



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Wednesday 12 August 2020**

#### **Man charged with drug possession - Eastwood**

About 9:55pm on Friday 7 August 2020 police returned to their marked police vehicle that was parked in Alison Rd, Eastwood following an unrelated inquiry. A 21-year-old man from Eastwood was seen to walk in front of the police vehicle and appeared to be unsteady on his feet.

Police alighted from the police vehicle and spoke with the man who was slurring his words and appeared to be drug affected.

Police informed the man that he would be searched. The man then ran towards his house. As he ran, a clear resealable bag containing what police believe to be Cannabis leaf fell from his pants pocket on to the grass nature strip on Alison Road.

The man ran inside his house and closed the door. After a short while the man opened the door. He was spoken to by police before he was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Drug.

He will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 21 September 2020.

#### **Man charged with intimidation – Ryde**

About 11:40pm on Saturday 8 August 2020, police were called to a premise in Cressy Rd at Ryde in relation to a neighbour dispute.

A 44-year-old man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police station in relation to making threats towards his neighbours over a dispute over where vehicles were being parked.

The 44-year-old became aggressive and intimidating towards the neighbours.

He was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Stalk/intimidate intend fear physical harm.

He was given conditional bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 3 September 2020.

## **Man died after being hit by a utility - Epping**

A man has died after being hit by a utility at Epping.

About 9.30am on Monday 10 August 2020, emergency services were called to the M2 near the Beecroft Road off-ramp after reports a pedestrian had been hit by a utility.

Officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command attended and were told that a man, believed to be aged in his 30s, was attempting to retrieve some material off the road when he was hit by a white Mazda utility.

NSW Ambulance paramedics treated the man at the scene before he was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where he was declared deceased.

As inquiries continue, anyone who witnessed the incident or has dash cam vision is urged to come forward.

*Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.*

## **Shoplifter – Macquarie Park**

About 1:00pm on Monday 10 August 2020, a 68-year-old woman from Ryde has attended a department store in Macquarie Park. The woman has selected a number of items off the shelf and placed them into a number of bags she had with her.

The woman then left the store without paying for the items.

She was stopped by police and spoken to before being issued with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting.

## **Beware of NBN scams**

Police are urging the community to be aware of the NBN scams that are circulating.

### **Things to keep an eye out for**

- If someone claiming to work for **nbn** has contacted you trying to sell you an internet or phone service and you're in doubt, ask for their details, hang up and call your retail service provider to check if they're legitimate.
- Do not share your bank or personal details with an unsolicited caller or with those who door knock claiming to be from **nbn** trying to sell you an **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> service or seek payment for related services.
- **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> approved technicians and workers carry **enAble**<sup>TM</sup> identification cards – always request to see this card before providing physical access to your address.

- Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer via the installation of programs such as Team Viewer.
- **nbn** does not call you with automated assistance to advise you will be disconnected – we suggest you hang up the phone.
- **nbn** is a ‘wholesaler’ – you will need to purchase an **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> powered plan through a phone or internet provider. They only accept direct payment from the public in certain circumstances e.g. switching technologies at your premises.
- **nbn** does not sell or authorise the resale of any equipment via alternative means, including websites such as eBay, Gumtree or Facebook Marketplace. Any **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> equipment purchased online through these means may be faulty and fail to work when connected to the **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> broadband access network. **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> equipment is only available directly via **nbn**, our associated delivery partners or through a phone and internet provider.

If you have provided bank account, credit card, or gift card (iTunes/Coles) details to a scammer claiming to work for **nbn**, you need to:

- Contact your bank or financial institution immediately.
- Report the matter to your local police.
- If you have provided remote access to your computer or financial information to a scammer, contact [IDCARE](#) on 1800 595 160.
- To protect others, report scams to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) via [SCAMwatch](#).



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Tuesday 18 August 2020**

#### **Man charged with Possess Graffiti implement - Epping**

About 1.40pm on Friday 14 August 2020, plain clothed Police attached to the Police Transport Command were conducting patrols on the Central to Hornsby via Epping train. Police observed a 38-year-old man from Blacktown pacing between carriages. Police approached the accused and spoke to him.

Police had cause to search the backpack he was carrying with him and located 13 cans of spray paint, 4 graffiti markers and 5 marker sticks.

Police placed the man under arrest and he was taken to the Ryde Police Station. It is alleged that the man 'tagged' the walls of the toilet cubicles at Parramatta Railway station on 13 September 2019 and Rhodes Railway station on 14 July 2020.

The man was charged with two counts of Destroy or damage property and Possess graffiti implement. He was given conditional bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 31 August 2020.

