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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](mailto: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.

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**From Sunday 25th November:** Over 100 NSWRFs firefighters are assisting FRNSW with a fire burning near Yanilla Rd, Wahroonga in Sydney. No homes are at threat and backburning has begun in an effort to contain the fire. Crews will remain on the fireground over night and tomorrow to mop up and black out. The fire has burnt six hectares of Lane Cove National Park.

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**From the Northern Star: The NSW Parliament Staysafe Committee** is to conduct an enquiry into the use of non-registered motorised vehicles **including mobility scooters** due to concerns that they pose a danger to the public. The inquiry, to be staged in February next year, will cover the current status of the vehicles in road rules definitions and the extent of road safety problems related to their use as well as the adequacy of data collection for injury and fatality rates. It will

also investigate vehicle standards requirements for the non-registered motorised vehicles and insurance implications of injuries and fatalities. <http://www.northernstar.com.au/news/scooters-under-parliaments-spotlight/1634013/>

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**From Saturday 24th November, from CareFlight:** Two people were injured, one critically, in a two-car head-on crash at Killara in Sydney's north this afternoon. Ambulance, Fire-Rescue, Police and CareFlight responded to the crash on the Eastern Arterial Road, near Clarke Place, shortly after 3 pm. Police met the helicopter when CareFlight landed in Killara Park and drove the trauma team to join ambulance paramedics treating the two injured drivers. The CareFlight doctor said 40-year-old man in one car was unconscious when help arrived suffering critical head, chest and arm injuries. The doctor placed the man in an induced coma, on a ventilator to control his breathing, in a pre-hospital start to intensive care treatment. The man was taken under continuing treatment by the CareFlight doctor, in a road ambulance, to Royal North Shore where he remained in a critical condition on arrival. A woman believed to be aged 20, from the other vehicle, was taken to hospital by paramedics.

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**From the NRMA: Changes to Organ Donation** - the NSW Government has abolished the driver's license register of organ donations and will instead encourage people to opt in via the National Register of Organ donations. This change will help increase the rate of organ donation and reduce the potential for confusion among doctors and members of the community about the best way to record consent to organ donation.

Currently NSW is significantly below the national target for organ donation rates and the NSW governments goal is to double the rate. Up until November, NSW was the only state that maintained a separate register to the National one. NRMA strongly supports this initiative and encourages all Members to find out more and register. Visit Donate Life Australia - <http://www.facebook.com/DonateLifeAustralia> or head straight to the Australian Organ Donor Register - [http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-organ-donor-register?utm\\_id=9](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-organ-donor-register?utm_id=9).

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## **From 23rd November, Brisbane Water LAC: INFORMATION REQUIRED IN RELATION TO STOLEN COBRA**

A rare silver Shelby Cobra with black stripes, registration BB-91-FY (NSW), was stolen from

Picketts Valley on the Central Coast during the early hours of Friday, 23 November 2012. This vehicle might be being transported in an enclosed car trailer. If you have any information on this car please contact us on 1800 333 000.



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**From Mt Kuring-gai Rural Fire Brigade:** Shared several photos from the album 'The life of a volunteer firefighter is definitely varied !!', including: Pumps & Pumping training not only tests our equipment, but the skills of our members.



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The NSW Police Force, Sydney Airports and a range of emergency services will be conducting **an emergency exercise on Wednesday 28 November** involving more than 200 personnel. Exercise 'Soteria' is being conducted to test all aspects of the **Sydney Airport Emergency Plan** including activation of the various facilities and resources available to support all agencies who would be involved in managing an emergency at Sydney Airport.

The exercise will commence at 2.30pm and conclude at 6pm. Members of the public might see emergency vehicles in the vicinity of the airport and are being advised that this is an exercise only and there is no need for concern. This exercise will involve the NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Ambulance Service of NSW, Sydney Airport, Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting, Qantas, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, and Airservices Australia.

