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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.



17th January, from our neighbours at The Hills LAC: **SAFE PARTY TIPS**. With Australia Day

fast approaching please remember these safe party tips:

- Let the police know that you are having a party by completing the Mynite Notification Form online, [www.mynite.com.au](http://www.mynite.com.au) or at your local police station.
- Don't use Internet, SMS or e-mail distribution lists, online notice boards or social networking sites to advertise the party. If word of the party has spread, you will need to take extra preventative measures (i.e. change venue, more adult supervisors, hire a security guards, ask neighbours to notify you of any unusual behaviour).
- Personally hand out invitations and let people know that it is an exclusive party, strictly invitation only! That way there will only be people you know and want at the party.
- Talk to your neighbours and give them a contact number, should an emergency occur.
- Have you planned what you are going to do if someone becomes sick or drunk? Make sure you have First Aid contact numbers and a kit handy.
- Allocate a lockable room for valuables and close off rooms you do not want people to use.
- If gatecrashers arrive, act quickly by refusing them entry and asking them to leave immediately. If they won't leave, tell them the police will be called. Gatecrashers are less likely to turn up if they know entry is by invitation only.
- Remember, you have the right to refuse entry to your property. It is an offence for people to trespass if you have refused them entry.
- Ensure that food is available during the party and non-alcoholic drinks are also available as an alternative.
- Make sure that the supervision is visible, as this will also deter "gate crashers".
- If under 18's do consume alcohol/drugs, contact their parents and have them collected from the party.
- Discourage guests from bringing their own alcohol to the party as this will give you greater control over its distribution and the amount consumed.

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**16th January, from NSW Police: #TrafficAdvisory:** Motorists travelling on the **F3 Freeway tonight** are asked to be aware of a planned speed limit and lane reduction. Between 10pm tonight (16 January 2013) and 4am tomorrow morning (17 January 2013) traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on the F3 Freeway at Cowan and a 40km/h speed limit will be in place. This is to allow the Crash Investigation Unit to carry out follow-up on-scene enquiries into a recent crash. Motorists are advised to monitor F3 variable message signs and the [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com) website for information.

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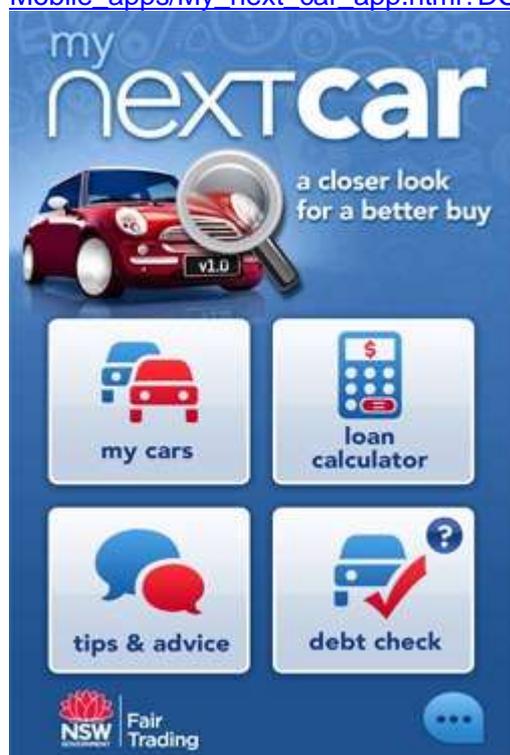
**15th January:** Our Crime Prevention Officer Snr Con Paul Cleary this afternoon on TripleH 100.1 StreetBeat chatted on several topics including the checks available to the public when buying a car...

**BUYER BEWARE - Useful new App.** If you are thinking about buying a used car online, DO NOT purchase the car without first seeing the car and driving the car. There have been a number of scams recently where people have lost money purchasing cars online without even seeing the

car. Fraudsters will tell you all sorts of reasons why you can't see the vehicle - Don't be sucked into their lies, and remember if the price seems too good to be true, it probably is. Below is a new 'App' from the NSW Department of Fair Trading. Download our 'My next car' app for more useful tips and checklists.

