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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 encourage your neighbours and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list: [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com).

\*\*\*\*\*Project 'eyewatch' interesting posts since last week's email:

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From our **neighbouring Local Area Command in Eastwood,**



Sen Const Julie Lewis, Crime Prevention Officer at Eastwood LAC.

After an increase in stealing from motor vehicles over the past few months we are urging car owners to take precautions.

I believe that by taking simple preventive measures, the chances of becoming a victim are greatly diminished.

When you park and leave your car, it is a good idea to do a quick checklist.

Ensure the surrounding area is well-lit at night, personal valuables are stored out of sight or taken from the vehicle. Don't leave valuable items in your vehicle, especially those parked in driveways, open carports and on the road overnight.

Thieves usually gain entry by smashing a window, so it's also a good idea to park in well-lit, busy streets whenever possible.

It may sound obvious, but remember to lock your car, and ensure all the windows are fully closed. Additional measures can be installed to enhance your car's security, such as engine immobilisers or fuel cut out switches, locking devices on the steering wheel or transmission shifts and car alarm systems.

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### **Police investigate attempted abduction – Thornleigh**

by [NSW Police Force](#) on Friday, 27 April 2012 at 11:53 ·

Detectives on Sydney's north shore are appealing for public assistance following the attempted abduction of a teenage girl as she walked home from school yesterday.

About 3pm (Thursday 26 April 2012), the 14-year-old girl was approached by a man as she walked across a footbridge near the Benowie Walking Track and Great Northern Walk, Thornleigh.

The footbridge is located at the end of Bellamy Street and is above the Zig Zag River.

Police have been told the man grabbed the girl by the throat and threatened her with a knife before pushing her backwards towards a side-track near the bridge.

The man continued to threaten the girl before she fell to the ground.

It's believed the man was then distracted by people walking nearby and the girl managed to flee and run home.

Police were alerted and officers attached to Kuring-Gai Local Area Command attended and conducted an extensive canvass of the area with assistance from the Dog Unit and Polair, however, they were unable to locate the man.

An investigation is underway and detectives are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident, or who may have been in the area at the time, to contact detectives.

The man is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his 40s or 50s, approximately 170cm to 175cm tall, of medium build, with grey hair and a short grey beard.

The girl has told police the man had a rough-sounding voice.

He was wearing a red and blue long-sleeved checked shirt, a grey baseball cap, and light-coloured pants that had pockets on both the ankles and hips.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Kuring-Gai Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333

000.Eastwood Police: Watch out for thefts from motor vehicles

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From Live Traffic 24th April: ST IVES Mona Vale Road at Stanley Street - ACCIDENT Motorcycle. <http://t.co/eNZngej2> (via @TrafficSydNorth)

Another from Live Traffic: ENDED: PYMBLE Pacific Highway - North Of Mona Vale Road - ACCIDENT Car. <http://t.co/eNZngej2> (via @TrafficSydNorth)

[Yes, we know these are out-of-date, but how else would you see examples of the timely, succinct, pertinent information about the traffic situation available to you on facebook?]

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### David Rixon Memorial Scarves and Ties

To support the family of the late Senior... Constable David Rixon VA, a NSW Police Force highway patrol officer who was fatally shot at Tamworth on 2 March 2012, Oxley Detectives have designed a tie and scarf in his memory.

The ties are made from high quality fabric with blue and white stripes. Embroidered on the royal blue stripe are the words, "NSW Police," and "OX203" which was the call sign for Senior Constable David Rixon's vehicle. The narrow black stripe bears the words "Senior Constable David Rixon VA" in white. At the bottom of the tie is a miniature NSWHP highway patrol vehicle bearing the "Rixon" number plate.

The scarves are tastefully designed with blue and white stripes and similarly show a white miniature NSWHP highway patrol vehicle bearing the "Rixon" number plate on a blue stripe. The cost of ties and scarves is \$30. All proceeds will go to the David Rixon Memorial Fund. If you wish to place an order please forward an email to [#tamworthties@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:#tamworthties@police.nsw.gov.au) with the following details.

Name (or group contact name):

Station / postal address:

Contact number:

Email address:

Number of ties requested:

Number of scarves requested:

Payment reference (if direct deposit) e.g. name or station/office.

