



Media Information

Ryde Police Area Command

Monday 7 January 2019

Mid Range PCA - Ryde

About 12:50am on Tuesday 8 January 2019, Police stopped a 42-year-old woman from Ryde on Blaxland Rd in Ryde for the purpose of a random breath test.

The woman returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station for a breath analysis where she returned a reading of 0.135.

The woman was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA.

Her licence was suspended, and she will appear in Burwood Local Court on 25 February 2019.

Mid Range PCA - Marsfield

About 11:45pm on Thursday 3 January 2019, Police were performing stationary random, on Epping Rd, Marsfield. Police stopped a 28-year-old man from West Pennant Hills 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 where he returned a reading of 0.090.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA.

He will appear in Burwood Local Court on 4 February 2019.

Fire-Ryde

About 6.30pm on Monday 7 January 2019, Police attended a fire at an old abandoned boat shed warehouse in Waterview Rd, Ryde. It took NSW Fire brigade around 45 minutes to bring the fire under control.

It appears the fire may have been deliberately lit. Police are continuing with their investigations. Anyone with information is asked to contact Eastwood police station on 9858 9299 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.



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Unaccompanied Learner - Ryde

About 11:40am on Saturday 12 January 2019, police stopped a 23-year-old man from Kingsford on Blaxland Rd, Ryde due to the manner of his driving.

Police requested the man to produce his licence, who stated to police he did not have it with him. Further checks revealed the driver was the holder of a NSW learner licence. Police informed the man that he was unable to drive without a fully licenced driver with him.

The driver was issued an infringement for driving not accompanied.

Driver charged over suspended licence- Ryde

About 12.450pm Wednesday 9 January 2019, Police were patrolling on Buffalo Road, Ryde when they stopped a 19-year-old man from Ryde for a breath test.

Police requested to see his licence, which he was unable to produce. Police checks confirmed that his licence was suspended. He was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice and will appear in court on 25 February 2019 in relation to the offence.

Police issue warning about selling items online

Police are issuing a warning about selling items on Gumtree and social media, due to several recent incidents of fraud involving online selling.

Police are urging people to be vigilant when selling and buying items online and beware of paying for items in advance. If you are planning to meet a seller or buyer you should always have a friend or relative with you when meeting the seller/buyer. If possible meet in a location that is in a busy public place that has CCTV instead of giving them your address.

If you are the victim of an online fraud, police encourage you to report any incidents to police.

Ryde PAC remind the importance of Pedestrian Safety

The Ryde Police Area Command are thanking pedestrians for their efforts, for the decrease in pedestrian accidents within the PAC, but are still urging pedestrians to be vigilant.

Pedestrians are reminded to always use pedestrian crossings where available and obey traffic signals. Also, to be conscious of their surroundings when using mobile phones and headsets, as they pose a potential safety risk when they distract pedestrians from their surrounding environment.

Extra caution should be exercised in areas of high vehicle and pedestrian concentration such as near train stations, bus stops and in CBD areas.



Media Information

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Monday 21 January 2019

Three further people charged over alleged coordinated theft of baby formula

Detectives have charged another three people over their alleged roles in the coordinated theft of more than \$1 million worth of baby formula across Sydney.

In February 2018, detectives from the State Crime Command's Robbery and Serious Crime Squad received information from retailers relating to the coordinated theft of baby formula and vitamins across Sydney.

Strike Force Dungev was subsequently established to investigate the theft and distribution of the items.

In August 2018, strike force investigators searched two homes in Carlingford and seized 4000 tins of baby formula, large quantities of vitamins, and Manuka honey; all of which are alleged to be stolen.

Officers also seized more than \$215,000 cash from one of the properties, which is alleged to be the proceeds of crime.

During the investigation, detectives arrested a 48-year-old woman and a 35-year-old man last year. They remain before the courts.

Following extensive inquiries, a 31-year-old man was arrested by strike force detectives, with the assistance of officers from Australian Border Force (ABF) and Australian Federal Police, after he arrived at Sydney International Airport on a flight from China about 10.30am on Saturday (19 January 2019).

ABF officers also conducted a search of the man's luggage before being taken by strike force detectives to Mascot Police Station.

He was charged with an arrest warrant for the offences of recklessly deal with the proceeds of crime and participate criminal group contribute criminal activity.

The Carlingford man was refused bail and appeared at Parramatta Bail Court on Sunday 20 January 2019, where he was granted strict conditional bail to re-appear at Parramatta Local Court on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

Saturday's arrest is the fifth by Strike Force Dungenby investigators, with a 53-year-old man arrested on Wednesday 19 December 2018 and a 29-year-old woman arrested on Friday 4 January 2019, both at Ryde Police Station.

The man was charged with knowingly participate in criminal group assist crime, and recklessly deal with proceeds of crime.

The woman was charged with participate criminal group contribute criminal activity, and recklessly deal with proceeds of crime.

Both were granted strict conditional bail and are due to appear at Burwood Local Court on 5 February 2019.

Police will allege in court that the two men and woman were part of an organised syndicate receiving more than \$1 million worth of stolen products, including baby formula and health supplements, which were then on-sold overseas.

