

#### **Media Information**

#### **Ryde Police Area Command**

#### Monday 8 July 2019

#### Shoplifter – Macquarie Park

At 3pm on Friday July 5 2019, a 54 year old woman from Epping has entered a department store in Macquarie Park. The woman has selected a number of toys from the toy department and secreted them into a shopping bag. The woman has then left the store without attempting to make payment for the items.

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

Police arrived a short time later and spoke with the woman before issuing her with a Criminal Infringement Notice for Shoplifting. The woman was also banned for 12 months from attending the department store.

#### Man charged with Possess drugs - Ryde

About 12:10am on Friday 5 July 2019, Police were patrolling Parkes Street in Ryde when a White Toyota was sighted travelling westbound along Parkes Street. At the time it was sighted by Police, there appeared to be a light hanging from the rear of the vehicle, partially covering the number plate.

Police stopped the vehicle to speak with the 33-year-old driver from Breakfast Point. After a brief conversation with the man, police had cause to search the man and the vehicle. Police located a small clear resealable bag containing a small quantity of white powder which police believe to be Cocaine, a small glass vial containing clear liquid, labelled 'Boldenone Undecanoate' and another small glass vial containing clear liquid, labelled 'Testosterone Propionate'.

Both 'Boldenone' and 'Testosterone' are listed as prescribed restricted substances in Appendix D of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008 (NSW).

The man was issued with a Court Attendance for Possess Prohibited Drug and two counts of Possess Restricted Substance. He will appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

#### Man charged with Domestic Violence - Hunters Hill

About 11pm on Tuesday 2 July 2019, Police were called to a home in Hunters Hill in relation to a domestic violence incident.

It is alleged that an 18-year-old man has had a verbal argument with his step father earlier in the evening. After some time in his room the 18-year-old has come out of his room and grabbed his step father around the neck placing him in a headlock. As a result of this incident the step father has sustained a small laceration to the bridge of his nose.

Police arrived a short time later and arrested the 18-year-old man. Police ascertained that the man was currently on bail for another domestic assault that occurred in May this year. There was also a current Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (AVO) in place.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Common Assault and Contravene Prohibition/Restriction in AVO. He was bail refused and will appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

#### Man charged with drug possession – Melrose Park

About 8:50 pm on Wednesday 3 July 2019, Police stopped a 19-year-old man from Putney as he was driving along Wharf Road at Melrose Park for the purpose of a random breath test.

The man was spoken to by police before being submitted to a breath test. The man returned a negative roadside test. Police conducted a check of the man's drivers' licence which revealed that his licence had been suspended due to demerit point suspension.

Police had cause to search the man's vehicle. Police located a clear resealable bag containing what is believed to be Cannabis together with a herbal grinder typically used for the preparation of Cannabis for smoking.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Drug and Drive while suspended. He will appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

### Two Hydroponics houses located in Ryde Police Area Command – How do you know if there is one in your area?

On Thursday 27 June 2019, Police executed a search warrant at a home in Longworth Cresent Castle Hill.

Police located 32 cannabis plants being grown by an artificial watering and lighting system in a rear detached garage. The plants were at various stages of development. The cannabis plants and associated equipment were seized by police for destruction.

The 49-year-old male occupant of the home who was at home with his three children at the time, was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Drug Possession, Drug Supply, Cultivate Prohibited Plants by Enhanced Indoor means with children on premises and Knowingly expose child to drugs.

A search warrant was executed at a home in Eastwood on Sunday 7 July. Police were notified by a housing manager that a rental property they were looking after was found to have a number of Cannabis plants inside.

Police located approximately 40 semi mature Cannabis plants inside with heat lamps and extraction fans.

Investigations are continuing in relation to this matter.

Landlords and real estate agents need to be vigilant about who is renting their properties. As a landlord you put your house in the hands of a real estate agent. You have to make sure they do the due process and check out prospective tenants. Check out their background history, their wage slips and their references.