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**From Friday:** NSWRFs and FRNSW crews are on scene at a single car accident on the F3 freeway near the Peats Ridge Rd exit. One south bound lane has been closed and there are reports of heavy traffic in the area.

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**From Berowra Waters Rural Fire Brigade:**

## THE BEROWRA WATERS RURAL BRIGADE NEEDS MORE RATS!

The Berowra Waters Rural Fire Brigade, also known as the River Rats, is looking for new members including cadets aged 12 years and over.

If you are looking for a new challenge, enjoy getting out on our local waterways and making a difference to the local community, this could be an opportunity for you.

No previous experience is required. Some physical fitness is required as is an ability to swim. A sense of humour is also helpful. Full training will be provided.

If you think this opportunity is for you, then contact John Ringrose on 0414 449 068 or Dave Kissick on 0422 303 742.

Or find us on Facebook -

 [www.facebook.com/BerowraWatersRuralFireBrigade](https://www.facebook.com/BerowraWatersRuralFireBrigade)



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**From Campbelltown LAC:** It's time for Christmas shopping, for you me and the thieves! Avoid taking purchases to your car and stowing them. Sometimes, especially around Christmas time when we are doing a lot of shopping, we will take our purchases to the car to unload our arms so we can return to the mall or shopping strip and do more shopping. My suggestion is that if you have to stow and return to shopping, move your car if at all possible. If a would-be thief is watching you stow your packages, he will be deterred if he sees you leave. I know it is not always easy to find a parking space during peak shopping hours, but replacing all your stolen items is no walk in the park either.

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**From Northern Beaches LAC:** \*\*\*\*\*MISSING PERSON\*\*\*\*\* NORTHERN BEACHES POLICE ARE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MISSING PERSON **ALANNAH JACK, 15 YEARS OLD.** ALANNAH RESIDES ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES

AND IS BELIEVED TO BE FREQUENTING THE LOCAL AREA. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF ALANNAH PLEASE CONTACT DEE WHY POLICE ON 9971 3399 OR CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000.



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**A link to the November edition of 'Police Monthly':**

[http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/news\\_from\\_the\\_force](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/news_from_the_force) where you can view the articles, including 3 interesting ones about the use of social media by the Police:

- [Social Media - Celebrating the Success of Eyewatch](#) (PDF, 181.4 KB)
- [Social Media - NSW police is Leading the World](#) (PDF, 254.2 KB)
- [Social Media Helped Reunite Mother with her Missing Son](#) (PDF, 119.9 KB)

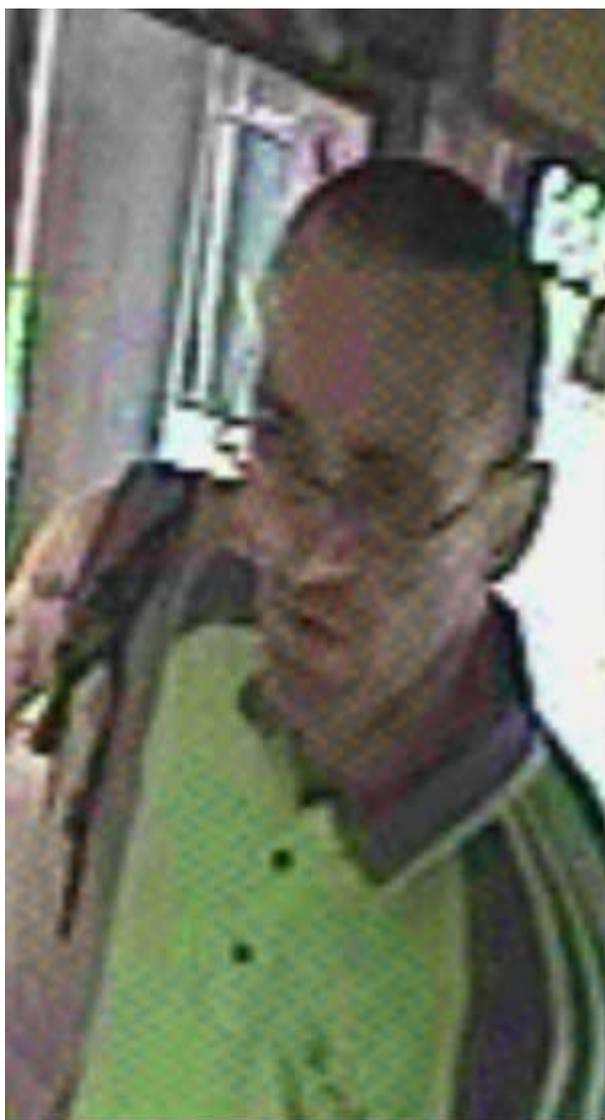
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**20th November, from North Shore LAC:** Hello Facebook Friends, Does anyone recognise these males. We would like to talk to them about an incident that occurred in Lane Cove on Saturday 20th October 2012. If you know any of them we would love to hear from you. Please email Constable Sankey at [sank1dea@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sank1dea@police.nsw.gov.au) or Sergeant Smith at [smit2gle@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:smit2gle@police.nsw.gov.au) . Or you can always give us a call at Chatswood Police Station on **9414 8499**. Thank you!



