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*****Project 'eyewatch' interesting posts this week:

Appeal for assistance after child approached - Hornsby

Saturday, 14 April 2012 10:20:11 AM

Police are appealing for information from members of the public after a child was approached by a man in Hornsby.

About 11pm yesterday (Friday 13 April 2012), a 16-year-old girl was walking along Dural Street when a man grabbed her by the arm.

The man pulled out a knife and threatened the girl.

The girl managed to break free from the man's grasp and ran away.

Officers from Kuring Gai Local Area Command are investigating the incident and would like to speak to a man who they believe may be able to help with their inquiries.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his forties, with a solid build. He was wearing a blue chequered flannelette shirt and dark coloured tracksuit pants.

Anyone with information in relation to the incident is asked to contact Hornsby Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 .

The incident has prompted police to again encourage parents to reinforce the 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages with their children, including:

- Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people;
- 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;
- 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; and
- If you are scared, call Triple Zero (000) and tell them you are scared.

Please contact Snr Cons Paul Cleary at Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 if you would like any of the locking screws (mentioned below) that are still available following the local Operation 'Bolt down'. A gold coin for Lions would be appreciated.

ARE YOUR NUMBER PLATES SAFE???

Most drivers don't think much about their license plates — until they go missing. Number plate theft is a concern for Police as plates are being stolen and used on cars to commit crime. Plates can be taken from cars parked in front of houses, carparks and shopping centres. Stolen plates are used in offences such as fuel theft from petrol stations.

Ensure your number plates are safely secured to your vehicle. Use good quality screws on ALL 4 CORNERS of the plate. A "One-Way" screw is available from auto retailers which can help attach your number plates securely.

It is a big inconvenience and cost to have them stolen and if you have special plates, you won't be able to get it again until the stolen ones are recovered.

TODAY TUESDAY 17th APRIL : Anthony Krkac, chairman of VandalTrak, will be a special guest on 100.1 HHH FM community radio station between 4.15pm and 5.00pm today. You can visit their web site <http://www.triplehfm.com.au/hhh/> to **listen online**. If you have any comments about

graffiti, you can call the studio on 8086 1900.

Thanks for finding the time, Anthony. Our Project eyewatch Precinct Coordinator for Kuring Gai LAC, Kuringgaiprecinctcoord Julia, will be chatting with Anthony and the TripleH Streetbeat guys. Please listen to see how we can all report graffiti using the VandalTrak system.

And from Julia: "Last week my friend and I disturbed vandals painting graffiti down by the creek, under the 'bat bridge' at Rosedale Road, Gordon. Police attended. We have given statements to the police and hopefully the youths will be caught. It needs nipping in the bud before their crimes escalate. I uploaded the photos to the VandalTrak website www.vandaltrak.com.au. If you haven't been there, please take a look. The work Anthony is doing is marvellous."

A great link to a document produced by the Commonwealth Bank. It shows photos and descriptions of ATM machines that have been tampered with, including descriptions of ATM Card Skimming and PIN Capturing. The photos can't be reproduced here, so there is only copied text below. To see the numerous photos, please go to http://dl.dropbox.com/u/25562468/ATM_awareness_guide.pdf.

Skimming devices are normally attached to ATMs during quiet periods, e.g. early morning / late evening.

Length of time skimming devices are attached can vary, but normally no longer than 24 hours. Successful skimming requires both a card skimmer (card reader) & camera (PIN capturing device) to be fitted to the ATM in order to steal card data.

Criminals may loiter nearby to observe customers & remove equipment after machine use. Downloaded information can be transmitted wirelessly to other devices.

How can you reduce the risk?

Familiarise yourself with the look & feel of the ATM fascia on machines

Inspect the ATM & all areas of its fascia for unusual or non-standard appearance

Is there anything unusual (card reader, area above the screen)?

Report any unusual appearance immediately to Police or the nearest CBA branch

Always use your hand to shield your PIN when entering it

St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch are holding their next meeting at 8pm on Tuesday, April 24th at St Ives North Public School, Memorial Ave, St Ives. Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cons Paul Cleary, will be addressing the on the future of NHW and on Project eyewatch. All welcome.

From Richmond LAC: BULLYING SURVIVAL TIPS

Here are some things you can do to combat psychological and verbal bullying. They're also good tips to share with a friend as a way to show your support. Kids: These tips are for you!

Ignore the bully and walk away.

Bullies thrive on the reaction they get, and if you walk away, or ignore hurtful emails or instant messages, you're telling the bully that you just don't care. Sooner or later the bully will probably get bored with trying to bother you. Walk tall and hold your head high. Using this type of body language sends a message that you're not vulnerable.

Hold the anger.

Who doesn't want to get really upset with a bully? But that's exactly the response he or she is trying to get. Bullies want to know they have control over your emotions. If you're in a situation where you have to deal with a bully and you can't walk away with poise, use humour — it can throw the bully off guard. Work out your anger in another way, such as through exercise or writing it down (make sure you tear up any letters or notes you write in anger).

Don't get physical.

