

#### **Media Information**

### RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND

## **Tuesday 22 December 2020**

## Drug possession; man charged - Ryde

At 9:30pm Friday 18 December 2020 Police were conducting patrols of Ryde when they sighted a vehicle stopped in the middle of a road in Ryde blocking traffic.

There was a male in the driver's seat of the vehicle and after a conversation with the man police conducted a search where they located cannabis and cocaine.

The 20-year-old male from Yagoona was charged with possess prohibited drug and being in breach of his bail. He will attend Central Local Court on 20 January 2021.

# **Drug Possession – Hunters Hill**

A 22-year-old man was charged with possession of cannabis and Methamphetamine.

At 4:30pm on Sunday 20 December 2020 Police were conducting regular patrols of Hunters Hill when they sighted a vehicle parked unusually in the side of a road. Police spoke to the sole occupant of the vehicle and conducted a search where both cannabis and Methamphetamine were located inside the vehicle.

The 22-year-old man from Narrabeen was issued with a court attendance notice to attend Court.

# **Stealing – Macquarie Centre**

At 11:55am on Sunday the 20 December 2020 two females entered a retail store in the Macquarie Shopping Centre.

The two females were seen by the store manager to place items inside a bag and attempt to exit the store without paying. Both women were held by centre security until police arrived.

Police attended the locations and spoke to the women were they also found possible stolen items located inside a pram.

A 25 and 36-year-old woman were issued with a banning notice from the Shopping Centre and police issued them with a Criminal Infringement Notice.

## Drug possession, young person – Epping Railway Station

At 3pm on Monday the 21 December 2020, Police from Ryde Area Command were patrolling Epping Railway station. Police approached a young person who was travelling without a ticket or opal card.

After a conversation with the young person Police found the young person to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis.

A 15-year-old male from Hornsby was issued with a youth caution under the Young Offenders Act.

## Ryde PAC urge the community to be fraud prevention savvy!!

Over the past few weeks there has been several reported scams using a variety of techniques within the Ryde PAC. Don't be tricked into giving away your money for nothing!

Some of the current scams that have raised their head again is the ATO scam. Victims are contacted by phone with someone posing as the tax office claiming they have outstanding tax debts that must be paid immediately to avoid prosecution. The scammers then ask to be paid in iTunes cards.

The ATO will never 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 do not purchase iTunes cards! If you have concerns, contact the ATO directly on 132 861.

There have also been other fake phone calls to victims, stating they are from the banks and requesting personal information such as PIN numbers. This is typically the thief that has stolen or located the victim's wallet or purse, which makes the victim feel like it is genuine call, when in fact it is not.

The banks will never ask for your PIN number, ever. Therefore, do not give out your PIN to anyone. It is simply a scam!



### **Media Information**

# Ryde Local Area Command Wednesday 20 January 2021

### Possession of drugs and prohibited weapon, Meadowbank

At 12:15am on Saturday 9 January 2021 police were conducting proactive patrols at Meadowbank Wharf, Meadowbank, when they observed 3 men and a woman standing near two vehicles.

Upon noticing police approaching, police observed them place an item inside the vehicle before quickly walking away.

After a brief conversation police conducted a search where they located a small quantity of what police believe to be cannabis and a knife inside the vehicle.

A 23-year-old male from Auburn was issued with a cannabis caution and a 20-year-old man from Dundas Valley was issued with a Criminal Infringement Notice for Possess prohibited weapon.

### **Drug possession, Melrose Park**

At 7:20pm on Thursday 7 January 2021, Police were conducting routine patrols of Wharf Road Melrose Park when they observed a vehicle located within the carpark of the Ermington Boat Ramp.

Police approached the vehicle and spoke with two women and after a conversation, a search was conducted of the vehicle where they located a small quantity of what police believe to be cannabis.

A 30-year-old female was issued with a cannabis caution.

Man in court over alleged stabbing - Eastwood.

About 12.30am on Friday 8 January 2021, emergency services were called to an internet café on Rowe Road, Eastwood, after reports of a man had been stabbed.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command were told two men – aged 28 and 58 – were involved in a verbal argument before a fight ensued and the older man was stabbed in the stomach.

The injured man was treated at the scene before being taken to Westmead Hospital where he remains in a stable condition.

The younger man, from Eastwood, was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with reckless wounding.

He was refused bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court.

#### Possession of offensive implement, Meadowbank.

About 3:00am Wednesday 13 January 2020, Police were patrolling the Meadowbank area when they located a vehicle at Meadowbank Wharf, Meadowbank. Police observed the vehicle to be in darkness with the driver's side window down.

Police spoke to a man and a woman who appeared heavily drug affected. After speaking with the pair, police conducted a search where they found a small quantity of what police believe to be Cannabis. During a search of the vehicle they located a bat inside the boot of the car.

A 28-year-old man was charged with custody of an offensive implement in a public place and both parties were given a move on direction.

### Two charged over alleged assaults after fail to quit at Eastwood karaoke bar.

Two men have been charged with assault after allegedly failing to leave a karaoke bar at Eastwood.

About 7pm on Wednesday 6 January 2021, police were called to a venue on Hillview Road following reports two men became violent when they were asked to leave a room due to capacity restrictions.

Officers were told the men – aged 37 and 47 – refused to leave and became violent towards staff members, allegedly pushing, slapping and throwing items at employees.

When officers from Ryde Police Area Command arrived, it's alleged the older man assaulted a male constable.

No one was seriously injured during the incident. Both men were arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station.

The younger man, from Gorokan, was charged with affray, excluded person fail to leave premises when required, common assault (x3), and intimidation.

The older man, from Eastwood, was charged with affray, excluded person fail to leave premises when required, common assault, intimidation and assault officer in execution of duty.

They were both granted conditional bail to appear at Burwood Local Court on Monday 18 January.

#### Fatal motorcycle crash - Epping

A motorcyclist has died following a crash in Sydney's north west.

About 8.50am on Sunday 17 January 2021, emergency services were called to intersection of Blaxland Road and Brigg Road, Epping following reports a KTM motorcycle and Mitsubishi tip truck had collided.

The 29-year-old male rider was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance Paramedics before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition, where he later died from his injuries.

The Mitsubishi driver, a 46-year-old man, was not injured. He was taken to Ryde Hospital for mandatory testing.

Officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command are investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash.

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

Anyone who may have dashcam footage or witnessed the incident is urged to contact police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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