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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 includes both the **Hornsby** and Kuring-gai areas. 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. This includes the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.
- **Local Neighbourhood Watch information:** Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips, etc.

17th June; Mountain bike crash on fire trail man injured Mountain bike rider injured in fall. A 38 year old Berowra male was riding his mountain bike after work on Thursday the 13th. About 4pm he has entered the fire trails at the end of Rosemead street, Hornsby. About 5.25pm a husband and wife were bush walking and have found the mountain biker lying on the ground injured and in a lot of pain. The female has run to get help with the male staying with the biker. This location was about 2 kms into the trail. About 6pm police and ambulance personnel have arrived and stabilised the rider. This was obviously in darkness at this time. The rider was stabilised before being airlifted to the RNSH. His condition at this stage is serious but stable. His injuries include lacerations to his left knee. Extensive cuts and bruising to his head and face. Of note his helmet appears to have been ripped from his head as a result of the fall. Observations at the scene showed a slight rise to a rocky area with some gouge marks about 11m long in the soft sand. The rider was found about 4m further on. A big thankyou to the 2 bushwalkers who found the rider and called for help. It could have been much later until the male was found due to the length of the track and becoming dark.



17th June: Hornsby Police news, 17/6/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Semi trailer driver charged

Place: F3 Windybanks interchange.

Vehicle 1: Kenworth prime mover and trailer

Driver 1: 40 year old male from Queensland.

Details: On the 14th of March this year Highway patrol police stopped the semi trailer and spoke to the driver. A roadside drug test gave an alleged positive result for drugs, a further saliva test also gave an alleged positive result. A sample was sent for testing at a laboratory which came back positive for illicit drugs being present. The driver has now received a notice to attend court.

Court: The driver is to appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 6th of September charged with Driving with an Illicit drug present in his blood.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 7.10am on Friday the 13th

Place: F3 Berowra.

Vehicle 1: Toyota Camry.

Driver 1: 52 year old female

Details: The female was driving along the F3 and for some reason is alleged to have lost consciousness. Her car has then drifted right towards the centre median and into the safety wires, the car has eventually stopped. A number of passing motorists have stopped and helped the female before calling police and an ambulance. The driver was conveyed to hospital for treatment. A number of inquiries are still to be made into the incident. No other cars were involved in the incident.

Incident: Fire

Time/Date: About 10.40pm on Thursday the 13th

Place: A business in Mundowie rd, Mt Kuring gai.

Details: An industrial fryer at a business has caught fire, the fire has sent flames up the flue which has ignited built up grease. Staff have attempted to put the fire out and called the Fire Brigade who attended soon after. The fire was put out with fire causing damage to the flue only with minor water and smoke damage elsewhere. Damage is estimated to be \$85,000.

Incident: Young person graffiti charges.

Time/Date: About 12.50pm on Friday the 14th

Place: Hornsby Mall

Person 1: 13 year old male from a Berowra address.

Details: Police were walking through the mall area and have noticed the young male acting suspiciously. The male has walked a short distance and police have spoken to him. As a result of observations the male was searched with several graffiti type spray cans allegedly being located on him. The young male was arrested and charged.

Court: The young male is to appear at the Hornsby Children's Court at a later date.

Incident: Car fire

Time/Date: About 4.30pm on Thursday the 13th

Place: Pioneer place, Thornleigh.

Details: A car wrecking business in Thornleigh was stripping a car. As part of this the fuel tank was drilled to drain the remaining fuel. As the fuel was emptying into a plastic container it has ignited

causing the car to be engulfed in flames. The fire was put out, but the car was totally destroyed. No person was injured.

Incident: Stealing incident.

Time/Date: Between 10.35am and 10.50am on Sunday the 2nd

Place: Myer, Hornsby Westfield.

Person 1: Described as female about 45 years old, she has medium length brown hair. She was wearing a green coat, light blue jeans and carrying a red handbag.

Details: CCTV footage shows the female in Myer. Soon after a number of items were taken from display shelves, these include 2 scarves, a hand bag, long female boots and female trousers.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between 4.50pm and 8.20pm on Sunday the 16th

Place: College street, Hornsby.