However you choose to deal with a bully, don't use physical force (like kicking, hitting, or pushing). Not only are you showing your anger, you can never be sure what the bully will do in response. You are more likely to be hurt and get in to trouble if you use violence against a bully. You can stand up for yourself in other ways, such as gaining control of the situation by walking away or by being assertive in your actions. Aggressive responses tend to lead to more violence and more bullying for the victims.

Practice confidence.

Practice ways to respond to the bully verbally or through your behaviour. Practice feeling good about yourself (even if you have to fake it at first).

Take charge of your life.

You can't control other people's actions, but you can stay true to yourself. Think about ways to feel your best — and your strongest — so that other kids may give up the teasing. Exercise is one way to feel strong and powerful. (It's a great mood lifter, too!) Learn a martial art or take a class like yoga. Another way to gain confidence is to hone your skills in something like chess, art, music, computers, or writing. Joining a class, club, or gym is a great way to make new friends

and feel great about yourself. The confidence you gain will help you ignore the mean kids.

Most importantly, TELL SOMEONE! There are many people out there that know just how to help!

From the Stay Smart Online Alert Service:

Various spam emails are circulating which are designed to infect your computer with a program (malware) that could steal your passwords and other personal information (identity theft). The subject lines of the email include, but are not limited to:

LinkedIn Invitation from your co-worker

LinkedIn Notification

LinkedIn private message

The from lines of the email include random @linkedin.com addresses.

Warnings were posted for the CBD Road Closures for the Triathlon.

Live Traffic gave an update via Twitter & facebook: PYMBLE Mona Vale Road at Telegraph Road - HAZARD Wires down. <http://t.co/eNZngej2> (via @TrafficSydNorth)

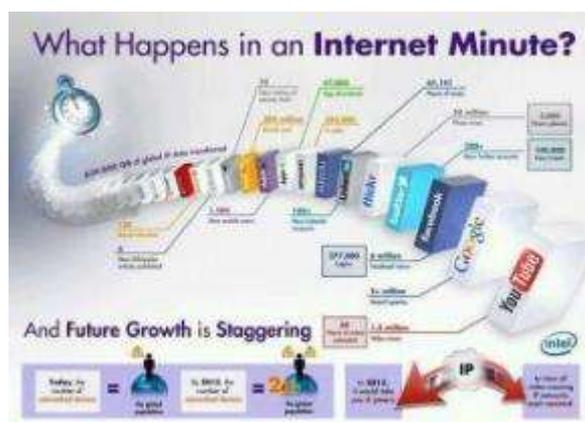
A link to a video about Youth Drink Bingeing, funded by the National Binge Drinking Grant Scheme, was posted by Byron Shire LAC. The message is pertinent to Kuring Gai youths.

Eastwood LAC posted: 3 YOUNG MALES ARRESTED FOR GRAFFITI

About 11:10pm on Wednesday 11th April 2012, a 15 year old male from Kirribilli, a 14 year old male from Greenacre and a 15 year old male from Leichardt attended Denistone Railway station. The 14 year old male waited at the top of the stairs on the main concourse to act as a lookout while the two 15 year old males walked down the stairs to the platform and then entered the rail corridor via a gate. Once in the rail corridor, the two 15 year old males have sprayed a number of tags on the electrical box and brick walls of the overhead bridge. Police were alerted to the presence of the male's graffitiing and plain clothes arrived a short time later. Police spoke to the 14 year old male at the top of the stairs before being apprehended by Police. The other two

males were also arrested and were taken to Ryde Police Station. All three young persons will be dealt with under the Young offenders Act.

Over the last few months as we have rolled out project eyewatch, people have asked why are the police on facebook?? Once explained they understand - But a picture paints a thousand words.....How can police not be involved on line with our community?



Traveling? Ten tips to protect your laptop from theft. The much more detailed version includes plenty of useful information - If you are interested, please email us at : NHWGordon@gmail.com.au

Summary.

1. Avoid using computer bags
2. Use strong passwords, and do not keep them in your laptop bag
3. Encrypt your data
4. Use a screen guard
5. Carry your laptop with you
6. Keep your eye on your laptop
7. Avoid setting your laptop on the floor
8. Buy a laptop security device or program
9. Try not to leave your laptop in your hotel room
10. Affix your name and contact info to the laptop

What to do if your laptop is stolen

These days, it seems that just about everybody uses a laptop or notebook computer to get work done away from the office or on the road. Unfortunately, the pervasiveness of laptop computing has made portable systems an easy target for theft. If your laptop computer is stolen, or if someone gains access to your files while your back is turned, your company information—not to

mention your personal and financial data—can be exposed.

Looking for information about security features you can use on your laptop to keep your data safe while you travel? This article covers some of the most pertinent. If you would like more general security suggestions (whether on the road or at the office).

Use these 10 tips to learn how you can help protect your laptop from theft when you are on the road. Taken from advice given by Microsoft.



Apologies, but there has been no formal Media Release this week from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cons Paul Cleary, due to holidays. However, if you skipped the facebook update at the beginning of this email, you might want to scroll back up, as there have been a few posts on facebook for our Kuring Gai Local Area Command.

Remember to report an suspicious activity in the neighbourhood directly to Hornsby Police on 02 9476 9799. DON'T DELAY IN REPORTING

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