[http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About\\_us/Online\\_services/](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About_us/Online_services/)

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**14th January, from NSW Police:** Detectives investigating the **serious assault of a teenager at a party** in Sydney's north on Friday are appealing for further witnesses to come forward. Shortly after 11.30pm (Friday 11 January 2013), a group of gatecrashers attempted to enter an 18th birthday party which was being held at a home on **Keldie Street in Forestville**. Police have been told a physical altercation then took place between the group and those attending the party. Following the initial altercation, a number of gatecrashes allegedly jumped a rear fence in an attempt to enter, however, they were again asked to leave by the occupants. It's alleged one of the intruders then threw metal bars towards the group, striking a 17-year-old male in the head. Emergency services were alerted and the injured teen was rushed to Royal North Shore Hospital where he remains in an induced coma with serious head injuries. Officers from Northern Beaches Local Area Command attended the home and launched an investigation. Inquiries into the incident are continuing and detectives have spoken to a number of witnesses, however, they're appealing for other partygoers who haven't yet spoken to investigators, to contact Northern Beaches Detectives or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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NSW Rego is the official, free, NSW Government app helping you securely renew your vehicle registration on your iPhone. App features:

- **Vehicle registration renewal** – enter the billing number on your NSW Certificate of Registration to securely renew your vehicle's registration.
- **Free registration check** – enter the plate number of any NSW registered vehicle to view registration status.
- **Registration renewal reminder** – set a reminder for when your next NSW vehicle registration renewal is due.
- **eSafety Check station search** – find your nearest e-Safety Check station using GPS (for a vehicle safety inspection).

Download today (not available yet on Androids): <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/apps/index.html>



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**BAG SNATCHERS:** Bag snatchers are hit & run thieves who use surprise to their advantage. The best defence against them is to be alert to your surroundings. If your bag is snatched, it is often best to let go of it to avoid injury. To reduce the risk of having your bag snatched, the NSW Police offers the following tips:

- Carry your bag close to your body. Don't dangle it by your side or let it swing from your

shoulder.

- Don't wrap the bag's straps around your wrist.
- Always keep your bag zipped up.
- Keep cash and valuables you carry to the minimum.
- Do not mark keys with an address.
- When walking, stay away from the curb. Many bag snatchers will lean out of their vehicle to grab at bag straps.

If your bag is snatched, try to remain calm and get an accurate description for police of the bag, its contents and the thief. If you are assaulted, don't resist. Let go of the bag or you could be seriously injured. Be alert. At automatic teller machines (ATMs), be aware of people around you. Put your money away as quickly as possible. Don't put your bag on top of your car when you are loading things, or on counters, or in shopping trolleys. For more information, call your local Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723.

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**Apartment Security Tip #12:** Don't tell burglars you live alone. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "We can't come to the phone right now... " even if you live alone.

**Apartment Security Tip #13:** Don't become complacent just because you don't live on the ground floor. Secure sliding doors, balcony doors and windows. Recent break and enters have been to 1st & 2nd floor units.

**Apartment Security Tip #14:** Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate. Offenders may target residents they see as being more vulnerable, eg women living alone.

**Apartment Security Tip #15:** When moving in, consider installing new locks. When you move into an apartment you don't know if it has been burgled before. For extra security it's a good idea to get locks changed and re-keyed.

Further Crime Prevention tips from the "**Our Favourite 20 Tips**" series can be requested from [NHWGordon@gmail.com](mailto:NHWGordon@gmail.com) .

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**East Killara Neighbourhood Watch** have announced their meeting dates for 2013: **Wednesday, March 13th, Wednesday, July 10th and Wednesday, November 13th**. All meetings are held at 7:30pm and are held at the East Killara Uniting Church Meeting Room, Cnr Wentworth and Fairbairn Avenues (access via carpark). *All residents, street co-ordinators and particularly new residents to the area are welcome.*

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**Have your say on scams!** The Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce (ACFT) invites consumers to participate in this online survey to improve the prevention, detection and investigation of scam activities. The survey should take only 10 minutes to complete and all participants will remain anonymous. You will not be asked any questions designed to identify you and all information provided will be treated as confidential. <http://www.survey.aic.gov.au/survey/AustralasianConsumerFraudTaskforce2013.aspx> .

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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 NHW, Mount Colah NHW, eyewatch Wahroonga, East Killara NHW, Berowra and

other Neighbourhood Watch areas.



We apologise. Due to volunteer commitments, this week's Kuring Gai Local Area Command (Hornsby Police Station) crime report could not be included. There may also be an issue with next week's. Normal service will resume from February onwards. Thanks for understanding.

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 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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