Details: A Unit in College street was broken into via a ground floor side window which had its lock forced. A number of rooms were ransacked with a number of jewellery items and 2 Ipads taken. The total value is estimated to be over \$1,000.

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.

14th June: C.A.R.E.S. Students in action learning the bicycle road rules (6 photos) Here are some photo's taken recently of students from our local area, as you can see they are learning all there is to know about bicycle safety and the relevant road rules. They do get demerit points for 'bad behaviour' or reckless riding or breaking the road rules, but mostly they all have a good time and learn heaps. Hopefully they will tell their younger siblings for when they are in years 5 or 6.



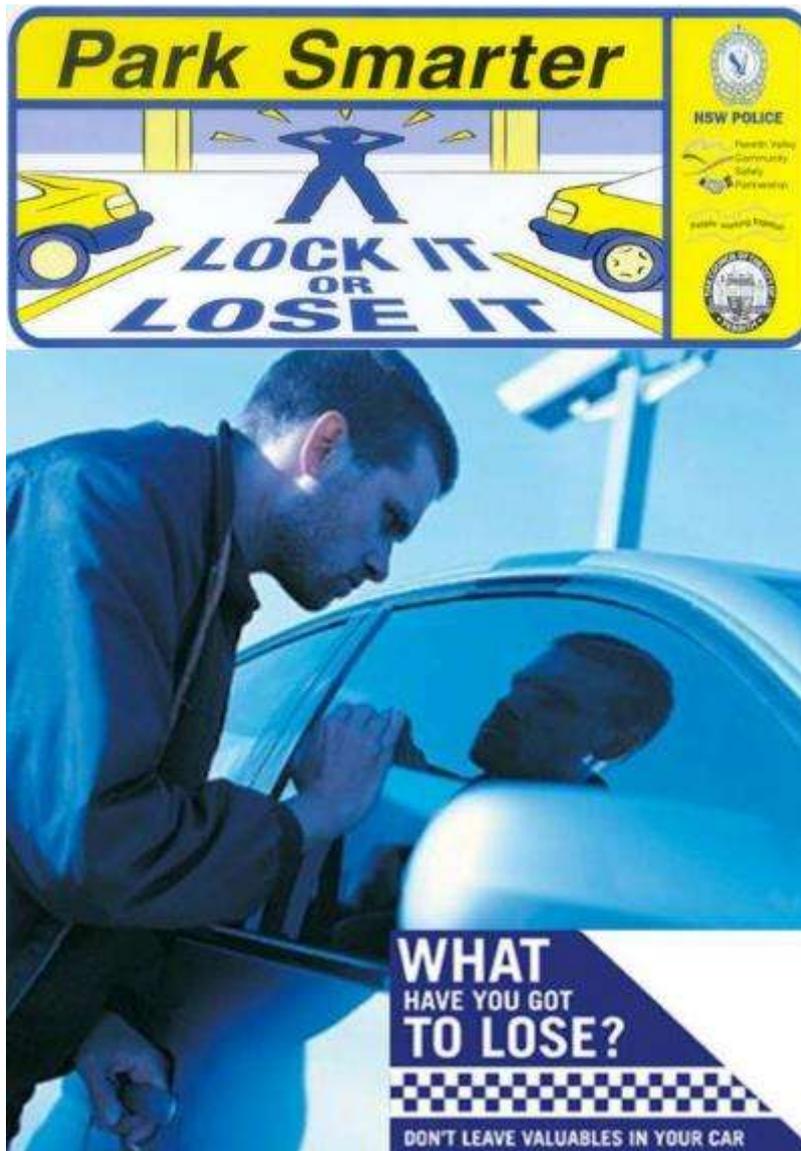
The CARES track is on Mona Vale Rd, St Ives opposite the St Ives Showground.

14th June: Geotagging. Parents are going what is it? Kids and the technology buffs are going yes I was there. But do you know the pitfalls of Geotagging? Are my kids safe while using it? Can someone stalk me? Please read the following recommended by the Fraud and Cybercrime squad so you understand the risks. <http://www.wikihow.com/Avoid-the-Potential-Risks-of-Geotagging>

14th June: CONSUMERS are warned to not give their bank details out over the phone after several reports of scams this year.

