

### **Media Information**

### RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND

## Wednesday 22 April 2020

## Learner driver charged with PCA - Hunters Hill

About 11:30pm on Monday 20 April 2020, Police were travelling in a southerly direction along Woolwich Road, Hunters Hill when it has driven past motor vehicle stopped outside a residence on Woolwich Road.

Upon approach, Police sighted an unknown female standing on the driver's side of the vehicle and a short time later was seen running back into her residence. Police then observed the vehicle driven by a 16-year-old from Hunters Hill drive off in a manner of speed slightly over the speed limit on Woolwich Road in a Northerly direction. The vehicle turned left onto Vernon Street and then left onto St Ives Ave. The vehicle and stopped in the cul-de sac.

Police approached the vehicle and spoke to the driver. Police noted that there were two other 16 year old female passengers in the back seats of the vehicle.

The 16-year-old driver could not produce his physical drivers' licence to police however provided his name. Police conducted checks on his licence which confirmed that he had a Learners New South Wales Drivers licence.

The driver was submitted to a breath test which returned a positive reading. He was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis. He returned a reading of 0.039.

As a result of the positive reading, the teen was immediately suspended from driving and requested to surrender his physical drivers' licence to Ryde police Station. He was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for the offence of Drive with Special Range PCA, Learner not accompanied by driver and Learner not display L plates.

The teen and his fellow passengers were given a warning in relation to breaching COVID19 restrictions.

He is due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 22 June 2020.

# Shoplifter - Ryde

About 3:00pm on Monday 20 April 2020, a 43-year-old man from Dundas Valley has entered a supermarket at Ryde. He obtained a trolley and proceeded to shop for groceries collecting items from various isles and placing them into the trolley.

It is alleged the man walked past the check out and stood near patrons that were leaving the store. The man waited for approximately 10 minutes then walked out of the store, not making any attempts to pay for the items obtained in his trolley.

The man was stopped outside the store by the stores Loss Prevention Officers. He was walked back inside the store and Police were contacted.

Police attended a short time later and spoke with the man who refused to speak with Police about the incident. The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for the offence of Larceny.

He will appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

## Man charged with Assault - Hunters Hill

Approximately 6:30pm on Thursday16 April 2020, a 53-year-old man from Hunters Hill has attended a supermarket in Hunters Hill. The man was seen by the stores security guard to be having a heated argument outside the store with another man.

The security guard has asked the two men to calm down and leave the area. The 53-year-old man entered the supermarket while the other man walked away.

Once inside the supermarket the 53-year-old man has allegedly started to yell, swear and abuse the staff at the front desk. A security guard has stepped in and asked the man to calm down and stop yelling. The man continued on yelling and he was asked to leave the store.

The man has allegedly swung at the security guard and hit him in the face. Another employee has stepped in between and told the man to leave. The man left the store and police were contacted.

Police arrived a short time later and were supplied the man's name and address.

About 8:45pm the same evening, police attended the man address. He was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Assault and Behave in offensive manner in/near a public place.

He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 6 July 2020.

### Man charged with Assault Police/Possess drug and other offences - Marsfield

About 8:00pm Saturday 18 April 2020, Police were patrolling Kent Road, Marsfield when they stopped a taxi with a man occupying the rear passenger's seat. The man, a 38 year old from St Ives was known to police for having an outstanding revocation of parole warrant.

The man has attempted to evade Police by exiting the Taxi from the rear right side door. Police took hold of the man and he allegedly kick 3 of the police officers while they were attempting to arrest him. It is alleged the man continued to resist police attempts to arrest him and a struggled ensued before he was finally handcuffed.

The man was searched, and police allege he was in possession of a small amount of clear liquid which is believed to be the drug GHB (Gamma-hydroxybutyrate).

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Possess Prohibited drug, Assault Police, Resist Arrest.

The man was bail refused and will appear in Hornsby Local Court on 29 April 2020.



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## Wednesday 15 April 2020

### Man charged with PCA/Drive Manner Dangerous – West Lane Cove

About 10:20 pm on Saturday 11 April 2020, Police were travelling in an easterly direction on Epping Road cross of Lane Cove Road at North Ryde when they observed a white Toyota pull out quickly onto Epping Road from a Service Station. The vehicle lost control and fish tailed into the three lanes on Epping Road before the driver's side tyres hit the medium strip. The vehicle harshly accelerated on Epping Road while swerving through the three lanes. The vehicle travelled well above the posted speed limit of 70km/hr.

Police lost sight of the vehicle, however they located the vehicle a short time later which had collided with the median strip on Epping Road approximately 50 metres east of Mowbray Road West, Lane Cove. The vehicle sustained extensive damage to the front and rear.

The 28-year-old driver was submitted to a breath test, which returned a positive reading. He was arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station where he underwent a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.073 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive manner dangerous-1st off and Drive with Low Range PCA.

The man's licence was suspended by police and he is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 6 July 2020.

### Offensive behaviour - Meadowbank

About 10:25pm on Saturday 11 April 2020, police were conducting a patrol of the Meadowbank area. Police entered the Meadowbank Wharf Carpark and saw a 40-year-old man from Yagoona standing against the rail bridge urinating.

The man was easily visible by any members of the public using the boat ramp, entering the carpark or using the walking trail nearby.

Police approached the man and introduced themselves. The man stated he was bored at home so left his residence in Yagoona to relax at the carpark.

