

Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring-gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues. Click here to join our distribution list.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community?

Click here to email Gordon NHW. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.



Hornsby Police news,

15/6/15

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

Incident: High range drink driving incident

Date: Saturday 13th

Place: Ryde Road, West Pymble

Vehicle 1: Mercedes

Driver 1: 31 year old male

Details: Police conducting RBT have stopped the Mercedes on Ryde Road, a roadside breath test on the driver gave an alleged positive result for alcohol, a subsequent test gave a .150 reading. The driver was charged and had his licence suspended by police.

Court: The male is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 9th of July charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol

Incident: Car crash, person injured.

Time/Date: About 1.25am Monday 15th

Place: Kyde Koad, West Pymble Vehicle 1: Corolla Driver 1: 33 year old male Details: Police were called to a car crash on Ryde Road. On attendance police saw the Corolla had struck a power pole with extensive damage to the Corolla. The driver received a cut to the forehead and was taken to RNSH for treatment. The driver allegedly made admissions to falling asleep at the wheel. Police will wait the results of blood tests prior to proceeding with any action. The following crimes occurred since 12pm Friday 13th. Steal from motor vehicle incidents: Sunday 14th Saab left unlocked in Hornsby had wallet stolen from it. Victim reported credit cards had been used 5 times to commit frauds. Between Friday and Saturday, an attempt was made to forced entry to a vehicle in Thornleigh. Stealing incident; Sunday 14th a Gym in the Hornsby area had an attempt to force open a secure locker, the offender ran off when seen by a witness. Steal motor vehicle incident;

On Saturday 13th a milux parked in iviount Colan was stolen while parked on street.

Break, enter & Steal offences;

Hornsby; a house was broken into on Friday 12th

Wahroonga; 2 storage cages in a unit block forced open and items stolen, this occurred between Tuesday and Friday.

Pymble; a house was broken into between Wednesday and Saturday.

St Ives; a house was broken into Friday 12th.

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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13 June, NSW Police Force

Ice is made by people with little concern for their neighbours or the community. Drug labs used to make ice are prone to fire and explosions, resulting in severe damage to property, personal injury or even death. Surrounding neighbours and emergency personnel are often at severe risk of harm.

The chemicals used can be extremely toxic and have been found dumped in public parks, rivers, drains and roadsides, posing a danger to public health and the environment.

It's estimated that ice manufacture results in ten kilograms of toxic waste for every kilogram of ice produced - the longer these labs operate, the greater the potential harm.

You can put a stop to this damage and destruction. By contacting Crime Stoppers, you can end the manufacture of ice in your community. The information you provide will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and you can remain anonymous. So call 1800 333 000 or visit https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au

12 June, Australian Taxation Office

Tax Time 2015 is just around the corner. You're probably not the only one thinking about your refund - scammers are too.

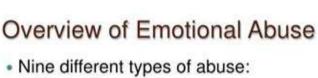
Be on the lookout for tax related scams this tax time. Scammers try to trick you to obtain your personal information.

Watch our video and share it to protect your friends' identities too. For more, click here.

12 June, Emotional Abuse

<u>#SeniorSafetyTipoftheDay</u> – Psychological abuse is one type of abuse that many seniors, unfortunately, experience.

http://www.allinahealth.org/mdex/ND7367G.HTM



- - Abusive Expectations
 - Aggressing
 - Verbal Assault
 - Constant Chaos
 - Denying
 - Dominating
 - Minimizing
 - Unpredictable Responses
 - Emotional Blackmail

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Issues of month Kuring-gai LAC

12/6/15

The following is a warning about scams and identity fraud;

This will be a bit long winded as I'll cover a few areas, please share this info to everyone, if you think it is a little too long just cut out the bits you don't want.

Typical frauds or fraudsters are after your personal information and any account details. They want your name, date of birth (DOB), address, your account details, tax file number (TFN), even phone numbers. They will send an email, call you or knock on the door. What to do?

The simple answer is nothing they ask. That is; don't reply to the email, but delete it, tell the phone caller no thanks and hang up, same for the door knocker, say no thanks and close the door. Don't worry about being rude if that's what you need to do, they are in your castle; they encroached on your turf unannounced.

This time of year (tax time) means fraud attempts through stealing your personal info or tricking you into giving it to them will occur. The fraudsters are very well versed in their scamming and scheming; they know what to say and when to say it. They may even have most of your personal info; they just need that little bit more and that little bit of info they have is what they use to try and convince you they are legitimate.