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19th November, from North Shore LAC: Hi All, can anyone identify this male as we need to speak with him in relation to an incident that occurred at 4.50pm on 25 October 2012 in Chatswood. If so please email Sergeant Smith on [smit2gle@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:smit2gle@police.nsw.gov.au) .



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### **BOCSAR - NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research**

<http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/> Worth taking a look at if you'd like to know more about particular offences in the area. Information is available from NSW level down to Local Government Area, mapped and illustrated with trend graphs and the data is easy to export via Excel.

Neighbourhood Watch groups have access to similar information from the local Police via the **Kuring gai Police & Community Safety Committee (KPCSC)** and the **Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC)**. Neighbourhood Watch representatives are invited on your behalf to these quarterly meetings. If you have any issues or concerns, contact your local NHW and have them bring it to the next meeting. The KPCSC meets next on Thursday, December 7th. The CSPC next meets in February 2013.

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More notes from the **Gordon Area 24/12 Neighbourhood Watch** meeting held Thursday, 8th November 2012:

Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary spoke about current crime in the area, including the finding of mail in the u-bend of the council toilets in Wade Lane. Paul has helped NHW volunteers compile the "**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Mailboxes**" which has plenty of recommendations that he reiterated:

**Mailbox Tip #1:** DO KEEP YOUR MAILBOX LOCKED. Remember, a lock is not a lock unless you use it.

**Mailbox Tip #2:** DO EMPTY YOUR MAILBOX EACH DAY.

**Mailbox Tip #18:** IF YOUR MAILBOX ISN'T SECURE, ARRANGE FOR IT TO BE MADE SECURE, THROUGH YOUR STRATA MANAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE), OR THROUGH A LOCAL TRADESMAN. Is it time for a new mailbox?

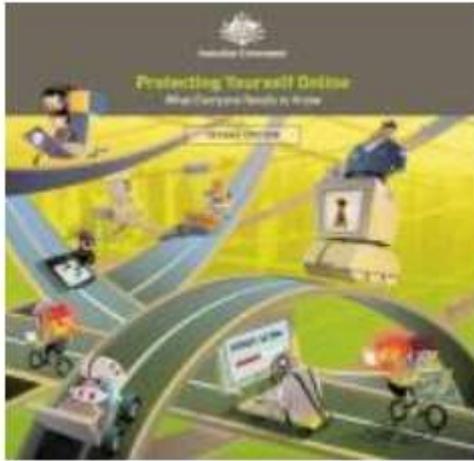
If you would like a copy of "**Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Mailboxes**" please email [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) .