Police issued a warning for being in a public place without a reasonable excuse and a Criminal Infringement Notice for offensive behaviour.

## Cannabis Caution – North epping

About 7:30pm on Friday 10 April 2020, Police were conducting patrols of the Scout Hall carpark at North Epping when they observed a vehicle enter the car park. On seeing the police vehicle the vehicle then exited the car park.

Police stopped the vehicle and spoke to the 20-year-old woman from Epping. After a short conversation, police had cause to search the woman, the passenger and the woman's vehicle.

Police located a clear resealable bag which contained what is believed to be Cannabis within the woman's handbag.

The woman was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug. The woman and her passenger were then issued with a Move on direction and directed to return home.

# Woman charged with Possess Prohibited Drug and Supply Prohibited Drug - Eastwood

About 2:00am on Monday 13 April 2020, a 54-year-old woman from Lidcombe was driving a white Hyundai I30 in a south westerly direction along Balaclava Road, Eastwood. Upon approaching the roundabout at Abuklea Road, the woman has continued straight and mounted the concrete roundabout. The roundabout consists of a small raised concrete base and a grassed area surrounded by rocks in the middle.

The woman's vehicle has dislodged a large rock from the roundabout and has left parts of the vehicle in the middle of the roundabout. The vehicle continued in a southerly direction towards the southern kerb on Balaclava Road. The vehicle has continued along the southern footpath for a distance of about 20 to 30 metres before again entering the roadway. The vehicle has headed in a northerly direction for a short period of time, crossing to the incorrect side of the road. The woman was able to steer the vehicle back to the correct side of the road before again colliding with the southern kerb and coming to rest on the southern footpath.

Neighbours who heard the crash contacted triple zero. Police arrived on scene shortly after and located the woman in the driver's seat of the vehicle.

Police spoke with the woman whose actions were very erratic and police suspected that the woman may be under the influence of a drug or alcohol.

While the woman was trying to find her licence, she was trying to keep police from seeing inside her vehicle. Police observed some resealable bags commonly used to store illicit drugs and a large sum of notes in her wallet.

Police placed the woman under arrest and searched the woman's vehicle. Police located two resealable bags containing a crystal-like substance which is believed to be the drug 'Ice', a quantity of cannabis, a container of liquid believed to be GHB, an unknown pill and a syringe of an unknown liquid. Police also seized three mobile phones that were located in the vehicle as well as scales.

The woman was taken to Hospital to undergo a blood and urine sample and she was issued a Court Attendance Notice for Supply Prohibited Drug and Possess Prohibited Drug.

Investigations continue and further charges are expected to be laid. She will appear in Burwood local Court at a later date.



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## Thursday 9 April 2020

## High Range PCA - Gladesville

About 5:25pm on Saturday 4 April 2020, a 38-year-old man from Gladesville was travelling in a northerly direction along Victoria Road, Gladesville. At the intersection of Victoria Road and Jordan Street the traffic was stationary. The 38-year-old man failed to stop on approach to the intersection and collided with the rear end of another vehicle. Due to the force of the impact this vehicle was pushed into a third vehicle.

Police were called to the accident and the drivers underwent a breath test. The 38-year-old driver 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 0.258 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with High Range PCA. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 25 May 2020.

### Cannabis Caution – Cherrybrook

At 12:20am on Thursday 2 April 2020, police were conducting patrols at Greenway Park, Cherrybrook when upon entering the car park, police have sighted an empty vehicle parked in the car park. Police located two men in the car park area a short distance away.

Police spoke with the two men before they had cause to search the two men and the vehicle. Police located a small quantity of what is believed to be cannabis inside a bag that belonged to a 19-year-old man from Middle Dural.

The 19-year-old was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

### **Low Range PCA – Putney**

About 6:30pm on Thursday 2 April 2020, Police were patrolling the Kissing Point Wharf Putney when they observed a vehicle parked in the car park area. Seated in the driver's seat was a 35-year-old man from Putney.

On seeing police, the man left the car park. Police followed the man before stopping the man to speak with him.

Police stopped and spoke with the man before submitting him to a breath test. The man returned a positive reading and he was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he underwent a breath analysis.

The man returned a reading of 0.063. He was issued with an Infringement Notice for Drive with Low Range PCA. He was issued with a licence suspension notice, suspending his licence for a period of three months.

### **Unlicensed driver**

About 10:10pm on Friday 3 April 2020, Police were conducting patrols upon Quarry Road, Ryde. During this time Police observed a white Mitsubishi Magna travelling east upon Quarry Road.

The driver of the vehicle, a 58-year-old man from North Ryde, sighted Police and immediately accelerated harshly causing the rear wheels of the vehicle to lose traction. Police performed a U-turn in attempts to stop the vehicle activating their warning lights and siren.

The driver continued at speed east along Quarry Road, making a harsh left onto Badajoz Road and then onto Milne Street. The man then made a sharp left-hand turn onto John Miller Street, Ryde coming to an abrupt stop.

Police approached the man who immediately jumped out of the vehicle. Checks on the man revealed he was disqualified in 1992 and has never held a licence since. Police established that the man was not a holder of any licence in Australia. Police issued the man with a Court Attendance Notice for 'Never licenced person drive vehicle on road'.

He is now due to appear in Burwood Local on 22 June 2020.