



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Tuesday 8 September 2020**

#### **Man charged with trespassing – Macquarie Park**

On the evening of Thursday 3 September 2020, a 24-year-old man from Macquarie Park had been drinking at a local licensed premise for a number of hours before returning home to his unit complex in Macquarie Park.

About 5am, the man has managed to open the door to a neighbouring unit and entered. He entered the bedrooms of both occupants before going to the lounge and laying on the lounge.

One of the occupants contacted police who attended a short time later and knocked on the door. The 24-year-old man opened the door and let police in. Police could see that the man was under the influence of alcohol.

The man was arrested and searched. Police located a kitchen knife in the man's pants pocket. Police took the man to his unit to get some identification. Whilst in the unit they located a clear resealable bag containing what is believed to be Cannabis situated on a desk next to a large water pipe.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Trespassing and Possess Prohibited Drug. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 12 October 2020.

#### **Man charged with Disqualified driving – Eastwood**

About 1:05am Saturday 5 September 2020, a 34-year-old man from Eastwood drove his vehicle West along Lovell Road, Eastwood.

Police stopped the man in Pickford Avenue, Eastwood and asked him to produce his driver's licence. The man was unable to do so as he was not in possession of it.

Checks on the man revealed that the man was disqualified from driving until 16 October 2020.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive while disqualified. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 12 October 2020.

## **Shoplifter – Ryde**

At about 11:20am on Tuesday 2 September 2020, a 39-year-old woman from Ryde has entered a supermarket in Ryde. The woman has selected a number of items off the shelf and placed some items into her shopping trolley and secreted other items into her clothing.

The woman has then paid for the items in her trolley, however, has she has not paid for the items secreted in her clothes.

The woman was stopped by the stores Loss Prevention Officer and escorted to the security office to await the arrival of police.

Police spoke to the woman before issuing her with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting. The woman was also issued with a banning notice prohibiting her from entering the supermarket for a period of 12 months.

## **Man charged with numerous offences during proactive policing patrols -North Ryde**

About 09:05pm on Monday 7 September 2020, police were patrolling the North Ryde area when they stopped a 53-year-old man from Gladesville due to his manner of driving.

The driver was submitted to a breath test which returned a positive reading. On speaking with the police, Police could smell a strong smell of Cannabis emanating from within the vehicle.

Police searched the man and the vehicle and located a quantity of what police believe to be Cannabis inside. Police also located a baseball bat and hammer behind the driver's seat.

The man was arrested and on searching the man, police located a flick knife in his jacket pocket. He was taken to Ryde Police Station where further checks revealed that his licence was suspended.

The man was submitted to a breath test where he returned a reading of 0.079. He was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Low Range PCA, Possess Prohibited Drug, Drive while suspended and Custody of a knife.

He is due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

## **Home Security – Lock it or lose it.....**

Criminals are often opportunists and will target homes with poor home security to steal belongings. You can secure your home by taking a few simple steps which will significantly lower the risk of your home being the target of thieves. Here are some simple steps we all can take to help protect our home.

Secure your home:

- Fit quality security doors, windows, locks, alarms, lighting and warning signs
- Secure all windows and doors.
- Activate your alarm, smoke detectors and security lighting.
- Lock your gates, sheds and garages.

Check your home

- Ensure your street number is clearly visible.
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed to improve visibility around your home
- Lock away items such as ladders, tools and gardening equipment.
- Don't leave spare keys outside the home.
- Don't leave valuables, mobile devices or keys (home or vehicle) in clear view.

- Mark valuable property and record details.

When away from home

- Use a timer to activate an internal light or radio to give the impression someone is home.
- Have family, a trusted friend or neighbour check on your home. Inform them of your travel plans, park a vehicle in the driveway, collect the garbage bins and mail.
- Consider redirecting your mail, newspapers and deliveries.
- Never advertise your travel on social media sites.



### **Media Information**

#### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Wednesday 16 September 2020**

#### **Cannabis Caution – West Ryde**

About 10:40pm on Thursday 10 September 2020, police were stopped in a service station on Victoria Road at West Ryde. At this time, they observed a man run from a parked vehicle over to another parked vehicle.

Police approached one of the vehicles and spoke with a 19-year-old man from Carlingford. On speaking with the man, police could smell a strong scent of Cannabis coming from within the vehicle.

