 17 November 2012 Unknown person/s have gained access to a building site on Culworth Avenue, Killara and have stolen 2 large aluminium ramps from the building site. Police believe the ramps have been lifted over a fence. The property is estimated to be valued at over \$4000. Police investigations are continuing.

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Incident: Steal Motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 11.30 pm on Sunday 11 November 2012 and 9:55 am on Monday 12 November 2012

Place: Outside residence in Barra Brui Crescent, St Ives

Between 11:30pm on Sunday 11 November 2012 and 9:55 am on Monday 12 November 2012. Unknown person/s have stolen a parked locked white Ford sedan from outside a property in Barra Brui Crescent, St Ives. Police investigations are continuing.

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Incident: Aggravated Break and enter

Time/Date: 3:40am Monday 19th Nov 2012

Place: Residence in Quarter Sessions Road, Westleigh

About 3:40am on Monday 19th November 2012 a 52 year old male was at home in a residence in Quarter Sessions Road, Westleigh. He has heard some noises at the side of his house, and gone to investigate. The male then saw four males of Islander appearance wearing dust masks over their mouths. One of the four males has then thrown a large rock at the glass door,

smashing the glass. They have then unlocked glass door and taken the keys out of the back of the door. At this point the 52 year old male armed with two coffee mugs has chased the four males from the residence into the street where he has continued to pursue the males. He has observed two males get into a red Commodore station wagon. He has thrown a coffee mug hitting one of the offenders, as the male has returned to the premises he has observed the family's black Holden Commodore sedan been driven from the scene by one of the offenders. Police investigations are continuing

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Incident: Break, enter and Steal

Time/Date: 4:00pm - 10:15pm on Sunday 18th November 2012

Place: Residence in Pennant Hills Rd, Normanhurst

A family of a residence in Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst have returned home around 10.15pm on Sunday 18th November 2012 to find their home had been broken into. The point of entry was through the front bedroom window, which has been broken. It appears that unknown persons have attempted to enter via a side window at the front of the house, near the base of the stairs which lead up to the front door. Three bedrooms have been disturbed and ransacked, with clothes scattered throughout the rooms and drawers pulled out.

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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.

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.

Our mailing address is:

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon Area 12 /24

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