



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Wednesday 25 November 2020**

#### **Man charged after woman injured in fail-to-stop crash - West Ryde**

A man will appear in court today charged over an alleged fail-to-stop crash in Sydney's north-west.

About 12.40am on Sunday 22 November 2020, emergency services were called to Mons Avenue at West Ryde, following reports an injured woman had been located on the road.

The woman was allegedly struck by a vehicle that then left the scene.

The 20-year-old woman was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics, before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition with head injuries and a fractured pelvis.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command established a crime scene, which was examined by specialist police from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit.

Following inquiries, crash investigators arrested a 23-year-old Kellyville Ridge man at Ryde Police Station about 8.00pm on Sunday 22 November.

The man was charged with failing to stop and assist after vehicle impact causing grievous bodily harm and negligent driving occasioning actual bodily harm.

He was refused bail and will appear before Burwood Local Court on Monday 23 November 2020.

#### **Man issued Cannabis Caution after proactive patrols - Epping**

At 11:20pm on Friday 20 November 2020, Police were patrolling Boronia Park Epping, where they observed three men sitting at a park bench.

Police approached the men and immediately observed drug paraphernalia and a small resealable bag which contained what police believe to be cannabis sitting on the table in front of them.

Police spoke with the three men before searching them.

A 21-year-old from Annandale man was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

All three men were moved on from the park.

### **Man issued with Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting**

About 12:00pm on Monday 23 November 2020, a 44-year-old man from Gladesville has entered a supermarket at Ryde.

The man has selected a number of items off the shelf and was seen by the Loss Prevention officer to place those items in a bag he had with him at the time.

The man then paid for some of the items that he had placed in his trolley, however he did not attempt to pay for the items he had placed into the bag.

The man was escorted by the Loss Prevention officer to the security office to await the arrival of police.

Police arrived a short time later and spoke with the man before issuing him with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting.

### **Man charged with Mid-Range PCA – Epping**

At about 1:15am on Tuesday 17 November 2020, a 42-year-old man from Epping was driving his vehicle, east along Carlingford Road, Epping 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 for a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.126 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA.

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



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### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Thursday 3 December 2020**

#### **Cafe destroyed by fire - Epping**

A café has been destroyed after fire broke out in Epping.

Emergency services were called to the business on Rawson Road about 1pm on Sunday 29 November 2020, after staff members saw flames at the rear of the building.

They initially attempted to extinguish the blaze; however, the fire spread, and they directed other staff and patrons to leave the building.

Despite efforts by officers from Fire and Rescue NSW, the café was destroyed, and a neighbouring building and cars parked at the rear were damaged.

Fire Investigators and scene of crime officers examined the site. Police are not treating the fire as suspicious and it appears an electrical fault may have caused the fire.

Damage is estimated to be in excess of \$800,000.

#### **Man issued with a Cannabis caution – West Ryde**

About 12:20am on Saturday 28 November 2020, police were patrolling Forster Street West Ryde when they stopped a 20-year-old man from Putney driving his vehicle.

On speaking with the man, police could smell the scent of Cannabis coming from within the vehicle.

Police had cause to search the man, his passenger and the vehicle.

Police located a small clear resealable bag containing what is believed to be Cannabis in the 20-year-old man's bum bag.

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

#### **Low Range PCA – Ryde**

About 10:10pm on Thursday 26 November 2020, police were conducting stationary RBT west bound on Victoria Road at Ryde when they stopped a 40-year-old man from Liberty Grove for the purpose of a random breath test.

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

The driver returned a reading of 0.060 and was issued with an infringement notice for Drive with Low Range PCA. His licence was suspended for a period of 3 months.

### **Man charged with drug possession after proactive patrols of Putney**

About 11:35am on Tuesday 1 December 2020, Police were conducting proactive patrols when police observed a vehicle parked in the carpark of Putney Park. From a distance, Police could see the front passenger door had been left opened.

Police approached the vehicle and spoke with a 37-year-old man from Campsie. After a conversation with the man, police had cause to search the man and his vehicle.

Police located a plastic resealable bag in his left pants pocket containing white powder believed to be the drug 'Ice'.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Drug. The man will now appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

### **Witnesses sought for incident involving a motorcycle -Castle Hill**

Ryde Police are seeking any witnesses that may have witnessed or have dash cam footage of an accident involving a car and a motorcycle where the rider of the motorcycle sustained serious injuries.

Between 2pm and 2:45pm on Tuesday 24 November 2020, the motorcycle rider was riding his bike along Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill cross of Broughton Avenue travelling towards West Pennant Hills.

The traffic in the left lane was building up and a red coloured SUV possibly a Toyota, suddenly put their right indicator on and turned into the lane the motorcyclist was in. This has caused rider to lock his brakes and come off the bike.

The rider fell onto his right arm and rolled and skidded about 15 - 20 metres down the road.

The SUV slowed down, however then drove off.

*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 information via NSW Police social media pages.*



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### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Wednesday 9 December 2020**

#### **Mid-Range PCA - Carlingford**

About 9.10pm on Sunday 6 December 2020, police were conducting stationary Random Breath Testing on Marsden Road at Carlingford when they stopped a 35-year-old man from The Hill for a breath test.

The driver returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station for a breath analysis. He returned a reading of 0.093 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 21 December 2020.

#### **Man charged with Drug Supply after proactive patrols of the Gladesville area**

About 10:30 pm on Friday 4 December 2020, police were conducting proactive patrols of the Gladesville area, when they stopped a 26-year-old man from Liverpool. The man was subjected to a breath test which returned a negative result.

On speaking with the man police observed a large sum of cash in his left hand, which the man was trying to conceal from police. After a brief conversation, police had cause to search the vehicle.