#### **Man charged with entering a vehicle - Ryde**

About 9:50am on Saturday 15 August 2020, a man parked his vehicle in the make-shift car park of Santa Rosa Oval situated on Bridge Street at Ryde.

About 10:30am on the same date, a 28-year-old man from Hunters Hill has entered the car park and opened the door to the vehicle.

The man has entered the vehicle and whilst inside opened the boot and looked inside.

A member of the public who saw the man enter the vehicle and knew the man who owned the vehicle has called out to the man.

The 28-year-old has quickly exited the vehicle and was last seen running into Flinders Reserve towards Ford Street, North Ryde.

Police were contacted and located the man at the intersection of Cook Street and Ford Street. The man was stopped and spoken to before being searched.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Enter vehicle or boat without consent of owner.

He was granted conditional bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 7 September 2020.

### **Man charged with numerous offences - Eastwood**

At 4:20 pm on Friday 14 August 2020, a 37-year-old man from North Sydney entered Eastwood Police Station in relation to an appointment he had.

The man was informed that he was late for the appointment and that he would need to reschedule another appointment. The man was unhappy with having to make another appointment. He pressed his face up against the Perspex screen in the station and coughed a number of times in the direction of two female constables.

The man was placed under arrest and taken to Ryde police station.

Whilst at the station he was using the telephone to make a call to his father. While using the phone the man became agitate and smashed the phone a number of times on the desk causing it to break.

The man was charged with Not comply noticed direction re spitting/coughing, 2 counts of assault police, malicious damage and Intimidate police.

He was bail refused to appear in Parramatta Local Court on 15 August. He was granted conditional bail and will appear in Burwood Local Court on 25 August 2020.

### **Motor vehicle accident – Gladesville**

Approximately 12pm on Monday 17 August 2020, a silver Holden, driven by an 87-year-old woman has collided with a 15-metre-high scaffolding located at the front of a licensed premise in Gladesville.

The vehicle was in a carpark located across the street from the premise when the driver has mistaken the accelerator for the brake pedal and has caused the vehicle to accelerate straight forward, over the car park curb, across Linsley Street and into the scaffolding of the building.

The driver has then reversed backwards before accelerating a second time into the scaffolding.

The driver was uninjured and was able to exit the vehicle.

Five workers were on the scaffolding at the time of the collision. No workers were injured, and all workers were able to evacuate the scene safely.

Fire and Rescue, Police, Ambulance Paramedics, Ryde council and an engineer attended. The driver was conveyed to Royal North Shore Hospital for observations.

The scene was rendered safe by an engineer and the vehicle was safely removed.

### **Ryde Police urge the community to remove valuables from their vehicles**

There have been several steal from motor vehicles over the last few weeks within the Ryde PAC particularly in the Ryde and Putney area. They have occurred at various times, throughout the day and night. The community is reminded not to leave valuables in your vehicle and lock your vehicle.

Target items include sunglasses, coins, laptops, mobiles phones, power tools and wallets. A lot of the vehicles have been accessed by thieves, from unlocked doors. Don't let a thief ruin your day. Lock and remove all valuables from your vehicle, even if your vehicle is in your driveway!

### **Scam Awareness Week (17-21 August 2020)**

In 2019 Australians lost \$634 million to scams – an increase of 30 percent compared with 2018. There has been a 55 per cent increase in reports involving loss of personal information this year compared with the same period in 2019, totalling more than \$22 million in losses.

Scammers do not only operate from abroad; they also have a presence right here in Australia. Whether laundering money within Australia as part of an organised crime syndicate or carrying out the scam in its entirety, offenders are operating locally.

During Scam Awareness Week, Police are working to increase community awareness of local scams so people can protect themselves.

Do your own research to independently verify if someone is who they claim to be.

- If you receive a phone call from someone you suspect is a scammer, hang up, find the organisation's number yourself and call them back. Never use a number they give you.
- Don't trust a site or an ad just because it's advertised on social media or classified website, or claims it's endorsed by a celebrity. Check independent reviews and be wary of offers too good to be true.

Be suspicious of emails and messages asking for your personal information, even if they seem to be from a trusted source.

- Watch out for tell-tale signs of a scam in unsolicited emails and messages, like not using your correct name, typos and grammatical errors, or suspicious web addresses.
- Don't click on links in unexpected emails or text messages, even if it appears to have come from a legitimate source.

Don't share personal information online with someone you've never met in person.

- Don't give financial or account details, or copies of your identity documents to someone online who you've never met in person.
- Never give strangers remote access to your computer.

- Limit what personal information you share about yourself online, including on social media.
- Use strong passwords for your accounts and internet network, and never share them with others.

If you do fall victim to a scam, report the matter immediately to police and any other relevant institution that may be involved such as your bank or phone provider.