



Media Information

RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Man charged with Assault/ Resist Officer – Ryde

A 36-year-old man from Ryde has been charged with a number of offences after allegedly spitting and coughing on a number of officers while they were attempting to arrest him for allegedly breaching his bail conditions.

About 12:00pm on Wednesday 13 May 2020, police attended the residential address of the man and located him in his bedroom where he was placed under arrest. At this time the man stated he was sick with COVID-19 before coughing in the officer's face.

While being escorted to the police vehicle, it is alleged that the man threatened a number of officers.

After searching the man, it is alleged that he resisted police attempts to place him into the vehicle.

He was taken to Ryde Police Station where it is alleged that spat at an officer and continued to his intimidating behaviour.

The man was charged with Resist Police, Assault Police and Intimidate police officer in execution of duty.

The man was refused bail and appeared in Liverpool Local Court on 14 May. The man was given conditional bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 22 June 2020.

Man charged with Trespassing – Ryde

A man has been charged with Trespassing after it is alleged that he entered a department store at Ryde which was in contradiction to a banning notice he was served earlier this month.

About 3:50pm on Wednesday 13 May 2020, a 38-year-old man from Granville has entered a department store at Ryde where he has purchased a number of items before leaving the store.

The man then entered a supermarket where he placed a number of items in a backpack, he was carrying with him. At the time, the store's Loss Prevention Officer witnessed the actions of the man. The man then took the items out of his bag and left the store.

The man was stopped by the Loss Prevention Officer who recognised the man was banned from the supermarket chain stores.

Police attended and subsequently issued the man with a Court Attendance Notice for Trespassing. He will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 13 July 2020.

Woman charged with refuse breath analysis -Gladesville

A woman has been charged with refusing a breath analysis.

About 6:50pm on Thursday 14 May 2020, a 32-year-old woman from Hunters Hill was seen by a member of the public to be driving along Pittwater Road at North Ryde. The member of the public has observed the woman swerve onto the wrong side of the road, into oncoming traffic, multiple times as well as continually slowing down.

The member of the public has followed the woman for some time before the woman stopped her vehicle on Harvard St Gladesville while alerting police to the situation.

Police located the woman outside her vehicle and spoke with her. Police observed that the woman appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

The woman was submitted to a breath test which returned a positive result. The woman was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

At the station the woman was uncooperative and aggressive towards police. The woman was afforded a number of opportunities to undergo a breath analysis, however she failed to provide a sample.

The woman was charged with Refuse or fail to submit to breath analysis. She will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 13 July 2020.

Man charged with numerous offences - Ryde

A man has been charged with numerous offences after allegedly spitting at an employee at a medical centre at Ryde.

About 9:05am on Saturday 16 May 2020, a 54-year-old man from Greenwich has attended a medical centre at Ryde. The man has attended the front counter to speak with a female receptionist.

The man took a seat in the waiting area before returning to the counter. It is alleged that the man began yelling at the woman before spitting at the Perspex screen separating the two. The man then walked out of the centre.

About 11:05am that morning, Police located the man in Stansell Street at Gladesville. It is alleged that prior to the arrival of police he had been seen waving a metal pole around.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where his behaviour continued.

The man was charged with Behave in offensive manner in/near public place, have custody of an offensive implement in a public place, intimidation and malicious damage.

The man was refused bail and will now appear in Central Coal Court on 25 May 2020.

Ryde Police are reminding residents to be vigilant with security of their bicycles

Ryde Police would like to remind residents about the importance of securing their bicycles after an increase in recent thefts of bikes within the Ryde Police Area Command.

Over the past few weeks, there have been several thefts of bicycles from storage cages and basement car parks within unit complexes as well as from bike racks with the command.

Thieves have been targeting suburbs such as Macquarie Park, Ryde, Epping, Carlingford, Gladesville, Eastwood, Putney and Meadowbank.

There are a number of things you can do to keep your bicycle safe.

Most bicycles are stamped with a unique identification number, also known as a serial number. You'll usually find the number on the underside of the bicycle frame. It's wise to keep a note of this number in case your bicycle is lost or stolen.

If your bicycle does not have a serial number, you could engrave your own identification number and record the details.

There are several other easy measures you can take to assist the Police if your bicycle is lost or stolen:

- Note features such as colour, stickers, engravings and any unique aspect of your bicycle
- Take a photo of your bicycle.