The bank refund scam is rife across the state, according to NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe. He cautioned people that, "no government agency cold calls you offering money". "Gosford Fair Trading Centre received four calls last week from the Gorokan Kanwal area (near Wyong)," he said. "Consumers reported receiving offers of a refund on bank fees. Scammers told some people Fair Trading would contact them the following day. "One scammer used the name Allan Spencer from Parramatta and the name Thomas Hepwell was also given. "They provided a contact number of 02 8006 2544."

Scammers often have some form of personal information which they use when calling consumers to advise they have money owing to them from a bank and that in order to receive it they need to deposit money for administrative purposes.



14th June: CRIME PREVENTION TIPS. We have collated a lot of crime prevention material and posted these in our photos section of this page. They were scanned by one of our volunteers and uploaded for all to see and use. If you click the photos link, then go to the albums area and scroll down. You will see folders for home security, business security, senior safety and vehicle security. Please feel free to use these, don't forget to tell your friends, The tips in these brochures may reduce your risk of being a victim of crime. All-in-all crime rates in this area have reduced.

14th June: Why offenders Target Locations for Break and Enter? Source: www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au

Interviews with convicted offenders reveal clear targeting preferences. Offenders consider likely

occupancy, accessibility and neighbourhood type. Brown and Altman suggest that offenders prefer neighbourhoods characterized by unstable and non-cohesive social structures because the anonymity amongst residents implies a lower level of territoriality as residents will be less likely to identify or be suspicious of strangers, and intervene if concerned.

Offenders also perceive limited risk of surveillance and apprehension in areas such as these. Further research revealed that most offenders targeted properties close to home based on issues associated with walking long distances with heavy objects and the advantage of knowing the area in detail. This is supported by Wiles and Costello's finding that offenders travel limited distances to commit offences.

Nee and Meenaghan found that offenders did several checks before selecting a target, based on general upkeep and décor, visible expensive items and type of car. Similarly, Hearndon and Magill identified that the single most attractive feature of a potential target was the perceived likelihood of finding high value goods – expensive looking dwellings and cars were positive indicators for offenders that there may be valuable items inside the premises.

Layout cues are also important; offenders consider the degree of cover, access and getaway routes. Additionally, dwellings that look harder to gain entry to are passed over in favour of 'easier pickings' – homes without security grills, locks and other security mechanisms.

Inside the home, the vast majority (93%) of offenders begin with the master bedroom to locate cash, jewellery and other small valuables by looking inside dressers, bedside tables, under the bed and wardrobes, superficial searches of other rooms and then leaving within minutes.

14th June: ESCAPEE located and arrested. The earlier post of an escaped prisoner **Dragan Davidovic, 39**, who had escaped from the Long Bay Correctional Complex earlier this month has been arrested and charged with escaping lawful custody. He was located in the City after information from a member of the public. Davidovic had been seen in and around the **Dural and Galston** area in recent weeks. I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who 'called in' information about potential sightings. The arrest in the city was just that, a tip off from the community. So to my community thanks and keep reporting suspicious or criminal activity by the correct channels of course.

12th June: Online frauds are occurring in increasing numbers. Even professionals, students and business people have been victims. Sometimes it can be a simple purchase from a sales add or an online auction. But many are from requests to send money or to help out someone, or winning that lottery you never bought a ticket in ;(. they (the scammers) play on greed, guilt, hope or vulnerability. Never click a link in an email. Never open an attachment in an email from someone you don't know and trust. Never give out personal information from unsolicited emails or phone calls.

THEME OF THE WEEK - Fraud

Have you ever been the victim of online fraud? Or do you know someone else who has? Subscribe to

the Stay Smart Online Alert Service and get advice on the latest online security threats delivered straight to your email. http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert_service/subscribe

11th June: Police are appealing for information after a **child was approached by a man at West Pymble** on the weekend. About 11am on Sunday 9 June 2013, a five-year-old boy was riding his bike with his sister and grandfather on Prince of Wales Drive, within Bicentennial Park. The boy got ahead of the other two and was approached by a man who asked him if he wanted to come home with him. He ignored the man and continued riding.

Police from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command have commenced an investigation. The man has been described as having a thin build, olive complexion and grey hair covering his ears. He was wearing a red jumper, black pants, black shoes, black hat and carrying a black bag.