Payment can be made by direct deposit to:

New England Credit Union (Community Mutual)

BSB: 932000

ACC: 100292690

Acc Name: Tamworth C.I.B. Social Club

Cheques to be made out to Tamworth C.I.B. Social Club and sent to: Tamworth Detectives

40-42 Fitzroy St, Tamworth NSW 2340.

Orders will be processed after payment has been received.

For any further information, please contact Rebecca McKenzie or Craig Dunn at Tamworth Detectives on (02) 6768 2853.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

by: [Oxley LAC - NSW Police Force](#)

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**St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch** held their meeting last week. Special guests were our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, and Snr Con Malcolm Baker. Malcolm is standing in as CPO for Paul, whilst Paul takes three months off for a shoulder operation. Good luck, Paul! Paul, along with Julia Eagles, one of the two Project eyewatch Precinct Coordinators for the Kuring-gai Local Area Command (Carroll Howe is your other one), led discussions on the future of Neighbourhood Watch:

Neighbourhood Watch should use all forms of communication, allowing for all kinds of people in the community. Paper newsletters should continue. [These are NOT seen as 'junk mail!'] Weekly email newsletters are seen as a useful addition for those wanting more information, but wary of facebook. The new Project **eyewatch** use of facebook is seen as a way of connecting with the younger generations and those in the work place.

Some useful **reminders** came from the meeting:

Don't forget that Neighbourhood Watch groups have access to **engraving tools and UV marker pens**, that anyone can borrow to mark their valuable property. UV pen can need re-doing every 6 months if the item is in direct sunlight. Engraving tools can't be used on sensitive items such as laptops, mobile phones, but are perfect for power tools. Please email us on [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) if you'd like to borrow our engraver or UV marker pen. Marking your property not only increases the chances of having stolen items returned, but also can provide a link between a criminal and a Break & Enter household, providing better information for the judicial system.

**Current scams:** The 'Bitchumen Bandits' are around again. Beware of tradies coming to the door. Demand to see their Office of Fair Trading Contractor's Licence (used to be called a 'Gold Card'), written quotes, and a business card with a landline phone number. Otherwise suggest they leave now, or you'll call the Police.

**Mobile Phone Serial Number:** A mobile can be deactivated or tracked via its IMEI Number (International Mobile Equipment Identity Number). This can be accessed by typing in the five characters: \* # 0 6 # . A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your

handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your phone is ever stolen, you can give your service provider this number and they can then block your handset. So even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your mobile back, but at least you'll know that it is now useless for the thief! Alternatively, you could choose not to deactivate the mobile phone and instead to allow the Police to track it back to the criminal, because in these circumstances the Police can track phones down to a single building! This includes ipads.

**Photograph** your jewellery and valuables, using a ruler or coin for size comparison. Note any serial numbers. Keep this inventory list on a USB or CD Rom at a different location.

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### **AN elderly woman needed to be rescued when she managed to get three fingers stuck in an ATM.**

Security guards found the woman with three fingers stuck inside the machine this morning at [Sydney's](#) Campbelltown Hospital.

"I've been in the job 37 years and never had one of these. She was in the main foyer of Campbelltown Hospital with the little finger, well three fingers, stuck up inside where the money comes out," firefighter Steve Webb told ABC Radio.

"There were about six security guys and four firies and we couldn't understand how it had happened."

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"After we prised the front panel away from the whole machine, it was just enough for her to release her hand herself."

Mr Webb said the woman was a bit distressed but was freed after a few seconds.

She was being examined by doctors at the hospital, he said.

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### **Search for missing woman - Narrabeen**

**Friday, 27 April 2012 10:54:54 AM**

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**Police are coordinating a search for a woman missing on Sydney's northern beaches since earlier this week.**

**Patricia Petersen, 46, was noticed missing from a caravan park at North Narrabeen by the manager yesterday.**

**The missing woman was due to checkout of the park on Tuesday and the manager contacted police when he could not locate her.**

**All the woman's belongings were found at the park.**

**There are serious concerns for her welfare as she suffers from a number of health conditions which require medication.**

**Police have established a command post and are concentrating their search on North Narrabeen headland.**

**They are being assisted by water police and SES volunteers.**

**Anyone who might have seen the missing woman is urged to contact Triple Zero immediately.**

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**And from Ku-ring-gai Council: You can recycle old computers, mobile phones, game consoles, dvd players/VCRs at our free recycling weekend, 26-27 May at the Belrose Waste Management Centre.**

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PRIVACY WEEK 2012 - Monday 30th April to 4th of May 2012

Privacy is an important part of your life. With the increasing popularity of social networking websites and information being processed online, your privacy has never been so important.