Police had cause to search the man and his two passengers. Police located a backpack in the passenger side foot well of the vehicle which was owned by the 19-year-old man. Inside the backpack police located a clear container which held a small amount of what is believed to be Cannabis.

The man was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

#### **Shoplifter – Macquarie Park**

Around 1:20pm on Friday 11 September 2020 a 47-year-old woman from Marsfield has entered a supermarket in Macquarie Park. The stores Loss Prevention Officer has observed the woman select two cosmetic items off the shelf and place them into her handbag.

The Loss Prevention Officer has observed the woman removing the packaging of the items inclusive of the plastic wrapping and cardboard. The woman then discarded this packaging on a nearby shelf.

The woman has continued to walk through the supermarket and place other fresh produce items into her trolley. She has then walked toward the service registers and produced the

items which were in the base of the trolley however she did not produce the two concealed cosmetic items secreted in her handbag.

The woman has paid for the grocery items and continued to walk out of the store before being stopped by the Loss Prevention Officer.

She was escorted to the security office to await the arrival of police.

The woman was issued with a criminal infringement notice for shoplifting and was issued a banning notice from the store for a period of 12 months.

### **Two man charged with assault and failing to quit licensed premises -Epping**

About 12:05am on Thursday 10 September 2020, three men were drinking in a licensed premise in Epping. At this time the manager has asked the men to sit down to consume their drinks as per the current COVID regulations.

A short time later the manager has noticed that two of the men were standing up again. The manager has asked security to ask the men to leave the hotel. Both of the men complied and left the hotel however they continued to stay out the front of the premises and when asked to move away from the area, they refused.

A 20-year-old man from Melrose Park and a 28-year-old man from Ryde have become argumentative with security. A scuffle has ensued before witnesses have intervened and separated the men.

Police were called a short time later and both men were issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Assault and Fail to Quit Licensed Premise.

Both men will appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

### **Shoplifter -Eastwood**

About 6 pm on Thursday 10 September 2020, a 74-year-old man from Jordan Springs has attended a supermarket in Eastwood.

The man has selected a number of items off the shelf and placed them into a bag he was carrying with him. The man has then left the store without attempting to pay for the items.

The man was stopped by an employee and police were contacted.

Police spoke with the man before issuing him with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting. He was also issued with a banning notice by the store.

### **Driver charged after pedestrian injured in crash - West Ryde**

A driver has been charged after a crash in Sydney's west.

About 4.20pm on Friday 11 September 2020, emergency services were called to Anthony Road, near West Parade, after reports a pedestrian had been hit by a Mitsubishi Lancer.

The pedestrian, an 89-year-old woman, suffered head injuries. She was treated at the scene before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital where she remains in a stable condition.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command established a crime scene, with the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit attending to assist.

The Mitsubishi driver, a 42-year-old man, was uninjured and taken to Ryde Hospital for mandatory testing before being transferred to Ryde Police Station.

He was charged with cause bodily harm by misconduct in charge of a motor vehicle and not give way to pedestrian at lights to pedestrian on road being entered.

The Enfield man was granted conditional bail to appear at Burwood Local Court on Monday 2 November 2020.

His licence was also suspended.

### **Scams target all sections of our society including CALD communities**

Scammers don't discriminate and are targeting a range of different communities in Australia.

In 2019, people who reported speaking English as a second language lost \$13.7 million, an increase of 90 per cent on the previous year, despite the number of reports remaining steady.

This increase was mainly from investment scams, which accounted for over \$5.3 million in losses in this group.

Investment scams often begin with cold calls promising low risk investments with high returns and can go on for months, resulting in high individual losses.

If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Don't let anyone pressure you and make sure you take the time to research the investment opportunity and get financial advice before agreeing to anything.

Dating and romance scams had the next highest losses in this group at \$2.7 million, followed by scams using threats to life or arrest at \$1.7 million.

Chinese authority scams continue to target the Mandarin-speaking community by accusing victims of perpetrating a crime, and threatening arrest or deportation if they do not provide money, or information such as their bank account balances and identity details.

If you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank immediately and if you have any concerns about your safety, contact the police.