Lock it up - You can avoid theft by securing your bicycle when it is unattended.

- Carry a good quality bicycle lock and ensure that you secure the wheels and the frame.
- Try to use bicycle parking facilities when they are available.
- If you are leaving your bicycle for a longer period of time, consider removing the front and rear wheels and pairing these with the frame.
- Always lock your bicycle to a permanent fixture that cannot be manipulated to remove the lock.
- Remove all non-fixed items, i.e. lights, panniers, pumps etc.

If your bicycle is stolen, you should report the theft to Police immediately or as soon as possible. Provide the Police with all the relevant details including any identifying features along with a photograph of your bike.



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Tuesday 26 May 2020

Physiotherapist charged over sexual touching of a woman - Ryde

A man has been charged after allegedly sexually touching a woman during an appointment in Sydney's north west.

Around 10am on Wednesday 13 May 2020, a 28-year-old woman attended an appointment at the clinic on Blaxland Road, Ryde.

Police will allege in court that during this treatment, the male physiotherapist touched the woman sexually, without her consent.

The woman reported the matter to police. Officers from Ryde Police Area Command took carriage of the matter and continued the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Following inquiries, investigators executed a search warrant at the Ryde clinic about 9am yesterday on Wednesday 20 May 2020.

A 37-year-old-man from Chatswood was arrested at the scene and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with sexually touching another person without consent.

He was granted strict conditional bail and is due to appear before Burwood Local Court on Monday 10 August 2020.

Man charged with drug possession

A man has been issued with a Court Attendance Notice after it is alleged that he was in possession of a white powder which police believe is Cocaine.

Around 11.15pm on Thursday 21 May 2020, Police were conducting patrols of Hunters Hill when they observed a 25-year-old man from Gladesville fail to stop at a red light.

Police stopped the man on Gladesville Road, Ryde and spoke with him. After a brief conversation police had cause to search the man and his vehicle.

Police located a small clear resealable bag containing a fine white powder which is believed to be Cocaine.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Drug and will now appear in Burwood Local Court 17 August 2020.

Man charged with Mid-Range PCA

About 10:20 pm on Friday 22 May 2020, police stopped a 23-year-old man from Beacon Hill on Carlingford Road at Epping for the purpose of a Random Breath Test.

Police spoke with the P2 licence holder before submitting him to a roadside test. He returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.114 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. His licence was suspended by police and he will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 17 August 2020.

Man charged with drug offences – Eastwood

An 18-year-old man from Eastwood has been charged with a number of drug offences.

During the early hours of Saturday 23 May 2020, police had cause to speak with the man about another incident. Whilst police were conducting enquiries in relation to the offence, police located a three resealable plastic bags containing what is believed to be a number of Xanax tablets and Cannabis along with a set of scales.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Possess Prohibited Drug and Supply Prohibited Drug.

The man was bail refused and appeared in Parramatta Local Court on 24 May 2020 where he was given strict bail conditions. He will now appear in Hornsby Local Court on June 2020.

Police warn of counterfeit notes in circulation

Ryde Police have urged retailers to be vigilant following reports of counterfeit \$50 and \$100 notes circulating in the Ryde Police Area Command. Police have received a number of reports of counterfeit notes being passed to retail businesses in the area.

Businesses are encouraged to educate staff on how to detect counterfeit notes in order to avoid being left out of pocket.

If you suspect a note of being counterfeit, there are a number of key security features you can check to ensure the banknote is real.

If the note is from the first polymer series, hold it up to the light to identify a seven-pointed star and the Australian Coat of Arms and check that the clear window is part of the banknote.

If the note is from the new polymer series, tilt the note to see the bird's wings move and change colour, and the number change direction.

If you suspect a banknote is counterfeit, handle the banknote as little as possible, note any relevant information and report the matter to your nearest police station.

How to spot a fake note

1. Is it plastic? Australian banknotes are printed on plastic and have a distinct feel. A suspect banknote may feel excessively thick or thin compared to a genuine banknote. It is difficult to start a tear along the edge of a genuine banknote. You can also try scrunching the banknote in your hand — a genuine banknote should spring back.

2. Look for the Coat of Arms. If you hold the banknote to the light, you should see the Australian Coat of Arms.

3. Look for the star. Diamond-shaped patterns are printed inside a circle on both sides of the banknote. If you hold the banknote up to the light, the patterns should line up perfectly to form a seven-pointed star.