Anyone with information about this incident should call **Kuring-gai Police on 02 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers 1800333000**, 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. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Meanwhile, the incident has again prompted police to encourage parents to discuss the '**Safe People, Safe Places**' messages with their children, including;

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

11th June Weekend stats: Over the long weekend Hornsby police conducted over 900 RBT's on drivers in the local area. Over 600 on Friday alone. It was pleasing from our point in that there were only 2 drivers who recorded positive results. Both of these were low range. So this was a great effort from the community, well done.

11th June: Hornsby Police news, 11/6/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command:

Incident: Fail to stop car crash

Time/Date: About 10am on Monday the 10th

Place: Arcadia road, Arcadia (near Vision Valley road).

Vehicle 1: Daihatsu

Driver 1: Not known.

Details: It appears the Daihatsu was being driven on Arcadia road and has failed to negotiate a right hand bend in the road. The Daihatsu has careered off the road into a garden bed then into a tree. It had extensive damage to the front of the car. The driver appears to have removed the number plates and left the scene. Later that night a neighbour reported the car 'in the bush' to police. Inquiries led police to a nearby property where the said number plates were allegedly found. The owner or driver have not yet been spoken to and inquiries are continuing.

Incident: Car crash

Time/Date: About 7.30am on Friday the 7th

Place: Galston Gorge.

Vehicle 1: Corolla

Driver 1: 17 year old male P1.

Details: The Corolla was being driven towards Hornsby in the Galston Gorge. When near the Tunks bridge the Corolla has failed to negotiate a left hand bend and collided with a rock wall. The driver was not hurt. He was issued a ticket for negligent driving.

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 2.45pm on Monday the 10th

Place: David Jones Westfield Hornsby

Person 1: 36 year old male

Details: The 36 year old has entered DJ's and is alleged to have removed a security tag from a jumper. The male has then continued perusing in the shop before returning to the same jumper where it is alleged he picked it up and left the store without paying for it. It was valued at \$105. He was stopped and police were called. The male received an infringement notice for the incident. He was also banned from DJ's for 5 years and from Westfield for 12 months.

Incident: Arrest and charging of Break & Enter suspect.

Time/Date: Wednesday the 5th

Place: Strathfield railway station.

Person 1: 19 year old male from North Richmond.

Details: A home in Pymble was subjected to an aggravated Break & Enter offence in April this year. In that incident the home owner disrupted the offender and he escaped. The male (above) was seen on Strathfield railway station by Police transport Command officers. Inquiries led police to query the Break and Enter offence from Pymble. The male was arrested and charged with the offence.

Court: He was refused bail to appear at the Penrith Local Court on the 11th of June.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: Between Friday the 24th of May and Sunday the 26th of May.

Place: Billarga place, Westleigh

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into a garage at the home and stolen 1 racing push bike, a Mountain push bike and a Demolition Hammer. The total value is estimated to be \$3,500.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle.

Time/Date: Between 11pm on Thursday the 6th and 11.30am on Friday the 7th

Place: Benning avenue, Turramurra

Details: A Toyota Landcruiser was parked at the location, unknown person/s have broken into the car and stolen a Laptop and a Master card. The total value is estimated to be \$1,500.

Incident: Stolen Motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 8pm on Saturday the 8th and 9am on Sunday the 9th

Place: Montieth st, Turramurra.

Details: Unknown person/s have stolen a BMW X3 SUV while it was parked in the driveway of the home. It was valued at \$65,000.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal

Time/Date: About 12.50am on Wednesday the 5th

Place: North Turramurra New agency Bobbin Head road,

Details: Unknown person/s have smashed a window at the newsagency. A security company has called police and sent a guard to the location. The owner lived nearby and has seen 2 persons running from the store, They appeared to be male wearing Grey hoodies and were both carrying plastic bags. The owner entered the store as police arrived and it was discovered a large amount of cigarettes were taken from the display shelves. The total value of the cigarettes is estimated to be \$5,000.

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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And thank you for this email on Saturday from an E Killara resident: FYI East Killara shops had a robbery this evening. Liquor shop got held up with men wielding axe!