The NSW Police Force takes your privacy very seriously and through our resources we can assist in directing you to government agencies that deal primarily ...with privacy issues.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner, New South Wales is responsible for educating the people of NSW about the meaning and value of privacy and assisting them protect and enhance their privacy as well as promoting the adoption of world's best practice by all holders of personal data, particularly NSW Government agencies, thereby promoting an increased level of trust in the community, especially between people and their government.

For a range of Privacy information - see the new TAB next to our links.

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## KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE ON THE INTERNET.....

Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter have changed the way that young people communicate with each other.

Kids now share many details of their lives online. As a parent, you can help them behave in a safe & smart way to minimise the risks and protect them from cyber bullying, unwanted attention or privacy breaches.

- \* Remind kids not to share their user names & passwords with anyone
- \* Go through privacy settings of social networking sites with them to make sure they are only sharing their personal info with their friends.
- \* Educate them on the security risks associated for them & your family by exposing too much detail online.
- \* Get them thinking about the long term effects of their online behaviour.
- \* Encourage them to think about what they are posting online because once it's out there, it's there forever & they may have no control over it.

REMEMBER - The best protection is parental supervision & guidance.

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**Hornsby Police news,  
30/04/12**

**The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.**

**Incident: Vehicle collision**

**Time/Date: 7 am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Place: Kuring-Gai Chase Road, Mt Colah, 5 kilometres east of the F3 overpass**

**Vehicle: Cyclist**

**Details: The rider was in a group of approximately 10 cyclists as a result of an incident, the cyclist has being ejected from the seat of the cycle, over the handle bars resulting in the cyclist being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where he was treated for injuries to his vertebrae, clavicle and cheek bone**

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**Incident: Stealing and Assault**

**Time/Date: 2.00pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Place: Coles Supermarket, Turramurra**

**Person 1: 43 Year old male from Neutral Bay**

**Details: It is alleged the male has entered the store and left the store with out paying for foodstuffs to the value of \$7.00. The male when confronted by security staff has become aggressive and allegedly assaulted the staff member. On apprehension by police the male has allegedly spat in the rear of the police vehicle. The male has subsequently being charged**

**Court: The male will appear before Hornsby Local on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012, charged with stealing, assault and malicious damage**

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**Incident: Malicious Damage**

**Time/Date: Around 6.45 pm on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Place: Forty Winks furniture store, Pacific Hwy, Hornsby**

**Person 1: 22 Year Old male from Asquith**

**Person 2: 34 Y/O female from Forestville**

**Details: It is alleged that as a result of a verbal argument between the two parties the 22 year old male has allegedly swung his elbow impacting with the glass frontage at the location, resulting in it breaking. The male has left the location and was located a short distance away in Jersey St by police. The male was arrested and charged**

**Court: The male was charged with maliciously damage property and will appear in Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.**

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**Incident: Break, Enter and Steal**

**Time/Date: Between 10.00 am and 8.30 pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Location: Unit in Sherbrooke Road, Hornsby**

**Details: Entry was gained by removing a flyscreen and entering through an unlocked window. Property to the value of \$3700 was taken, the property being a computer laptop and a ring.**

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**Incident: Break Enter and Steal**

**Time/Date: Between 3.00 pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and 4.00 am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Place: Newsagency St Ives Plaza, Mona Vale Road St Ives**

**Details: Person or persons unknown have gained entry to the location by smashing the front door. Entry was gained and property to the value of approximately \$4000 was taken. Empty milk crates were used to access the alarm situated above the door, which was removed.**

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**Incident: Malicious Damage**

**Time/Date: Between 4.00 pm and on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and 3.00 pm on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

**Place: Residence in Eastern Arterial Road, St Ives**

**Details: Person or Persons unknown have entered the property and smashed a security sidelight, entered the home, they have then spray painted graffiti throughout. The damage is estimated to be approximately \$20 000.**

**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.**

**END**

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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.**  
Forward this email to a friend

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