Robbery and Serious Crime Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Daniel Doherty, praised the work of Strike Force Dungenby investigators.

"This has been a meticulous investigation, with detectives now putting five people before the courts and disrupting a well-coordinated theft syndicate," Det Supt Doherty said.

"Police will continue to pursue those who seek to make a quick buck at the disadvantage of others and will always strive to stamp out unscrupulous activity."

Investigations under Strike Force Dungenby continue.

Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force Dungenby investigators 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.

Middle Range PCA

About 1:20am on Friday 18 January 2019, Police observed a 35-year-old man from Baulkham Hills travelling north bound upon Pennant Hills Road.

Police observed the vehicle to slow in lane 4 of 4 of Pennant Hills road and conduct a U-turn at the traffic control lights at the intersection of the entry to the North Connex construction site, approximately 300m south of Copeland Road.

Police activated their lights and indicated to the man to stop in lane 5 of 5 being a right-hand turn lane of the south bound traffic of Pennant Hills Road before the intersection of the M2 motorway. The man slowed his vehicle as the right turn arrow of the traffic control lights at the intersection turned red. The man then proceeded through the intersection against the red turn arrow.

Police followed the vehicle west bound onto the M2 motorway and activated their siren. The man pulled to the left and stopped.

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

The man returned a reading of 0.149 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. His licence was suspended, and he is due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 4 March 2019.

Woman charged with stealing and assault police -Ryde

About 4:45 pm on Thursday 17 January 2019, a 36-year-old woman from Glenfield entered a pharmaceutical store at Top Ryde. The woman has taken a number of items and placed them into her backpack. The woman has then left the store without paying for the items. This was witnessed by a store employee who contacted security and Police.

Police arrived a short time later and located the woman walking upon Blaxland road near Tucker street in Ryde. Police stopped the woman and when speaking with her observed her to take four tablets from a blister pack and put them into her mouth. Police immediately intervened and removed the pills which fell onto the path.

Police searched the woman and located a number of items that were taken from the Pharmaceutical store. The woman was arrested and taken to Burwood police station.

When trying to remove the woman from the back of the caged vehicle, the woman lashed out kicking police and spitting at them.

The woman was charged with Steal from retail store and three counts of Assault police. She was bail refused and will appear in Burwood Local Court on 21 January 2019.

Low Range PCA - Marsfield

At 10:50pm on Saturday 19 January 2019, a 61-year-old woman from Rydalmere was stopped on Epping Road at Marsfield for a random breath test. The woman returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station for a breath analysis.

She returned a reading of 0.72 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Low Range PCA. She is due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

Cannabis Caution -Meadowbank

About 10.30 pm on Friday 18 January 2019, police were conducting proactive patrols in the Meadowbank area when they observed the three people seated at a picnic bench within Meadowbank Park.

Police exited their police vehicle and approached the three people seated at the bench. Police observed an 18-year-old man to be digging in his bag and then place a bum bag under his leg in an attempt to hide the bag from sight.

After a conversation with police, the three people were searched, and police located a small amount of what is believed to be Cannabis in the 18 year old man's bag.

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



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Monday 28 January 2019

Low Range PCA – Henley

At 12:45am on Saturday 26 January 2019, a 68-year-old woman from Northmead was stopped on Victoria Road at Henley for a random breath test. The woman returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station for a breath analysis.

She returned a reading of 0.067 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Low Range PCA. She is due to appear in Burwood Local Court on the 4th March 2019.

Cannabis Caution -Meadowbank

About 3.35am on Monday 28 January 2019, police were conducting proactive patrols in the Macquarie Park area when they observed four people in a pool area within a unit complex at Saunders Cl Macquarie Park.

Police exited their vehicle and approached the four people seated at a bench. Police observed some scissors and a bowl. Inside the bowl police observed what is believed to be cannabis.

After a conversation with police, the four people were searched. When questioned further by police, a 22year old man from Macquarie Park, admitted to police that it was his cannabis.

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

Man dies after falling from balcony – Putney

A man has died after falling from a balcony at Putney overnight.

Emergency services were called to a home on McGowan Street, just before 6pm on Saturday 26 January 2019, after reports a man was injured.

The 21-year-old West Ryde man, was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition. He has since passed away in hospital.

Police have been told he fell from a three-storey balcony onto the pavement below, near a swimming pool.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

It is not being treated as suspicious.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

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.

Middle Range PCA-Ryde

At 12:45am on Saturday 26 January 2019, a 47-year-old woman from Waterloo was stopped on Victoria Road at Ryde for a random breath test. The woman returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station for a breath analysis.

She returned a reading of 0.095 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Mid Range PCA. Her licence was suspended, and she is due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 25 February 2019.

Shoplifter – Top Ryde Shopping Centre

About 7:00pm on Thursday 24 January 2018, a 38-year-old woman from Hunters Hill has entered a department store at Top Ryde. The woman has selected a variety of clothing items produce and placed them into a shopping trolley before leaving the store without attempting to pay for the items and was observed by a staff member. Police attended and viewed the CCTV, and with assistance of security the woman was located within the shopping centre.

The woman was spoken to by police, before being issued with a Future Service Can for shoplifting and will appear in Burwood Local Court later next month.