



Media Information

Ryde Police Area Command

Monday 15 April 2019

Low Range PCA – Ryde

About 11.50pm on Thursday 11 April 2019, Police were conducting stationary Random breath testing Westbound on Victoria Road Ryde.

Police stopped the vehicle for the purpose of a random breath test. The 24-year-old man from West Ryde was submitted to a breath test which returned a positive roadside test.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station for a breath analysis which returned a reading of 0.068.

The man will appear in Burwood Local Court on 20 May 2019.

Cannabis Caution – Ryde

Around 11.10pm on Wednesday 10 April 2019, Police were patrolling on Badajoz Road Ryde, when they observed a man to appear to be drug effected at a bus stop.

Police approached the man and after a brief conversation police had cause to search him.

Police located a small resealable bag within his jacket, containing what is believed to be Cannabis on a 21-year-old man from Ryde.

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

Appeal after robbery by men impersonating police - Eastwood

Police are appealing for public assistance after the robbery of a money exchange shop committed by men impersonating police in Sydney's north-west last month.

Police have been told (about 1.20pm on Wednesday 20 March 2019), two men entered a currency exchange shop located on the first floor of a building on Rowe Street, Eastwood, identifying themselves as police officers to a 54-year-old female staff member and a 31-year-old male customer.

One of the men forced the customer to the ground, while the other jumped over the counter and emptied the contents of the safe into a bag, before taking the pair's wallets.

Both men left the store and drove away from the scene.

Neither witnesses were injured during the incident.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command were notified who attended the scene and commenced an investigation.

As inquiries continue, investigators have released CCTV vision of two men they believe may be able to assist with inquiries.

CCTV vision shows the men enter and exit the currency exchange via a staircase from a ground-floor store.

One man is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his late 20s, about 182cm tall, with medium-length strawberry blond hair.

Another is described as being of Caucasian appearance with a tanned complexion, aged in his late 20s, about 180cm tall, with short black hair, and a trimmed beard.

Both are depicted wearing black suits with white shirts, black ties, and sunglasses.

Detectives urge anyone who may be able to assist to contact Ryde Police Station or Crime Stoppers.

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

Ryde PAC 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. They have occurred at various times, throughout the day and night. The community is reminded not to leave valuables in your vehicle.

When parking your vehicle, ask yourself *is there anything that can be seen that a thief would like to take and is my vehicle locked?* Target items include GPS units, sunglasses, coins, Laptops, Mobiles phones, power tools and wallets. A lot of the vehicles have been simply accessed by thieves, from unlocked doors. Don't let a thief ruin your day, lock and remove valuables from your vehicle.

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Tuesday 23 April 2019

Low Range PCA – Gladesville

About 12:40am on Monday 22 April 2019, Police were conducting patrols of the Gladesville area.

Police observed a vehicle in travelling westbound on Victoria Road Gladesville. Police stopped the vehicle for the purpose of a random breath test. The 33-year-old man from Ermington was submitted to a breath test which returned a positive roadside test.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station for a breath analysis which returned a reading of 0.058.

The man will appear in Burwood Local Court on 6 May 2019.

Cannabis Caution – Ryde

Around 12.20am on Friday 23 April 2019, Police were patrolling on Boronia Park Hunters Hill, when a group of youths were sighted sitting in the grandstand at the above location smoking an unknown substance.

Police stopped and approached the group. Upon approach Police noticed a strong aroma of cannabis was in the air within the vicinity of the group.

Police spoke with the group and asked if they had been smoking cannabis, to which one man admitted to police that he had, and handed to police a small resealable bag containing what is believed to be cannabis.

The 20-year-old man from Hunters Hill was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

Shoplifter – Macquarie Park

About 10:30am on Friday 12 April 2019, a 44-year-old woman from North Epping has entered a department store at Macquarie Park.

Once inside this store the woman selected a number of clothing items off the shelf. The woman has taken the items to the change rooms where she has removed the security tags from all items. She then left the store with these items, making no attempts to pay for them.

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

The woman was spoken to and searched before being charged with shoplifting. The woman was also banned from the store for a period of twelve months.

Man charged with Malicious Damage/Assault Police

About 5.00pm on Friday 19 April 2019, police were called to Terry Creek Canal located on the eastern side of Blaxland Road Eastwood in relation to a man graffitiing the wall,

Police could smell a strong smell of spray paint coming from the canal and at this time saw a 34-year-old man from Gladesville standing at the top of the canal taking photographs of the graffiti on the wall.

Police approached the man and observed a black back pack with a number of spray cans sitting on the top of the bag. Police spoke with the man and placed him under arrest. As the male Senior Constable was on his own at the time the man was handcuffed.

The 34-year-old man became extremely aggressive and struck the Senior Constable in the face knocking him to the ground. The Constable also sustained a laceration above his eye.

Police then had a short foot pursuit with the man before restraining the man and placing him in the rear of a caged vehicle.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Destroy or damage property, Assault Police and resist arrest.