During the search, Police have located a small plastic bag that had been concealed in the driver's side air-conditioning vent. Police have removed the trim panel containing the vent from the vehicle. In doing this the plastic bag has come free. Police observed the bag to contain 10 smaller clear plastic bags which each contained a small amount of white powder, believed to be cocaine.

Police placed the man under arrest, and he was taken to Ryde Police Station and further enquiries were made.

The man was charged with Supply prohibited drug, Deal with proceeds of crime and Resident 3 months not obtain NSW licence.

The man was refused bail to appear in Parramatta Local Court on 5 December 2020, where the man was granted conditional bail and will now appear in the Downing Centre Local Court on 11 December 2020.

### **Motor vehicle incident – Cherrybrook**

At 11:22am on Saturday 5 December 2020, a 71-year-old man was driving his vehicle in the Appletree Shopping Centre car park, situated on Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook.

When attempting to park in a designated disabled parking space the man has accelerated, mounting the front gutter, entering the reception area of the pathology office which was occupied by three people.

As the vehicle breached the shop front, the front window frame has subsequently trapped a 68-year old man briefly before the vehicle has reversed back out and members of the public lifted debris freeing the man.

Three staff members within the pathology also suffered minor injuries.

After the 71-year-old driver was medically cleared by paramedics, he was submitted to a breath test which revealed a negative reading.

NSW Fire and Rescue attended and assisted in the extraction of the remaining occupants in the pathology office. After all occupants were removed from the building, the 68-year-old man and a 33-year-old female staff member were conveyed to Hornsby hospital for treatment.

Both patients were taken to Hornsby hospital for treatment, however they were discharged after a short time with no significant injuries.

Police have commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

Inquiries continue.

### **Shoplifter – Macquarie Park**

About 4:40pm on Friday 4 December 2020, a 23-year-old woman from St Ives has entered a department store in Macquarie Park. The woman was seen by an employee to select a number of items off the shelf and place them into her handbag.

As the woman was exiting the store, the manager asked to check her bag and located the items inside the bag. The woman made no attempt to pay for the items contained inside her bag.

The woman was escorted to the security office to await the arrival of police.

Police arrived a short time later and spoke with the woman and security. Police located items that had not been paid for from another clothing store.

The woman was issued with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting and a banning notice, banning the woman from the shopping centre for a period of 6 months.



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### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Tuesday 15 December 2020**

#### **Woman injured; man charged - East Ryde**

A man has been charged with assault following an alleged domestic-related incident at East Ryde.

About 8:30pm on Thursday 10 December 2020, emergency services were called to a home on Bronhill Avenue where they located an 85-year-old woman unconscious.

The woman was taken by paramedics to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition.

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

Following inquiries, a 60-year-old man was arrested at the home. The man – who is known to the woman - was taken to Ryde Police Station.

He has since been charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and was refused bail to appear at Burwood Local Court on Friday 11 December 2020. The man was granted bail and will appear in court at a later date.

*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 information via NSW Police social media pages.*

#### **Drug Possession – North Epping**

At 10pm on Friday 11 December 2020 police were conducting patrols around Ron Payne Park at North Epping.

Police noticed a vehicle parked in the area and sighted three people sitting in the rear of the vehicle with the person in the middle with a balloon to their mouth.

Police spoke to an 18 year old man from Epping. Police had cause to conduct a search of the man and located a small amount of what police believe to be cannabis.

Police issued the 18 year old man with a cannabis caution and all parties were given a direction to move on from the area.

## **Trespass- Denistone East**

At 2:20am on Saturday 12 December 2020, police were called to a School in Denistone East after a member of the public saw two people climbing over the front fence of a construction site. After climbing over the construction site fence, the two men proceeded into the grounds of the school.

Police attended the location and searched the grounds where they sighted two 18-year-old men sitting at the rear of the school.

After a brief conversation, Police conducted a search where they noticed one of the men take off a thick necklace and place it on the ground. When questioned by police he stated that it was a hidden knife for defensive reasons. The item was seized by police.

The man was issued with a Criminal infringement notices.

## **Possess prohibited weapon – Ermington**

A 24-year-old man from Fairfield was charged with possession and use of a prohibited weapon in Ermington.

About 12am on Friday 4 December 2020, police were conducting regular patrols of Ermington Wharf in Ermington when they noticed a black Subaru parked in a dark corner.

Police approached the vehicle and found 2 men seated in the front of the vehicle. After a conversation with the men police had cause to conduct a search of the vehicle.

A metal extendable baton was located on the dashboard of the vehicle. He was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Weapon and will now appear in Burwood Local Court 11 January 2021.

## **Home Security over the holiday period**

PLANNING TO GO AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS?? Don't forget to take care of your home before you go.

Ensuring you have taken measures to secure your home before you leave is just as important in ensuring you have a good holiday.

Criminals are often opportunists and will target homes with poor home security to steal belongings.

Remember:

- Fit quality security doors, windows, locks, alarms, lighting, CCTV cameras and warnings signs
- Secure all windows and doors
- Activate your alarm, smoke detectors, CCTV cameras and security lighting.
- Lock your gates, sheds and garages.
- Check there are no natural ladders lying about your home such as a garbage bin that may allow an intruder access over your fence
- Trim any overgrown trees/bushes/plants over your doors/windows that may provide concealment
- Remove items from view such as gardening tools, bikes, scooters, shoes etc

ALWAYS report break and enters to Police:

Police Assistance Line 131 444

Community Portal Online - [https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community\\_portal/home](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_portal/home)

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

ALWAYS call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

DO NOT post your holiday plans on social media. Ask a trusted friend to keep an eye on your home.