From our neighbouring North Shore Command: Former Scout master charged with indecent assault

Police have charged a former Scout master with the indecent assault of a teenage boy in the early 1980s. Detectives from North Shore Local Area Command launched an investigation after a 46-year-old man came forward with allegations earlier this year. The man told police about two separate incidents of indecency. He alleged these occurred while he was on a camp with the Scouts in the Blue Mountains and the Mt Kosciuszko National Park in 1981 and 1982 respectively. The alleged victim was aged 14 at the time. The investigation culminated this morning (Wednesday 12 June 2013) with the arrest of a 52-year-old man at Chatswood Police Station. He was charged with attempting to incite a male to commit an indecent act and with the indecent assault of a male. The man was a master of a Scouts group on Sydney's north shore at the time of the alleged offences. He has subsequently left Scouts Australia. He has been granted conditional bail and will appear at Hornsby Local Court on July 17.

Following the death last week of teenager Henry Kwan, police warn there is no 'safe-level use' for killer chemicals. <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/north-shore/police-warn-there-is-no-safe-level-use-for-killer-chemicals/story-fngr8h9d-1226661857955>

WILFUL & OBSCENE EXPOSURE - EARLWOOD A 36 year old man from Belmore was arrested and charged with two separate offences for wilful and obscene exposure. The first incident occurred on Homer St, Earlwood about 3.50pm on Monday, 6 May 2013. A lady was walking her dog and noticed a white van drive up beside her. The lady sighted the male driver was not wearing any pants and exposing himself. **A second similar incident occurred in Lindfield on 22 May 2013.** Local Police patrolling the area were flagged down and informed of the incident. The male was caught with his pants down. He was arrested and charged with the matter now before court.

LOST.....46* Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills NSW



11th June night at Pennant Hills, male Persian, white colour with grey head and tail. Went missing Tuesday 11/06/2013, always an indoor cat. Has never been outside, timid but loves to eat. Please contact me if you see him, owner is heart broken **0414069693**.

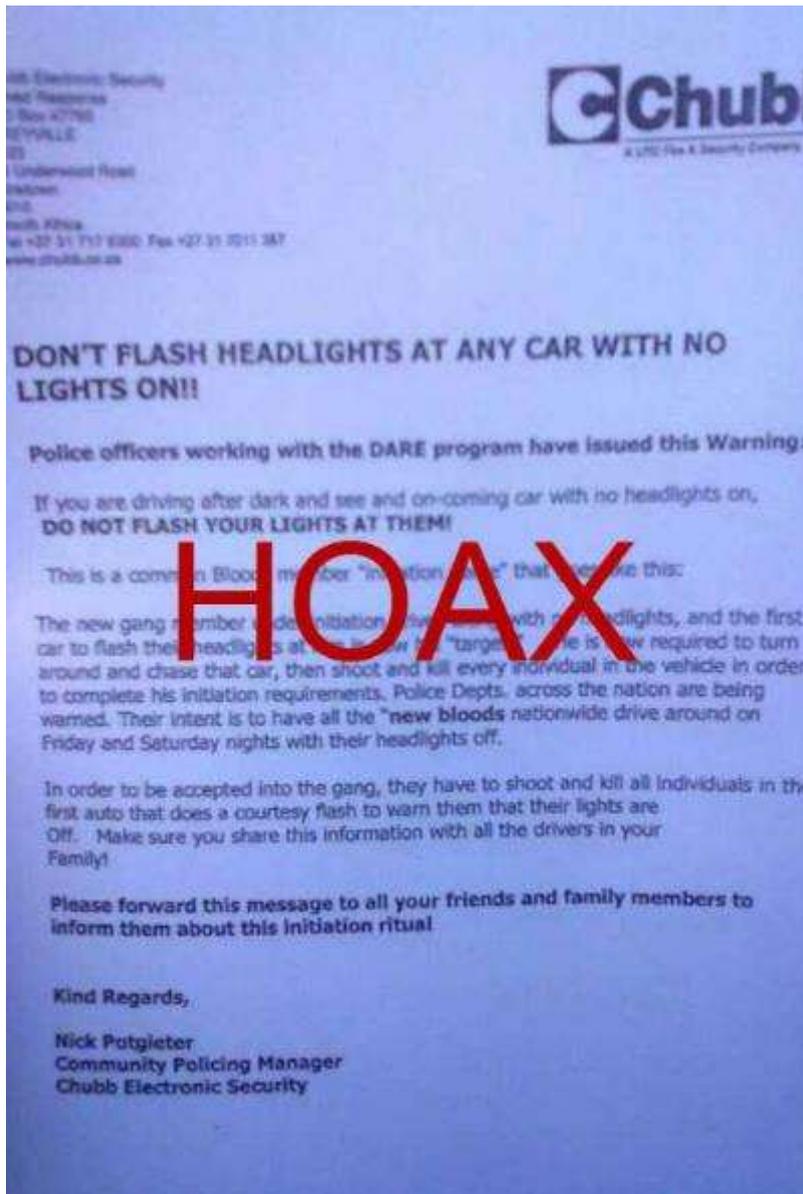
From our neighbouring Eastwood Command: Police are appealing for public assistance following a home invasion believed to be targeted at Pennant Hills overnight. Shortly before 9pm yesterday (Wednesday 12 June 2013), three men forced their way into a house on The Crescent. One of the men was armed with a firearm, while the other two were carrying knives and demanded money from man and woman inside. The 45-year-old man was struck in the head repeatedly with the gun. The men stole a mobile phone and other personal belongings before fleeing the premises.