So the basic ground rules; a bank will never call you to update your info by phone. Nor will they email you to do this. They will not send a person to your house to inform you to do this.

Any person who calls/emails/door knocks you and ask you to do this should (must) be treated as a threat to you and your identity.

If you call a bank etc making inquiries about your accounts, then the bank will ask you to identify yourself, THIS is the only occasion you should pass on personal info.

There is no doubt we have heard of the many scams doing the rounds, or we have been victim to these attempts.

The following is an example reported to me just this morning from a Berowra resident.

A phone call is received and answered, the caller advises you have a tax debt from the ATO, they quote their badge number (sounds legit) and they quote various court case numbers to you and advise you are to appear at a court for the outstanding debt. What they are after is you DOB and TFN, maybe your bank or credit card account numbers. They already have your name, your phone number and probably your address. If you relent and give them you're DOB, TFN and bank details you have just given them your life to control. You should be aware of any tax debt you have or don't have. So don't get sucked into their scam and simply hang up. If they ring again hang up again and take the phone off the hook for a while.

If in doubt Google the ATO number and make your own inquiries, but never pass on personal info or account numbers.

Mail theft is increasing and it won't stop any time soon.

With the recent development of high rise apartments also comes a large amount of mail boxes in a confined location. This is like grocery shopping for a thief, who is after your personal info. The internet, accessible programs and computer gadgets has made fraud related crime all too easy for a motivated and knowledgeable fraudster. Most mail boxes have small pad locks or basic key locks with few combinations. Master keys for the generic unit mailboxes are available and are bought or traded. CCTV footage police have received to investigate mail theft has shown what appears persons using keys placed into a lock and opened like it belongs there. A unit block with 100 or 200 hundred mail boxes can be accessed in the dead of night in less than 10 minutes; useless mail is dropped to the ground with anything with personal info or bank details retained to be sorted later.

Anything that feels like a debit or credit card is highly prized. The thief knows your PIN will arrive in a few days and will come back for this. If they manage to get your personal info they can 'activate' your card for online fraud or use pay pass (tap and go) virtually straight away, maxing out your account before you or the bank realise.

If you do steal your credit card from the mail box, they will ring you soon after pretending to be from the bank, using any number of ploys to get your DOB, (remember they already have your card, name and address).

Have your credit or debit cards sent to the bank branch to be picked up (banks don't like this).

Clear your mail box regularly, know when bills or cards and accounts are due, if they fail to turn up report it to the bank.

Email scams; normally this is done by sending you an email, then you click a link or reply to them. Again banks will never ask you to update or confirm details by emails. Never click a link from someone you don't know, manually type in the URL

in the address bar and double check the URL before hitting enter.

If you receive any attachment from an unknown person or source delete it, never open it. If you don't know the origin just delete it.

One other scam is receiving an official looking threat to sue you or summons you to court. Chances are, you know if you're in the bad books with the law or have done something to be sued. These emails usually look to have come from a court somewhere and usually have an attachment or a link to click. What to do, one of 2 things. Firstly delete it as a summons for court will always be served in person and usually by a local sheriff. Notifying of court proceedings are still done old school (door knock) on very rare occasions registered mail may be used, in this case ring the court of issue.

Second thing you could do is as follows;

I received an email before advising I have been sued, to appear at the Melbourne courts and to click a link to view the details. I opened another browser and Googled the details, which showed a forum advising it was a scam from the exact same URL. The company suing me was supposedly a construction company in Nebraska, USA. It looks like their computers had been hacked also.

There are scams all the time, if you receive a call or email, or have that knock on the door don't believe everything you hear or see. Think about what they are after and why. Are they offering you the deal of a lifetime, like a free laptop or lpad (yes this happens?) Ask friends or family about it; go on the Fair Trading website to see the deal or offer is a scam;

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Consumers/Scams.page?

Most importantly never give out any info to anyone you don't know or who cold calls you.

Please spread this to all your friends.

Also

Community help; police solve crimes a lot of the time based on witness observations and accounts. This can be anonymous, however any information passed onto police is strictly confidential. How can you help keep your community safe? "If you see something, say something." If you think someone else will report it, what happens if everyone thinks that? Police would rather get multiple reports of suspicious behaviour than none.

So eyes and ears of our community help the police solve these crimes, report them.