It is important that landlords and agents are conducting regular checks. Hydro houses cause a lot of damage and no insurance company that will cover it. It is he importance of conducting regular checks.

Community awareness continues to play a significant role in catching commercial cannabis growers.

Neighbours should keep an eye out for people who arrive at a house at odd hours, such as very early in the morning or late at night.

You could also see tradespeople who arrived at the house with items such as large circuit boards, electrical cables, insulation batts or heavy plastic sheeting.

Residents who neglected their garden, did not collect their mail or never put their garbage bins out might also be a warning sign.

Suspicious equipment could include electrical transformers, lights and shades, large quantities of plastic pots or tubs, irrigation piping and large quantities of fertiliser.

Neighbours might also notice lights that switched on and off even though it appeared no-one was at the house, strange interior lighting or the constant sound of fans or water running.

The smell of cannabis is also a giveaway.

If there is a lack of occupancy in the home, the occupants remain very secretive or people frequent the premise intermittently, these may be signs that the house is being used for something other than a home.

Anyone who noticed suspicious activity should take note of time and location, the person's clothing and appearance and the model, make, colour and registration of vehicles.

Suspicious or illegal activity can be anonymously reported to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

#### Dating and romance scams – Don't become a victim

Dating and romance scams are very destructive – both financially and emotionally. In 2013, more money was lost to dating and romance scams than any other type of scam, with over \$25 million reported lost in Australia - \$7.4 Million from NSW alone. Recently there have been a number of people within the Ryde Police Area Command that have fallen victim to these scams.

Scammers exploit their victim's emotions in order to take their money. They can be very elaborate hoaxes, sometimes taking years to develop and run by experienced criminal syndicates.

The scammer develops a strong connection with the victim before asking for money to help cover costs associated with a supposed illness, injury, family crisis, travel costs or to pursue a business or investment opportunity.

Scammers often approach their victims on legitimate dating websites before attempting to move the 'relationship' away from the safeguards that these sites put in place; communicating through other methods such as email, where they can more easily manipulate victims.

Scammers also target victims through social networking sites, where they 'like' them and then express shared interests based on personal information taken from the victim's profile.

If the scam originates in NSW, you can report this to the NSW Police Force by visiting your local police station or calling the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

You can report scams to the ACCC via the 'report a scam' page on SCAMwatch (www.scamwatch.gov.au) or by calling 1300 795 995. If you met the scammer through a dating service or social media, you should also inform the dating service/social channel of your experience so that they can try and stop the scammer hurting others.



#### **Media Information**

#### **Ryde Police Area Command**

#### Monday 15 July 2019

#### Shoplifter – Macquarie Park

About 5:20pm on Friday 12 July 2019, a 32-year-old woman from Macquarie Park has entered a supermarket in Macquarie Park. The woman has selected a number of items of food off the shelf and placed some of these items into her trolley and a number of items into a back pack she had in her shopping trolley.

The woman has then attended the cash registers where she has paid for the items in the trolley however she did not attempt to pay for the items in the back pack.

Her actions were witnessed by the stores Loss Prevention Officer who stopped the woman outside the store. Police were contacted and arrived a short time later.

Police spoke with the woman before issuing her with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting.

#### Mid Range PCA - Carlingford

About 10:25am on Thursday 11 July 2019, police were conducting station random breath testing on Marsden Road, Carlingford when they stopped a 41-year-old man from North Avoca for a random 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 0.090 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

#### Man charged with Possess Prohibited Drug.

Approximately 3:15 am on Saturday 12 July 2019, police observed a white Toyota to be travelling in an easterly direction along Victoria Road, Ryde. Police at this time were travelling a short distance behind the vehicle, when it was observed to abruptly turn left without indication at the intersecting street of Brush Road, Ryde.

Police stopped the vehicle for a random breath test and spoke with the 32-year-old driver from Marsfield. Police submitted the man to a breath test which returned a negative result.