For more information about scams visit [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Tuesday 22 September 2020**

#### **Man charged with numerous offences – West Ryde**

About 3:35pm on Thursday 17 September 2020, it is alleged that a 31-year-old man from Merrylands has entered the rear yard of a home on Victoria Road at West Ryde. The man has then gained access to the house by forcing open the rear door.

Once inside the home the man has rummaged through the entire house before placing a number of items of jewellery and electronic devices into a bag and then exiting the house via the front door.

On exiting the front door, police confronted the man and placed him under arrest. While police were effecting the arrest, the man has lashed out at police before fleeing on foot.

With the assistance of the Police dog unit, the man was located hiding in a shed in the rear yard of a home a short distance away.

The man was placed under arrest and searched. Police located property stolen from the home along with an unknown crystal substance wrapped in foil. The man was taken to Ryde Police Station where he charged with Break and Enter, Trespassing, Assault police, Resist police and Escape Lawful Custody.

He was refused bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 24 September 2020.

#### **Two charged over hydroponics house – Eastwood**

Two people have been charged with Cultivate prohibited plant (Commercial Quantity) and Use/consume/waste etc electricity without authority after police seized more than 155 Cannabis plants at a property in Eastwood.

About 7:55 pm on Wednesday 16 September 2020, police attached to the Public Order & Riot Squad knocked on the front door of the premises before forcing entry into the premises to execute a search warrant.

Police located the two people inside the premises and both were placed under arrest.

Police located an elaborate hydroponics set up inside the home and seized a 155 Cannabis plants along with equipment used to cultivate the plants.

A representative from the energy supplier attended the location to render the site safe for investigators. The representative confirmed the electricity was being illegally bypassed directly into the roof cavity of the house. The bypass allowed electricity to be used inside the house without being recorded on the meter.

A 65-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman both from Bankstown were arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where they were charged with Cultivate Prohibited Plant (Commercial quantity) and Use/consume/waste etc electricity without authority.

The 34-year-old woman was granted conditional bail and will appear in Burwood Local Court on 11 November 2020. The 65-year-old man was refused bail and will appear in Burwood Local Court on 18 November 2020.

### **Two women issued with Cannabis Caution after police conduct proactive patrols of the Putney area.**

About 1pm on Thursday 17 September 2020, police who were patrolling the Putney area have entered a car park on Morrison Road. At the end of the carpark police could see a vehicle parked with the windows down and it was unattended.

Police observed on the ground next to the passenger door of the vehicle a number of small resealable bags. Police looked inside the vehicle and could clearly see what they believed to be cannabis.

Police searched the attached park and located a 19-year-old woman from Belmore and a 20-year-old woman from Punchbowl within the park. Police spoke with the two women before returning to the vehicle. Police searched both women and the vehicle locating a small quantity of Cannabis inside the vehicle.

Both women were issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

### **Two issued with Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting – Ryde**

About 4:50pm on Saturday 19 September 2020, a 34-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman both from Ryde have entered a supermarket in Ryde. They have both selected a number of items off the shelf and placed them into reusable plastic bags that they had brought with them.

They have then attended the self-serve check out where they paid for some of the items but not all of them.

The two were stopped by the stores Loss Prevention officer where they was escorted to the security office to await the arrival of police.

Police spoke with them both before issuing them both with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting. They were also issued with a banning notice prohibiting them from the store for a period of 12 months.

### **Lock it or lose it!**

There are a number of valuable items that are a common target for thieves to steal from vehicles because of their value and ability to be sold for quick cash. They are: Laptops, mobile phones, cameras, sporting goods, tools and cash/wallets.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft, please consider the following security tips.

- Ensure all valuables are removed from your vehicle or conceal them in the boot of the vehicle before arriving at your destination.
- Lock your vehicles doors and close windows even if the vehicle is parked in your driveway, carport or garage.
- At night park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Park your vehicle in a garage at night where possible.
- Avoid hiding a second set of keys in the vehicle - if the vehicle is broken into, they may find the keys and take the car as well as your valuables.
- Avoid placing bags and wallets on the passenger seat where they could be easily stolen. Thieves will look into vehicles to see what items can be easily stolen. Even a small amount of cash may be the catalyst for becoming a target. Ensure you conceal or remove all cash and valuable items from your vehicle.