Any information about suspicious behaviour please contact Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

For a bit of fun here is what happened to me a few weeks ago.

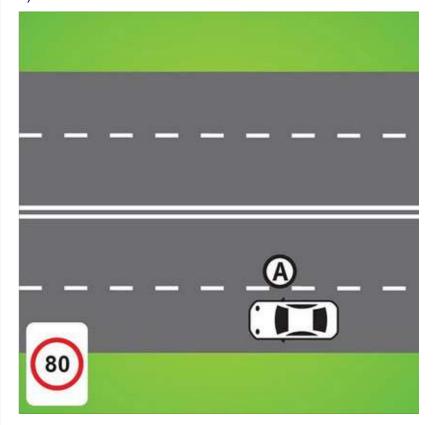
A phone call a 6pm, a long pause meant an overseas caller; An Indian accented male voice said to me, I have a file here and you have been in a car crash recently. (I hadn't) so with nothing better to do, I went along with the scam. He then said it wasn't my fault, so I agreed, he said and you were injured and went to a doctor, I said no, (can't make it too easy for him). Oh, he said, I have on file you had the crash and it wasn't you fault, I said, yes. He said and when was this, I said which one (having fun now), he's obviously reading off a script because he's pausing to find his next question, then he said I'll pass you onto my manager he will talk to you. I wait then hang up. About 10 seconds later the phone rings again, long pause, Indian accent, male says, my friend passed the call and it hung up, so I said yes. This male says you have been involved in 2 accidents and they were not your fault, I said yes that's right. He said, Ok and you were not injured, I said yes that's right. Can you tell me when this was, the most recent one? With more comic relief I replied, umm, oh, not sure, it was a while ago, you have the file there can't you tell me. Then he hung up on me, how rude.

What if I had followed their lead, they were after bank details and personal info so they could 'process' my claim for damages.

10 June, NRMA Motoring & Services

TEST TIME: You are driving vehicle A along a multi-lane road and the speed limit is 80 km/h or less, which lane or lanes can you travel in?

- a) In the left-hand lane unless you are turning right
- b) In the left-hand lane unless overtaking another vehicle in the left lane
- c) You must travel in the left-hand lane
- d) In either lane



TEST TIME ANSWER: Thanks everyone for your answers to our earlier Test Time: http://bit.ly/Testtime10_06

The correct answer is d) You may drive in either lane of a multi lane road if the speed limit is 80km/h or less and there are no Keep Left Unless Overtaking signs.

According to the RMS, Keeping Left is one of 10 most misunderstood Road Rules. For more information visit: http://bit.ly/1e2m7BI. Did you get this one right?

10 June, REMOVE YOUR REMOTE...

'Remove your Remote' is a Neighbourhood Watch Cardinia crime prevention program to help change our behaviour when it comes to the location and storage of our garage door remotes.



For more, click here

10 June, Domestic Violence. Five women tell their stories of leaving an abusive relationship.



For more, click here.

10 June, Life-saving Invention

FIRST ON 7: A new Australian invention aims to solve the problem of unbuckled seatbelts and ensure that children are always kept safe.



For more, click here

9 June, It's really simple: don't use your phone while driving. Just don't.

The car hurtled around the corner, on the wrong side of the road.

It was headed straight for me and the really big problem was that the driver was looking down and not at the road.

I was carrying precious cargo — my two young sons — and I realised if the oncoming driver didn't look up soon I must take evasive action.



For more, click here

9 June, SCAMS;

Kuring gai LAC has seen a rise in reports incidents of fraud, mainly online fraud from scams. The current day scammer uses many different tactics to get to you and your money. The most common way is either through cold calling or by emailing. These frauds appear to correspond with the increase in mail theft mainly from multi story appartments. Cold calling by the scammers is done at any time but it seems around dinner time is a hot time for them. They are after your personal information (name, address and date of birth) as well as a tax file number or bank account details.

For more, click here.

9 June, Over the long weekend Kuring gai LAC conducted over 830 random breath tests on drivers, with only one positive for alcohol, a Middle range of .09. This is a very positive result (zero positive results would have been better).

9 June, Due to several enquiries in relation to the "Emergency Plus App" we have again posted information for the community in relation to accessing the app and enjoying the security that it gives.

National emergency services organisations have an app that allows callers ringing Triple Zero on their mobiles to be located by GPS tracking.