After speaking with the man, Police had cause to search the man and his vehicle. Police located a 'Bong' on the front passenger seat along with a clear resealable bag containing what is believed to be Cannabis.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Drug. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 12 August 2019.

#### **Operation Compliance 2**

On Wednesday 10 July 2019, Ryde Police Area Command took part in a state-wide operation targeting pedestrian safety, seatbelts, peak hour offences including disobeying signs, driving in bus lanes when not permitted and unauthorised driving offences including suspended and disqualified drivers.

Police issued 15 pedestrians infringement notices for offences such as crossing against the traffic lights. Police targeted high pedestrian areas including Epping Railway Station, Macquarie Shopping Centre and West Ryde Railway Station.

The NSW Police Force encourage pedestrians to take responsibility for their own safety by using crossings, obeying road rules and being aware of their surroundings.

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

- Obey signals at crossings (penalty applies for failure to do so);
- Always cross at a pedestrian crossing if one is available (penalty applies for failure to do so);
- Never assume a driver has seen you or intends to stop;
- Never cross a road while using headphones or mobile phones;
- Always hold the hands of children when crossing the road.

One infringement was issued for a seatbelt offence and 44 infringement notices were issued for disobeying signs and driving in bus lanes when not permitted to do so.

Ryde Police are asking everyone – drivers, riders, passengers and pedestrians to think about the consequences of their actions. Laws are there to protect everyone, so it is important that we all play a part in reducing incidents on the road.

#### Police urge residents to be careful of dodgy tree loppers

Police are urging residents to be aware of dodgy tree loppers who cold-call vulnerable people, using scare tactics to secure work and charge exorbitant rates once the work is complete. There have been reports of these men in the Ryde Police Area Command recently.

You should be suspicious of someone who turns up at your door unexpectedly offering special deals on work to your property, especially after a storm or natural disaster. These conmen are well-organised and use aggressive sales techniques to put pressure on residents to have work done. They are deceptive and mislead people by pretending to be legitimate tradespeople. Be suspicious of people who:

- turn up at your door unexpectedly offering special one-off or today only deals
- ask for cash up front
- offer to drive you to the bank to get money for payment
- pressure you into accepting their offer
- disappear and leave the job unfinished or of a poor standard.

If a conman knocks on your door:

- don't open it and say no
- record as much information as possible

This type of work is dangerous and should be carried out by a professional tree work contractor. Professional workers are qualified, know how to do the job safely, hold the correct insurances and can provide you with a written quote. If you need work done, make sure you shop around and get three written quotes to ensure that you are not being conned out of your money.



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#### Monday 22 July 2019

#### Man charged with drug possession - Gladesville

About 2.10am on Monday 22 July 2019, a 42-year-old man from Balmain was walking in a northerly direction upon Westminster Road, Gladesville. At this time police were travelling in the same direction and observed the man staggering on the road way. Police pulled over to speak with the man at which time observed him to be talking at a fast pace and was obviously under the influence of a drug.

Police spoke with the man who produced a small orange canister with a small amount of what is believed to be Cannabis inside.

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

#### Man charged with Goods in Custody

About 12.10am on Monday 22 July 2019, Police were called to an incident in Gladesville.

At this time police have patrolled the surrounding streets where they observed a 26-year-old man from Eastwood walking close to a number of motor vehicles upon the northern side of Harvard Street, Gladesville. Police have shone their torch on the man who at this time was seen to have a white tissue in his hand which he threw on the ground. The man was wearing a hoodie over his head and carrying a shopping bag.

Police stopped and spoke with the man and after a short conversation had cause to search the man. Police located a bag within the shopping bag which contained a large amount of gold coins in excess of \$700.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Goods in Custody and will appear in Burwood Local Court on 3 October 2019.

#### **Assault - Eastwood**

About 11:30pm on 21 July 2019, a 21-year-old woman from Rhodes was drinking at a licensed premise in Eastwood with her husband. The woman and her husband had a heated argument which resulted in her husband leaving the premises.