4. Check the clear window. The clear window should be an integral part of the banknote and not an addition. Check that the white image printed on the window cannot be easily rubbed off. Also look for the embossing — there is a wave pattern in the window of the \$10 banknote, and the value of the banknote in the windows of \$20, \$50 and \$100 banknotes.

5. Look at the banknote under UV light. The serial numbers on a genuine banknote will glow under ultraviolet light, along with a patch showing the value i.e. '50'. The rest of the banknote should not glow under this light.



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Wednesday 3 June 2020

Obscene exposure charge after children approached - Epping

A man is due in court charged after he allegedly committed a sexual act in front of two children at Epping.

Police have been told the 13-year-old girl was on Pembroke Street about 12.40pm on Sunday 31 May 2020, when a man approached her allegedly exposing himself.

As the girl walked away and called police, the man then allegedly exposed himself to a 12-year-old boy in Smith Street.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended and arrested a 55-year-old man and took him to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with carry out sexual act with another without consent, and wilful and obscene exposure in/near a public place.

He has been refused bail and is due to appear in Parramatta Local Court on Monday 1 June 2020.

Woman charged with drug supply during proactive police patrols – Ryde

A woman is now before the court after she was found to be in possession of a number of prohibited drugs and drug paraphernalia.

About 11:30pm on Wednesday the 27 May 2020, Police were patrolling Devlin Street, Ryde, when a then observed a man known to them. The man saw police and got into a vehicle and indicated to the driver to drive off.

Police followed the vehicle a short distance before stopping it. Police spoke with the driver who indicated that he was an Uber driver.

Police spoke with the man who got into the vehicle before speaking with a 54-year-old woman who was seated in the back seat.

Police had cause to search the woman and a number of bags she had in the boot.

Police located a number of items including a clear resealable bag containing a clear, crystalline substance that Police will allege is Methylamphetamine, 3 plastic syringes each containing a clear liquid that Police will allege is Gamma butyrolactone, a clear resealable bag containing a number of capsules of an unknown substance, 7 glass pipes, commonly used when smoking Methylamphetamine, several credit cards, a large sum of money, a number of mobile phones and sim cards, several clear resealable bags and other drug paraphernalia.

The woman was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station. Due to the quantity of the prohibited drugs in her possession, cash, numerous sim cards, mobile phones and drug paraphernalia, Police will allege that the woman is involved in the supply of prohibited drugs.

The woman was charged with Possess Prohibited Drugs and Supply Prohibited Drugs. She will now appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

High Range PCA - Ryde

At 7:20pm on Wednesday 27 May 2020, a 62-year-old man from Auburn was driving along Victoria Road at Ryde when he was stopped for the purpose of a random breath test.

The man returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.172 and was issued with a Court Attendance notice for Drive with High Range PCA. He will appear at Burwood Local Court on Monday 17 August 2020.

As the man returned a reading in the High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol bracket. His driver's licence was suspended and confiscated by Police.

Man charged with Graffiti – Hunters Hill

A 28-year-old man from Sydney will appear in Court after police found him spray painting a wall at Hunters Hill.

About 12:00pm on Saturday 30 May 2020, the man was observed by a member of the public to be graffitiing on the wall, of the Tarban Creek Bridge at Hunters Hill. The concerned

member of the public has contacted police who arrived a short time later and observed the man spray painting the wall using a can of spray paint.

The man was spoke to by police before being issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Graffiti. He will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 30 August 2020.

Man charged with Assault – Hunters Hill

A 25-year-old man from Pennant Hills will appear in Parramatta Local Court next month after he allegedly assaulted a man at Hunters Hill.

Around 1.45pm on Monday 1 June 2020, the 25-year-old man attended a unit complex in Joubert Street at Hunters Hill. At the time the 47-year-old victim was standing on a walkway inside the unit complex.

The victim had a brief conversation with the man before it is alleged that the 25-year-old man punched the victim to the face twice. The force of the punches caused a laceration to the victim's lip.

Police arrived a short time later and spoke with the victim. Ambulance Paramedics attended the complex and the victim was taken To Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment.

Police located the 25-year-old man inside one of the units within the complex. The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged 2 counts of Assaulting Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and 1 count of Common Assault.