For more, click here

9 June, Today is National Best Friends Day (who knew?!) and if you're worried about a friend going through a tough time, check out these tips on how you can help them out and be a good mate.



Full fact sheet available here:

http://www.headspace.org.au/media/32062/If%20your%20friend%20is%20not%20okay_web.pdf

9 June, Smoking will be banned in seated outdoor dining areas of restaurants, cafes and licensed venues.



For details, click here

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 22 June: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings** essential: ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or email.

Thursday 25 June, 10am-12pm Hornsby Shire Council Chambers Building **Monday 13 July:** 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm Hornsby Police Station. All welcome!

Monday 28 September 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Monday 21 September: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young

Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential**: ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or email.

Wednesday 21 October: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Saturday 24 October: East Killara Crime Prevention event, 10-12 Koola Ave.

11 June, Loving Living Ku-ring-gai

Are you keen for some tips on how to stay warm this winter without racking up huge bills? Visit our home sustainability advisor Candice at Gordon Library on Thursday mornings for ideas on how to stay cosy without blowing your budget. No

appointments necessary, just turn up and say hi! You can also submit questions by email or over phone. http://ow.ly/O6KCL



8 June, NAME & SHAME

Weekly list of NSW on-the-spot fines for food safety breaches updated: 25 premises added, 27 removed.

See: http://owl.li/Jap59

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Waters Ferry between Bay Rd and Berowra

Waters Rd

SCHEDULED FERRY MAINTENANCE

Date: Tue 23 Jun 2015 - Tue 23 Jun 2015

Impact:	Scheduled road closures for this week Tue (12:00 to 3pm) closed		
Advice:	Use alternative route Allow extra travel time		
Other Info:	Ferry services will not operate on the second Tuesday of each month between 12pm and 2:30pm.		
This regulated sensitive	OOKLYN M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) at Brooklyn		
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS			
Date:	Sun 24 May 2015 - Fri 31 Jul 2015		
Impact:	Scheduled lane closures for this week Sat to Fri (9pm to 5am) Northbound affected		
Advice:	Reduce speed Allow extra travel time		
Other	Work will take place at 400 metres and 3.5 kilometres north of the Hawkesbury River.		
Info:	Motorists are advised to plan their trip and follow direction of traffic controllers.		
DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr			
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS			
Date:	Tue 31 Mar 2015 - Mon 15 Jun 2015		
Impact:	Scheduled lane closures for this week Mon to Sat (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected Mon to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected		
Advice:	Reduce speed Exercise caution		
Other	Safety improvement works. There will be no day work on Sundays and no		
Info:	night work on Saturdays.		
Shaper and annual to	STON Galston Rd between Mid Dural Rd and Arcadia Rd		
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS			
Date:	Tue 23 Jun 2015 - Mon 29 Jun 2015		
Impact:	Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Fri (8:30pm to 5am) Both directions affected		

Advice:	Check signage Reduce speed	
Other	Work will take place over two nights. Traffic controllers will be on site.	
Info:	Motorists are advised they may experience minor delays.	
To have send send in	RDON Pacific Hwy between Dumaresq St and St Johns Ave	
SCHED	ULED ROAD WORKS	
Date:	Mon 15 Jun 2015 - Thu 25 Jun 2015	
Impact:	Scheduled lane closures for this week Mon to Wed (10pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected Thu (10.30pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected Fri (10pm to 4.30am) Southbound affected	
Advice:	Exercise caution Check signage	
Other In	fo: 2 of 3 lanes will be closed southbound.	
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SCHED	ULED ROAD WORKS	
Date:	Sun 24 May 2015 - Fri 10 Jul 2015	
Impact:	Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected	
Advice:	Check signage Reduce speed	
Other Info:	Traffic controllers will be on site. There will be detours in place on some nights. Traffic will be diverted onto Mid Dural Rd and Galston Rd. Motorists are advised to expect delays of up to 5 minutes.	
To have and worth in	RTH TURRAMURRA Bobbin Head Rd at Leura Crescent near National	
Park toll	booths	
SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS		
Date:	Mon 15 Jun 2015 - Mon 22 Jun 2015	
Impact:	Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) affected	