The woman was intoxicated and seated at the bar. The woman was approached by the victim who had a short conversation with her asking her to leave and was trying to make arrangements to get home due to her level of intoxication.

The 21-year-old woman became aggressive and assaulted the victim pulling her hair and dragging her onto the floor. The woman pinched the victim's arms and the victim sustained bruises and scratches to her hand and her knees.

Police arrived a short time later where the woman was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where she was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, Common Assault, Resist Arrest and Fail to leave a licensed premise.

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

#### Man charged with Possess Drug - Macquarie Park

About 1:45pm on Wednesday 17 July 2019, Police were conducting a foot patrol of Wilga Park, Macquarie Park, when they observed two men walking through the park.

Police stopped and spoke with the men who appeared to be affected by a drug. After a short conversation a 19-year-old man from North Ryde took a clear resealable plastic bag containing what is believed to be cannabis out of his shoulder bag and handed it to police.

Police issued the man with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess prohibited Drug. He will appear in Burwood Local Court on 2 September 2019.

#### Disqualified driver- Eastwood

About 10.14pm on Wednesday 17 July 2019, observed driving a grey Honda travelling south on Blaxland Road at Eastwood. The vehicles registration had been cancelled due to outstanding fines. As a result, police stopped and spoke with the 29-year-old driver from Rhodes.

Police made enquiries into the man's licence and ascertained that his licence was endorsed disqualified by Burwood Local Court from the 11 September 2019 to the 11 June 2024 for a High Range Drink Driving Offence.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice to attend Burwood Local Court on the 19 August 2019 for Driving whilst Disqualified, 2nd Subsequent Offence.

#### Fake tax debt scam via WhatsApp and Text message

There has been an increase in scammers using WhatsApp to impersonate the ATO. Current reports indicate the scam is the latest twist to the fake tax debt scam where scammers issue a pre-recorded voice message to your phone demanding immediate payment of a tax debt and threatening immediate arrest. In addition to requesting payment via unusual methods, the scammers may also ask call recipients to send a photo of their driver's licence, passport or other identity credential via WhatsApp. This may result in far reaching identity compromise for victims.

The ATO does not have a profile on WhatsApp and will never engage with you on this platform. Never give out any sensitive personal identifying information unless you can independently verify the identity of the person or organisation you are providing it to.

Scammers are also texting people, asking them to click on a link and provide personal identifying information to receive a tax refund. If you click on the link it will take you to a fake 'Tax Refund' form in order to steal your personal information.

In an effort to make the text appear real scammers use technology that makes their message appear in your legitimate ATO message feed. Remember to always exercise caution when clicking links or opening attachments in emails or SMS even if they are from someone you know.

The ATO does not have an online 'Tax Refund' form and we will never send an email or SMS asking you to access online services via a hyperlink.



## Media Information Ryde Police Area Command

#### **Monday 29 July 2019**

#### Ryde detectives investigate \$200 million car crash

A man has been charged after more than 270kg of methylamphetamine was located in a van after it crashed into a parked police vehicle in Sydney's north west yesterday.

Just after 10.30am Monday 22 July 2019, a Toyota HiAce allegedly hit parked police cars on Ethel Street, Eastwood, in front of Eastwood Police Station.

One of the police vehicles sustained significant damage, but no one was injured.

Following inquiries, an inspector from Ryde Police Area Command stopped the HiAce on Church Street, Ryde, about 11.30am.

The inspector spoke to the male driver before conducting a search of the van.

During the search, police located moving boxes, which contained multiple bags of a crystalline substance, with presumptive testing returning a positive indicator for methylamphetamine.

In total, police seized 273kg of ice, which has an estimated potential street value of more than \$200 million.

Police also seized the van for extensive forensic examination.

The driver, a 28-year-old man, was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station.

He was charged with large commercial drug supply, negligent driving, and not give particulars to police.

The man was refused bail.

Investigations are being led by detectives from Ryde Police Area Command, with assistance from the State Crime Command's Drug and Firearms Squad.