The man was bail refused and will now appear in Parramatta Local Court on 14 July 2020.

Man charged with drug possession during proactive police patrols – Melrose Park

About 11:30pm on Tuesday 2 June 2020, a 53-year-old man from Telopea parked his black Kia within the Melrose Park Wharf carpark in Melrose Park.

About this time Police were conducting a patrol of Melrose Park wharf carpark and observed the vehicle parked at the location. Police approached the vehicle and observed the man occupying the driver's side seat. Police spoke to the man and had cause to search him and his vehicle.

Police located a small plastic box which contained three small clear resealable plastic bags of a white crystalline substance and one large plastic bag containing a white crystalline substance, which police believe to be the drug Ice.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Supply Prohibited Drug. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

Man charged with stalking - Macquarie Park

A man is due in court after it is alleged that he was stalking a 16-year-old girl.

About 10:30am on Friday 10 April 2020, the 16-year-old girl was working at a restaurant in North Ryde, when the man allegedly made an inappropriate comment to her.

The girl was shocked by the comment that was overheard by other staff. A short time later the man left the location.

It is alleged that the man returned to the store a number of times throughout the day before being requested to leave the restaurant.

About 4:00pm on Monday 25 May 2020, the victim finished her shift at the restaurant and was waiting for her bus at a nearby bus stop. It is alleged that the man appeared at the bus stop and struck up a conversation with the girl. A short time later he left the bus stop area.

The matter was reported to police and on Tuesday 2 June 2020, the man was arrested by Ryde Detectives. He was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with two counts of Stalk/intimidate intend fear physical/harm.

The man was bail refused and he is now due to appear in Liverpool Local Court on 3 June 2020.

Two men charged over thefts of bikes during proactive policing patrols

About 12 am on Thursday 28 May 2020, a 44-year-old man and a 27-year-old man have entered an apartment building in North Ryde.

It is alleged that the 27-year-old man has cut a number of locks using bolt cutters which were securing two bikes. It is alleged that the two men have ridden the bikes from the location.

About 1.45 am on Thursday 28 May 2020, Police observed the two men riding the bikes in a westerly direction upon Waterloo Road, Marsfield. The men were stopped by police.

Police searched the men and located a number of house breaking implements on them.

Both men were placed under arrest and taken to Ryde Police Station where the 44-year-old man was charged with Aggravated Break and Enter dwelling etc in company and Possess house breaking implements. He was refused bail and appeared in Liverpool Local Court where he was given strict bail conditions and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 9 July 2020.

The 27-year-old man was charged with 13 offences including with Aggravated Break and Enter dwelling etc in company, Possess House breaking implements Receive/dispose stolen property and a number of other stealing offences. The man was refused bail and is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 19 June 2020.

Residents reminded to lock and secure their garages in unit complexes

Over the past few weeks there have been several Break and Enters across the Ryde Police Area Command targeting basement car parks and gaining access into garage and storage units. Residents should ensure that their garages and storage units are locked, and they have no valuable items in view.

You can play an important role in maintaining your apartment's security in the following ways;

- Always lock your car, including the boot;
- Remove all valuables from sight;
- Ensure you have a secure lock. Hardened steel locks are more expensive but generally thwart bolt cutters;
- Take photographs of your bicycles to provide to police should it go missing;
- Record the serial number of your bicycle and keep it in a safe place; and
- Consider using more than one security method when not using your bicycle.

- If available, utilise storage cages to secure all property. Ensure adequate locks are used to secure the cage;
- Mark all property and record any serial numbers;
- Conceal property (cover/tarp) or place in a locked cupboard so it is not easily identifiable

When exiting and entering the carpark, police encourage residents to wait on the driveway until the security gate has fully closed before driving away.

Residents should ensure that their garages and storage units are locked, and they have no valuable items in view.

Police encourage the community to report all suspicious behaviour to police on 9879 9699 (Gladesville) or 98589299 (Eastwood), alternatively you can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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Man in court after cocaine, cash seized at Marsfield

A man has been charged following investigations into suspected drug activity at a unit complex at Marsfield in recent weeks.

Detectives from Ryde Police Area Command commenced an investigation into alleged drug possession and supply from a Crimea Road unit block.