**A frequently-heard question in Neighbourhood Watch meetings is,** "If mail theft and identity theft are real problems, is there anything we can do to get our mail properly delivered so that it is pushed completely into our letterbox?" At **East Killara's NHW meeting last week**, the Secretary mentioned her post is sometimes even placed under her vehicle's windscreen wipers! Well, one of our volunteer coordinators recently contacted Australia Post on your behalf:

**Australia Post replied,** "I can understand your concern with this, and the best way to correct this is to have all the addresses that this is happening to **call us directly** to report it. The best number to call us on is **13 13 18** or they can email us via <https://contactus.auspost.com.au/app/ask/session/L3RpbWUvMTM1MzkzMDI2MS9zaWQvcXdoNm5lY2w%3D#email> ."

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**It is important that all senior Australians know how to use the Internet safely and understand its limitations. Surfing the Internet can be a fun and fulfilling pastime so be safe and stay happy.**



***Protecting Yourself Online - What Everyone Needs to Know*** produced by the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department brings together information and advice from a range of Australian Government departments and agencies, in one handy booklet, to help all Australians stay safe and secure when using the internet whether dealing with scams, spam, banking or bullying. A direct link to the booklet can be found at <http://www.ag.gov.au/Cybersecurity/Pages/ProtectingYourselfOnlineWhatEveryoneNeedstoKnow.aspx>

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### **From the ACCC: Over 60,000 child car seats recalled due to safety concerns**

Recalls of tens of thousands of child car restraints have been announced after testing found that the anchor kits or brackets could fail in the event of a collision, increasing the risk of injury to the child. Imported by Hemco Industries, the majority of affected anchor kits and brackets were supplied with car seats and capsules sold since April of this year, including major brands such as **Tomy Australia, IGC Dorel and Como Baby**. Some of the anchor kits and brackets were also sold separately as aftermarket accessories.

“The ACCC understands that these anchor kits and brackets are generally used in station wagons, hatchbacks, four-wheel drives and older vehicles. Many, although not all, newer vehicles tend to have an anchor bracket already installed in the vehicle,” ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said. Affected units can be identified by the batch number which has been stamped directly on the product. The **affected batch numbers are 022 and 023**. All other batch numbers are not affected by the recall.

For the full article see: <http://www.productsafety.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/997750> For photos of products, see: [http://social.kidspot.com.au/index.php/groups/topic/view/group\\_id/](http://social.kidspot.com.au/index.php/groups/topic/view/group_id/)



### National Document Verification Service (DVS)

The national Document Verification Service (DVS) is part of the Australian Government's commitment to protecting the identity of Australians. The DVS is a secure, electronic, on-line system that can be used to check, in real time, whether a particular proof-of-identity document that has been presented by a person applying for a high value benefit or service is authentic, accurate and up-to-date.

The DVS does not store any personal information. Requests to verify a document are encrypted and sent via a secure communications pathway to the document issuing agency. If a document 'matches' information held by the issuing agency, a 'yes' response is transmitted to the querying agency; otherwise, a 'no' response is returned indicating that the document details were not verified. No personal data is transferred from the document-issuing agency. The DVS is currently accessible to Australian Government, State and Territory agencies. Driver licences, passports, visas and citizenship certificates are among the identity documents that can be verified by the service.

As part of the 2012-13 Budget, the Commonwealth Government announced the **extension of the DVS to private sector organisations**. Access to the DVS will allow businesses with client identification obligations to check, in real time, the accuracy of identifying documents such as

passports, visas and citizenship certificates. Businesses with client identification obligations under Commonwealth legislation will be able to apply to use the DVS. **Applications will be accepted from December 2012.** The service will be provided on a fee-for-service basis.

While private sector access to the DVS will strengthen the identity security environment for all Australians, it will also help businesses protect themselves against identity fraud as well as save money by reducing unnecessary manual processes, data collection and recordkeeping.

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**November's Scamwatch warning** - read more at:

<http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/999459>



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**Easy Care Gardening Inc** is looking for new garden clients. If you know a frail aged person or someone with a disability on a pension living in the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Ryde or Hunters Hill area, who would like their garden turned into an 'easy care' garden by a team of our wonderful volunteers, please get in touch! Phone 9983-1644 Please share this post. Thank you!