As their inquiries continue, detectives are appealing for motorists to provide dash cam footage from the area between 10.30am and 11.30am, as well as any CCTV or other vision, or information about the van's movements throughout the morning.

Anyone with information that may assist investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <a href="https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au">https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au</a>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

#### Two charged with Affray – Epping

At 2:14am on 27 July 2019, a 23-year-old man from Rhodes and a 21-year-old woman from Grafton attended a licenced premise in Epping. Both men were drinking and were talking to a group of people within the premise.

For unknown reasons the 23-year-old man has taken hold of another mans shoulder and pulled him off balance. He has then punched the man twice to the face.

Bystanders have intervened and pulled him away from the victim.

The 21-year-old woman has then approached the victim and punched him in the face. Again by standers have intervened and pulled the woman away. In doing so a number of chairs and glasses have been knocked over.

Police were called and arrived a short time later where the 23-year-old was aggressive and argumentative towards police. Both people were arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station.

The 23-year-old and the 21-year-old were both charged with Affray. They are now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 19 August 2019.

#### **Cannabis Caution - Eastwood**

About 11:10pm, Saturday 27 July 2019, police were patrolling Jim Walsh Park, Eastwood when they observed a number of torch lights coming from within the park. Police entered the park and observed five men seated at a table within the park. Police observed a home-made water pipe on the table.

Police spoke with the men before the men were searched. Police located a small amount of what is believed to be Cannabis on a 19-year-old man from Epping, a 20-year-old man from Epping and a 20-year-old man from Huntleys Cove.

The three men were all issued with Cannabis Cautions for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

#### Man charged with Driving whilst disqualified – West Ryde

About 9:40pm on Monday 22 July 2019, Police were conducting patrols on Marsden Road in West Ryde when a grey BMW was observed travelling southbound. The automatic number plate ecognition system indicated that the BMW's registration was cancelled.

Police stopped the vehicle and spoke with the 26-year-old man driving the vehicle. Police conducted checks on the man which revealed that he was disqualified from driving on 5 September 2018 until the 4 September 2020. The man was initially disqualified by Downing Centre Local Court due to exceeding speed over 45km/h and driving with speed and manner dangerous.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive motor vehicle during disqualification period - 2<sup>nd</sup> offence. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 3 September 2019.

#### Be aware of NBN Scams

Scammers are increasingly using trusted brands like 'NBN' to trick unsuspecting consumers into parting with their money or personal information.

Common types of NBN scams include:

- Someone pretending to be from NBN Co or an internet provider calls a victim and claims there is a problem with their phone or internet connection, which requires remote access to fix. The scammer can then install malware or steal valuable personal information, including banking details.
- Scammers pretending to be the NBN attempting to sell NBN services, often at a discount, or equipment to you over the phone.
- Scammers may also call or visit people at their homes to sign them up to the NBN, get them a better deal or test the speed of their connection. They may ask people to provide personal details such as their name, address, date of birth, and Medicare number or ask for payment through gift cards.
- Scammers calling you during a blackout offering you the ability to stay connected during a blackout for an extra fee.

It is important to remember NBN Co is a wholesale-only company and does not sell services directly to consumers.

NBN will never make unsolicited calls or door knock to sell broadband services to the public. People need to contact their preferred phone and internet service provider to be connected.

NBN will never request remote access to a resident's computer and we will never make unsolicited requests for payment or financial information.

If someone claiming to work 'for the NBN' tries to sell you an internet or phone service and you are unsure, ask for their details, hang up, and call your service provider to check if

they're legitimate. Do a Google search or check the phone book to get your service provider's number, don't use the contact details provided by the sales person who called you.

Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer, and never give out your personal, credit card or online account details to anyone you don't know – in person or over the phone – unless you made the contact.

It's also important to know that NBN does not make automated calls to tell you that you will be disconnected. If you get a call like this just hang up.