Advice: A	llow extra travel time xercise caution	
B have see and a	HROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) between Pacific Hwy and Edgeworth	
David Ave	e	
SCHEDU	LED ROAD WORKS	
Date:	Fri 1 May 2015 - Thu 2 Jul 2015	
Impact:	Scheduled lane closures for this week Mon to Thu (11pm to 5am) Northbound affected Fri (11pm to 6am) Northbound affected Expect delays	
Advice:	Exercise caution	
Other Info: 2 of 3 northbound lanes will be closed		
	HROONGA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) between Pennant Hills Rd and north of	
	th David Ave ILED ROAD WORKS	
Date:	Sun 14 Jun 2015 - Thu 9 Jul 2015	
Impact:	Scheduled lane closures for this week Sun (11pm to 4am) Southbound affected Mon to Thu (9pm to 4am) Southbound affected Mon to Thu (11pm to 5am) Northbound affected	
Advice:	Fri (9pm to 5am) Southbound affected Fri (11pm to 6am) Northbound affected Allow extra travel time	
	Reduced speed limit (40km/h)	
Other Inic	o: 2 of 3 lanes will be closed in each directions on the days indicated.	
Click here	e for Live Traffic NSW website.	
From the	North Shore Times, 12 June	

WAHROONGA A 53-year- MARRAWEE A 28-yearold woman was charged with high-range drink-driving after allegedly driving erratically on the M1 on Saturday. When she pulled into of 169 speeding drivers a service station at Wahroonga, a bystander took the keys out of the ignition of her car. The woman allegedly blew 0.156.

old motorist was clocked at 125km/h in a 60km/h zone on the Pacific Highway on Monday morning. He was one detected by Ku-ring-gai Highway Patrol over the long weekend. Police issued tickets for 348 other traffic offences over the weekend.

TURRAMURRA A 47year-old was charged with mid-range drink driving after being involved in an accident on Rohini St, allegedly blowing 0.149, on the weekend.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 11 June: REPORT SAYS HORNSBY FAILS CRITERIA TO AVOID MERGER

HORNSBY Council is not sustainable into the future when measured against the State Government's criteria for its Fit for the Future local government reforms. With no interest from neighbouring councils for a merger, Hornsby Council has been forced to report that it can't meet the population requirements set down by the reform process. It means the Minister for Local Government may step in to determine the future of the bushland shire. HORNSBY Council has declared itself "unfit" under the State Government local council reform process. [Edited]

CHILDCARE SHUTS FOR RENOS

A TURRAMURRA childcare centre has given parents eight weeks notice the centre will close for major renovations, reducing shocked parents to tears.

A spokeswoman for Only About Children Turramurra said they hoped the centre would not have to close while renovating but made the decision after contractors

HORNSBY Police inquiries are continuing after a group of eight teenagers allegedly tried to steal five items from the Ralph Lauren men's clothing range at the David Jones store in Westfield. After the group entered the store about 5.10pm on Tuesday, staff noticed them removing clothing from the display racks 🔼 ASQUITH Green paint was and placing them in bags. Staff 🜙 scribbled on an outside followed them to Hornsby railway station and called police. Police spoke to five of the teenagers but have not

shed at the KFC outlet on the Pacific Highway between 11pm Friday and 9am Saturday, Black texta was also scribbled on the men's toilet.

From Ku-ring-gai Council:

located any of the clothes.

10 June, Unwanted Bikes Sought for Charity:

Ku-ring-gai Council is teaming up with Bicycles for Change to collect cycles for the people of Namibia.

For more, click here

From Hornsby Shire Council:

9 June, Keep your kids entertained in the school holidays

School holidays are coming up at the end of the month so get prepared early by booking your kids into one of Hornsby Shire Council's fun activities.

Foster a love of reading in your children with one of our Holiday Storytime sessions, or give them a taste of performing arts with a dance class or interactive drama workshop at the library.

There are also events for kids who love the outdoors, with two guided bushwalks

and activities in the Eco Garden.

For more information or to book for any school holiday events, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

5 June, Water meter thefts at Hornsby Shire Park

A series of thefts have occurred in Hornsby Shire parks over the past few weeks, with Council having to replace equipment.

Water meters and backflow prevention devices have been stolen from Council sites including Mills Park, Glenorie Park, Hayes Park, Montview Oval, Storey Park and more.

While these devices would not get much money when sold for scrap metal, they can cost Council up to \$1500 to replace.

Hornsby Shire Council encourages members of the public to report any suspicious activity or thefts they witness in Hornsby Shire parks, by calling the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or contacting Council on 9847 6666.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799 Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ridge Road (ex- Pac Hwy), Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police facebook page Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

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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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