He was refused bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 29 April 2019.

Police urge Ryde PAC residents to commemorate ANZAC Day safely

Police from Ryde PAC are urging residents to commemorate the spirit of ANZAC safely and respectfully.

A high-visibility policing operation will be in place on ANZAC Day (Thursday 25 April 2019) to ensure the safety of the large crowds expected at events across the state.

Locally, it will involve general duties police, as well as Licensing and Traffic Police.

Ryde PAC Commander, Superintendent David Waddell, said this national day of remembrance should be observed appropriately.

"This day is about honouring the brave men and women who have served our country and paying tribute to those who died fighting for our freedom," Supt Waddell said.

"Like all major events, we want people to enjoy ANZAC Day in a safe and secure environment, without the fear of being subjected to anti-social behaviour or alcohol-related crime.

"Given this year's ANZAC Day falls on a Thursday during the school holidays, and after the Easter long weekend, we are anticipating a busy weekend on the state's roads," Supt Waddell said.

"Police will also be targeting drink-driving and conducting random breath tests throughout the local area.

“Both marked and unmarked police vehicles will be patrolling all major roads and back streets, so if you take the risk and drink-drive, you will be caught.

“Plan how you’re getting home, organise a designated driver or pre-arrange transport. We want everyone to get to and from commemorations safely,” Supt Waddell said.



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Monday 29 April 2019

Middle Range PCA - Gladesville

About 5:36pm on Saturday 27 April 2019, a Black Mercedes sedan driven by a 54-year-old man from Gladesville was travelling in a southerly direction on Prince Edward Street, Gladesville when it has collided head-on into a White Kia hatchback travelling in the opposite direction.

The driver of the white Kia was taken by ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment.

Police arrived a short time later and both drivers were submitted to a breath test. The 54-year-old 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 0.098 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA – 2nd offence. His licence was suspended by police and he will now appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

Further enquiries are continuing into the cause of the accident.

Shoplifter – Eastwood

About 7:50pm on Sunday 28 April 2019, a 46-year-old woman from Eastwood has entered a pharmacy in Rowe Street Eastwood.

Shortly after entering the store the woman was seen to place a number of bottles of vitamins into her pocket. The woman has then walked towards the exit and passed the cashier area of the business. At this point, the woman has passed the security bollards and was less than a metre away from the exit. As a result, the security bollards have activated, and an alarm was sounded.

The security officer has asked the woman to take out what was in her pocket. The woman has removed the items. The security officer has then escorted the woman to security office to await the arrival of police.

Police arrived a short time later and spoke with the woman before issuing the woman with a Criminal Infringement notice for shoplifting.

Cannabis Caution

About 2:00am Police were conducting proactive patrols throughout the Ryde Police Area Command. While driving East bound along Ryde Road, Police noticed people sitting in the grandstand of Monash Park, Gladesville. Police approached the grandstand and observed a clear container containing what is believed to be Cannabis next to a plastic drink bottle with a small piece of garden hose inserted into it, close to the bottom of the bottle.

Police spoke with the three men before searching them. An 18-year-old man from Pymble has admitted to Cannabis was his.

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

Mid Range PCA - Gladesville

About 2am on Friday 26 April 2019, a 27-year-old man from Dundas was riding his motor cycle in a north west direction along Victoria Road at Gladesville. At this time a stationary Random Breath Testing Site set-up outside the Hospital. The rider was signalled to stop at the RBT site, however he ignored the direction and kept riding.

Police drove after the man and pulled in behind him with all warning devices activated. The man slowed dramatically and started swerving all over the road before coming to a stop.

Police spoke with the man and observed the man was unsteady on his feet and he smelt strongly of intoxicating liquor. The man was subjected to a breath test which returned a positive reading.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he underwent a breath analysis.

The man returned a reading of 0.126 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. His licence was suspended by police and he is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 27 May 2019.

Shoplifter – Macquarie Park

On Thursday 18 April 2019, two women aged 25 have entered a department store in Macquarie Park. The two women have selected clothing and other items off the shelf and placed them into shopping trolleys. The two women have then left the store without making any attempt to pay for the items.

The two women have then entered a supermarket in the same shopping complex. The two women have once again selected numerous items off the shelf and placed them into their trolleys. The two women have left the store without paying for the items.

Police were contacted and arrived a short time later where they were stopped in the car park and arrested. The two were questioned in relation to the items totalling more than \$2500

The two women were both issued Court Attendance Notices for two counts of shoplifting. They will appear in Burwood Local Court on 13 May 2019.

Over the past few weeks there has been several reported scams using a variety of techniques. Don' be tricked into giving away your money for nothing!

Ryde Police urge the community to be aware of current frauds and scams !!