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The **inagural Triple H Motorshow** is on. The 'Show us your Motor' boys have been working tirelessly to put on a BIG show for the loyal listeners of Triple H. The 15th December is Motorshow day at 31 Salisbury Rd, Hornsby. Don't miss it!

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**Where: 31 Salisbury Road Asquith**

The boys from 'Show us Your Motor' will be broadcasting **live** from the show on Triple H 100.1 fm from 10 am

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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, 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) 27/11/12:

Incident: Middle range drink driving  
Time/Date: About 10.50 pm on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Pacific highway, Hornsby x George street.  
Vehicle 1: Toyota  
Driver 1: 27 year old male

Details: Hornsby police were in a mark police car at the traffic lights and observed the Toyota to allegedly go through a red traffic light. Police have followed the Toyota stopping it a short distance away. The driver was spoke to where certain admission were allegedly made. A roadside breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A further test gave a result of .117. The driver had his license suspended by police.

Court: The driver is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January charged with Driving with a Middle Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol and travelling through a red traffic light.

Incident: Low range drink driving and pursuit.  
Time/Date: About 12.25 am on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Mona Vale road, St Ives.  
Vehicle 1: Mercedes  
Driver 1: 18 year old male (P2 driver).

Details: Police signalled the Mercedes to stop at a random breath testing site. The driver is alleged to have speed off without stopping. Police have the pursued the car along Mona Vale road, the Mercedes is alleged to have reached a speed of about 126km/h in the 60 speed zone. Police have eventually stopped the Mercedes and the driver was spoken to. A roadside breath test giving an alleged positive result. A further test gave a result of .047.

Court: The driver is to appear at the Hornsby local Court at a date yet to be set and will be charged with Driving with a Low Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol and Exceeding the speed limit by more than 45 km/h.

Incident: Traffic and firearm offences  
Time/Date: About 12.15 am on Friday the 23rd  
Place: Pacific highway, Wahroonga.

Vehicle 1: Peugeot  
Driver 1: Suspect.

Details: Police have detected the car driving along the Pacific highway heading towards Wahroonga. The police car fitted with a number plate recognition system showed the car had cancelled registration and the owner was allegedly a disqualified driver. The driver pulled into a side street and allegedly fled the scene on foot. Police have chased the driver (a male) but lost him soon after. A search of the area revealed a replica Glock firearm which police allege was dropped by the male driver. A search of the car gave police a number of leads which will be followed and police expect an arrest soon.

Incident: Burnout offence by P plater.  
Time/Date: About 3 pm on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Pacific highway, Warrawee.  
Vehicle 1: Hyundai  
Driver 1: 17 year old P1 learner (suspended).

Details: Police were travelling in heavy traffic and when near the Hyundai have allegedly seen the driver accelerate harshly with the wheels losing traction (burnout) in wet conditions. The driver was stopped and spoken to, he is also alleged to not have been wearing his seat belt correctly. A check via radio revealed the driver was allegedly driving whilst his learners license was suspended.

Court: The driver is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December charged with Driving whilst license is suspended, seat belt and burnout offences.

Incident: Steal from business.  
Time/Date: Between Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Business in Beaumont road, Mt Kuring gai.

Details: An Ipad was stolen from an unoccupied office within the business. It was only realised about a week later as the office is rarely used.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal  
Time/Date: Between 12 pm and 8 pm on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>

Place: Taylors road, Dural.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor rear door.  
Several rooms were searched with a Laptop computer being stolen.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 7.45 am and 10 pm on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>

Place: Bay road, Arcadia.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a ground floor front door.  
Several Items of Jewellery, 2 Ipods and an Ipad were stolen. The estimated value of these items is about \$2,700.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 8.30 am and 3 pm on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>

Place: Barrie street, East Killara.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into the home via a closed but unlocked ground floor rear door. A Rolex watch , Pearl earrings and a Diamond ring were stolen, their value is yet to be totalled.

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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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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