Police from Eastwood LAC - NSW Police Force attended and established a crime scene, which was examined by forensic specialists. The man was taken to Hornsby Hospital for treatment to a laceration on his forehead. The woman was not injured.

The first man was described as being a 185cm tall with a solid build. The second man was described as being a 170cm tall with a solid build. The third man was described as being a 170cm tall with a medium build. They were all wearing balaclavas, black jumpers, black tracksuit pants and black shoes.

Anyone with information about this incident should call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

From Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn, Hoax alert: The NSW Police Force has received numerous enquiries on social media about this letter.



While police promote safety awareness messages on a regular basis, this letter is a hoax that is designed to create unnecessary fear in our community. The incidents outlined are, to the best knowledge of NSW Police, entirely fictitious. There is no known gang in NSW called the 'Bloods' that uses this method of initiation. This particular hoax has been circulating the internet for 20 years and adapted to different locations in the world.

The NSW Police Force actively uses social media, however, any serious crime is the subject of mainstream media release as well as social media posting. We urge social media users not to share the hoax letter. For more information about this hoax, please see: <http://www.snopes.com/crime/gangs/lightsout.asp>

From our neighbouring The Hills Command on Friday: Army bomb disposal experts are on the way to Castle Hill police station after a diver who found what is believed to be a World War 2 mortar shell took it to the police

station. He left it outside on the grass at about 4pm!



Here's what the cops and the army were faced with at Castle Hill Police Station this afternoon. Read the full story below: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-hills/diver-discovers-delivers-wwii-mortar-shell-to-castle-hill-police-station/story-fngr8i1f-1226664072584>

CHEMICALS - In the wrong hands they're lethal.

Be aware, some everyday chemicals which can be found in domestic, agricultural, veterinary, industrial and beauty products, can be used for terrorist purposes. These chemicals are of security concern and in the wrong hands they have deadly results. For further details about these chemicals, go to: www.chemicalsecurity.gov.au .

Possible warning signs:

Suspicious purchases, possession of large quantities or unexplainable use of chemicals.

Unusual storage or dumping of chemical containers

Unexplained chemical odours

Packages or bags left unattended in public places such as shopping centres, buildings or train stations, and

Unusual uses of accommodation such as garages or self-storage units being accessed at odd times of the day or night.

What can I do to help? You can help by using, storing and handling chemicals, even those contained in everyday household items, in a responsible way. If you see anything unusual, report it to the **National Security Hotline** on **1800 123 400**. This is a 24hour free-call number. Trained operators take every call seriously and you can remain anonymous.

Email: hotline@nationalsecurity.gov.au .

"If you suspect it - report it!"

Email NHWGordon@gmail.com with any crime prevention questions you may have and we can share the answers with the community.

Your local Police have a facebook page. Have you had a look? The page can be accessed without logging in to facebook. Simply click on the link: www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC. This page is where our volunteers copy and paste the posts from in order to create the email content above.



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, family, colleagues and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list at NHWGordon@gmail.com.

This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. 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 area, 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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