Scammers are getting increasingly sophisticated in their attempts to get your money or personal details. Be alert and protect yourself from being scammed

One of the current scams that has come to the attention of police again is the ATO scam. This is where victims are contacted by phone with someone posing to be from the tax office. The scammer claims that you have outstanding tax debts that must be paid immediately to avoid prosecution. The scammers then ask that you pay in iTunes cards.

The ATO are never going to ask you to pay with iTunes cards. They will contact you formally by mail if there are any issues. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from the ATO, do not give out any personal information, and definitely do not purchase iTunes cards! If you have concerns, contact the ATO directly on 132 861.

The other scam that has also been reported to police recently is one involving Fake tradies (also known as travelling con men). They are dodgy tradesmen who offer to do maintenance work on your home or office then disappear with your money, leaving unfinished or substandard work, if they start work at all.

They offer to do jobs such as driveway resurfacing, painting, roof repairs and carpet cleaning at cheap rates. Fake tradies may approach people while they are working in the garden. They look for houses that have handrails and ramps, often targeting older and vulnerable people. They ask for cash before starting the work and will offer to drive you to an ATM.

Make sure that you use reputable tradesmen and get a number of quotes for the work. Do not let strangers into your home and ask them to leave. If they don't go, call the police.

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Bones located - Beecroft

An investigation is underway after skeletal remains were discovered in a drain in Sydney's north-west.

About 2pm on Tuesday 30 April 2019, police were called to the M2 Motorway, near Castle Howard Road, Beecroft, following reports bones were located in a drain at the side of the road.

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

An extensive search of the area was commenced on Tuesday and continued on Thursday 2 May 2019, with assistance from Police Divers, Police Rescue, Public Order and Riot Squad and Fire & Rescue NSW.

The remains have been sent for specialist forensic examination to determine if they are human.

Inquiries continue.

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.

261 new recruits join NSW Police Force – Three new recruits for Ryde

The NSW Police Force welcomed 261 new probationary constables to its ranks at the Police Academy in Goulburn on Friday 3 May 2019.

'Class 337' included 176 policemen and 85 policewomen who will complete 12 months on-the-job training and study of the Associate Degree in Policing Practice by distance education with Charles Sturt University before being confirmed to the rank of constable.

The students attested with the rank of probationary constable and reported to their new stations for work on Monday 6 May 2019.

They will now complete 12 months on-the-job training and study by distance education with Charles Sturt University. They officially graduate with an Associate Degree in Policing Practice once they have passed all academic and operation standards. The officers will then be confirmed to the rank of constable.

The Ryde Police Area Command welcomes two male probationers and one female probationer. We wish them all the best for the future careers.

Woman charged – Possess Prohibited Drug - Gladesville

About 2.10am on Sunday 5 May 2019, police were patrolling Ryde Road Gladesville and noticed a 51-year-old woman slumped in the driver's seat of a blue Hyundai Accent parked on the southern kerb of Ryde Road near the intersection of Ryde Road and Westminster Road Gladesville in front of Monash Park.

Police have exited their vehicle and approached the woman's vehicle. The woman was slumped with her head on the steering wheel. Police have tapped on the window of the driver's door and the woman awoke and opened the driver's side door.

Police spoke with the woman before getting her to exit the vehicle. As a result of their conversation, police had cause to search the woman. Police located a small clear resealable bag containing clear crystal granules inside which they believe to be the drug 'Ice'.

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

Man Charged with Possession of a prohibited weapon -Epping

About 12:00 pm on Wednesday 1 May 2019, Police observed a 27-year-old man from Five Dock standing on the Concourse of Epping Railway Station. As Police were approaching the man he ran down the stairs, which leads onto Beecroft Road, Epping. The man continued running from the Police before he was eventually stopped on Rawson Street Epping.

The man was searched, and police located a set of knuckle dusters in the mans bag.

Checks on the man revealed that he had previously been served with a Weapons Prohibition Order on Wednesday 18 May 2016 and now was in contravention of the order.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit and Use prohibited weapon contrary to prohibition order.

He was refused bail and appeared in Burwood Local Court on 2 May where he was given conditional bail and will appear in Burwood Local Court on 23 May 2019.

Beware of Blessing Scams targeting the Chinese community

Police are urging members of the community to be aware of a “Blessing Scam” that has occurred in the past and has recently occurred again in Eastwood.

Police are encouraging people to not only be aware of the scam but to also educate friends and family members about the scam.

“Blessing scams” are elaborate frauds that are designed specifically to prey on elderly Chinese members of our community who maintain strong traditional cultural beliefs. Potential victims are approached on the street by members of the group committing the fraud, who convince these victims that they can cure an illness, or an evil spirit is following them and will harm members of their families unless a blessing ceremony is performed to remove the evil spirit. The “ceremony” requires the victim to place all of their money and valuables in a bag to be blessed. The bag is then given back to the victim, and they are instructed not to open it for several days or weeks and to not tell family members or the blessing will not work. When the bag is finally opened, the valuables are no longer inside, and the suspects are long gone.