About 10.30am on Thursday 4 June 2020, officers executed a search warrant in the garage of the complex where they seized 585g of cocaine and a money counting machine.

A second search warrant was executed at a unit on Busaco Road, Marsfield, where officers found \$12,500 in cash, \$3237 in US currency, and an electronic stun device.

A 48-year-old man was arrested on Crimea Road and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with supply prohibited drug, and deal with the proceeds of crime.

He was refused bail and will appear in Ryde Local Court on Friday 5 June 2020.

Man charged with break and enter – Eastwood

About 9:27pm on Saturday 6 June 2020, a 34-year-old man from Ryde was seen by a member of the public to gain entry to a business in Eastwood by kicking open the front door with enough force to dislodge the door from its hinges.

It is alleged that the man rummaged through a number of drawers within the business and stole a number of items before exiting the premises.

About 1:11am on Sunday 7 June 2020, it is alleged that the man returned to the business and gained entry to the premises via the same door he had early opened. He again rummaged through drawers before taking a coffee machine and exiting the building.

About 2:00am the same morning, police saw the man at a bus stop in Ethel Street and spoke with the man. Police had cause to search the man, where they located several items.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Break, Enter and Steal, Enter Enclosed Lands and Larceny. The man was refused bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 22 June 2020.

Man charged with Goods in Custody during proactive policing patrols – West Ryde

About 3:30am on Sunday 7 June 2020, police were patrolling West along Victoria Road at West Ryde in relation to the recent thefts of bicycles within the Ryde Police Area Command.

Police observed a 28-year-old man from North Parramatta standing in the middle of Victoria Road waiting for the traffic to clear. At the time the man was holding onto a large bicycle.

Police stopped and spoke with the man before searching him. Inside the man's small shoulder bag police located a screwdriver and a pair of female sunglasses in a sunglasses case. The sunglasses appear to be new.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Goods in Custody and Possess housebreaking implements.

He was bail refused and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 28 July 2020.

Drugs located in vehicle during proactive police patrols –West Ryde

About 2.45am on Monday 8 June 2020, Police were patrolling along Victoria Road, West Ryde when they stopped a 23-year-old man from Wahroonga for a random Breath test. The man returned a negative reading. Police spoke with the man and further checks were conducted.

Police had cause to search the vehicle and located what appeared to be the drug 'Ice' in resealable bags behind the sun visor in the vehicle. Police continued to search the vehicle and located several cannabis cigarettes within the drivers footwell.

The man was issued with a cannabis caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug. Further investigations are continuing in relation to the other drugs that were located within the vehicle.

Hydroponic house located- Epping

At 2.27pm Tuesday 9 June 2020 Fire and Rescue NSW have received a call for a house alight in Ray Road at Epping. Upon arrival Fire and Rescue NSW have found the location partially alight. The blaze was contained and extinguished at 3pm.

Whilst extinguishing the fire they have noted the property contained numerous hydroponically grown cannabis plants approximately 1 metre in height. Fire and Rescue NSW believe that the fire may have been caused by the power modifications conducted on the property.

Once deemed safe by Fire and Rescue NSW, Police have declared the location a crime scene.

Ausgrid attended the property and disconnected the power, rendering the location safe.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command established a crime scene and investigations are continuing.

Police are reminding patrons about the new Covid restrictions and licensed premises

With the easing of restrictions by the NSW Government on licensed premises such as pubs, clubs and restaurants, police are reminding the community that there are a number of restrictions that do apply within these venues and that the community must abide by these restrictions. Police are working together with the venues and the community to help keep everyone safe.

Pubs, clubs, small bars, cellar doors, micro-breweries, small distilleries and casinos may open with restrictions.

Capacity must not exceed 50 customers or one customer per 4 square metres (excluding staff) per existing separate seated food or drink area, whichever is the lesser. Venues may have multiple existing seated areas.

Maximum of 10 people per booking (except for gatherings for or immediately after a wedding which are permitted to a maximum of 20 guests, or gatherings immediately after a funeral or memorial service which are permitted to a maximum of 50 guests, provided that the venue can accommodate this many people).

Anyone entering the premises must provide their name and contact details, including a telephone number or email address.

It is an offence to refuse to leave or stay within 50 meters of a licensed venue when you have been asked to leave. A \$550 on the spot fine can be issued for anyone who fails to leave the venue or remains within 50 meters of the venue.