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#### Man missing from Ryde

\*\*NOTE: An image of Oliver White will be available on NSWPF social media\*\*

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man missing from Ryde in Sydney's north-west.

Oliver White, aged 38, was last seen on Monday 15 July 2019 at his home on Morrison Road.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command were notified on Saturday 20 July 2019 and commenced an investigation to find him.

Police and family hold concern for his welfare due to his existing medical conditions and dependency on medication.

Oliver is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 170cm height, slim build and balding hair.

He was last seen wearing a black puffer jacket, white t-shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information on Oliver's whereabouts is urged to contact Eastwood Police Station on (02) 9858 9299 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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#### Mid-Range PCA – Cheltenham

About 3:50am on Tuesday 30 July 2019, a 41-year-old man from Castle Hill was travelling Northbound on Beecroft Road near the intersection of Old Beecroft Road in Cheltenham when he swerved to avoid hitting a possum.

The driver has lost control and careened off the road, crossing both southbound lanes before colliding with a traffic sign on the Southbound footpath.

Police arrived a short time later and submitted the driver to a breath test. He returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

He returned a reading of 0.098 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. He will appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

#### Shoplifter – Macquarie Park

Around 11.25pm on Friday 2 August 2019, a 35-year-old woman from The Ponds has entered a department store in Macquarie Park. The woman selected a number of items and placed them into a bag she was carrying. These actions were seen by the Loss Prevention Officer via CCTV.

The woman has then exited the store without attempting to pay for the items. The woman was stopped by the Loss Prevention officer and escorted to the security office to await the arrival of police.

Police spoke with the woman before issuing her with a Criminal Infringement notice for shoplifting.

#### Man charged with Possess Prohibited Drug - Marsfield

About 11:30am on Wednesday 31 July 2019, Police attended a unit in Marsfield. While on the footpath outside the unit complex a 27-year-old man from Marsfield has approached the police.

On speaking with the man police observed a clear resealable bag protruding from his right pants pocket. Police spoke to the man about what was in his pocket. The man removed the bag containing a small quantity of what is believed to be Cannabis.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Drug. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 16 September 2019.

#### Middle Range PCA - Carlingford

About 1:55 am on Friday 2 August 2019, a 53-year-old man from Cherrybrook was driving his vehicle westbound upon M2 Motorway and exited at Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford. The man stopped at the traffic lights at the intersection of Pennant Hills Road and the M2 Motorway, Carlingford.

The man fell asleep at this intersection, whilst the vehicle was still running. The man was observed to remain at this intersection for approximately 3 rotations of traffic signals, before he was approached by Police working traffic duties nearby.

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

He returned a reading of 0.108 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. His licence was suspended, and he is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 9 September 2019.

#### Please lock and secure your storage cages

Ryde Police are urging residents in unit complexes to lock up their security cages Over the past few weeks there have been several break and enters across the Ryde Police Area Command, particularly in the Meadowbank and Epping areas. Thieves are targeting

basement car parks and gaining access into garage and storage units.

You can play an important role in maintaining your apartment's security in the following ways;

- Always lock your car, including the boot;
- Remove all valuables from sight;
- Ensure you have a secure lock. Hardened steel locks are more expensive but generally thwart bolt cutters;
- Take photographs of your bicycles to provide to police should it go missing;
- Record the <u>serial number</u> of your bicycle and keep it in a safe place; and
- Consider using more than one security method when not using your bicycle.
- If available, utilise storage cages to secure all property. Ensure adequate locks are used to secure the cage;
- Mark all property and record any serial numbers;
- Conceal property (cover/tarp) or place in a locked cupboard so it is not easily identifiable

When exiting and entering the carpark, police encourage residents to wait on the driveway until the security gate has fully closed before driving away.

Residents should ensure that their garages and storage units are locked, and they have no valuable items in view.

Police encourage the community to report all suspicious behaviour to police on 9879 9699 (Gladesville) or 98589299 (Eastwood), alternatively you can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.