



Media Information

Ryde Police Area Command Thursday 6 October 2022

Assault – Eastwood, Epping and Sydney CBD

On Monday the 12th of September 2022 and Friday the 23rd of September 2022, a male offender committed unprovoked attacks in the areas of Epping, Eastwood and an investigation was commenced by Ryde Detectives.

On Sunday 2nd of October 2022, the male offender re-offended in the Sydney CBD area where he was chased by witnesses and arrested by Police a short time later at the intersection of Dixon Street and Little Hay Street, Haymarket.

This male offender was subsequently charged with numerous offences relating to the unprovoked assaults on the victims in Epping, Eastwood and Sydney CBD.

Stealing – Ryde and Macquarie Park

On the 8th of January 2022, a male gained access to Soul Origin at Macquarie Park Shopping Centre and stole the cash register.

About 5:42am on the 17th of September 2022, the same male has attended Top Ryde City Shopping centre and stolen cash registers from Soul Origin, Cha Time and Boost Juice. The male dumped these cash registers in a nearby bush which were later retrieved by Police.

The male was captured on CCTV footage stealing the cash registers from under the counter before placing them into a shopping trolley. CCTV footage obtained assisted police to identify the male. Further investigations were conducted linking this offender to the offence in January wearing the same clothing.

The offender was arrested and interviewed where he made full admissions and charged with stealing and malicious damage offences.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant of scams

On 22 September 2022, Optus began investigating the possible unauthorised access of current and former customers' information as it was the victim of a Cyber Attack where up to 9.8 million customers' details may have been affected.

Upon discovering this, Optus immediately shut down the attack. Optus is working with the Australian Cyber Security Centre to mitigate any risks to customers. Optus has also notified the Australian Federal Police, the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and key regulators.

Information which may have been compromised include customers' names, date of births, phone numbers, email addresses, customers addresses, ID document number such as drivers licence or passport numbers.

Optus wishes to reiterate to customers that Optus email and SMS notifications will not have hyperlinks. If customers receive an email or SMS with a link claiming to be from Optus, they are advised that this is not a communication from Optus. Please do not click on any such links.

Police are encouraging the community to be extra vigilant at these times as criminals seek to benefit financially including through phishing scams via calls, emails and SMS or offering illegitimate customer details for sale. Mitigation strategies include securing your devices and monitor for unusual activity, change your online account passwords and enable multi factor authentication for banking, check your accounts for unusual activity, place limits on your accounts. If you suspect fraud, you can request a stop on your bank accounts, report the fraudulent activity to your bank and your local Police station.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant of parcel thefts in buildings and unsecured belongings

Concerns are raised in relation to the rise in parcel thefts in recent times. Police are still seeing the common practice of delivery drivers leaving parcels in the foyer of apartment buildings. Unfortunately, these parcels are easy targets for offender/s to commit their opportunistic crimes.

Police are encouraging the community to be vigilant with parcel thefts and perhaps make arrangements for the parcels to be delivered at a safer location.

Police are also becoming concerned about personal belongings being left unsecured in a public place. For example, handbags and backpacks being left in an ice skating rink or swimming pools unattended are extremely likely to be targeted.



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Ryde Police Area Command Thursday 29 September 2022

Drug possession – Putney

About 8pm on Tuesday 20th September 2022, police were conducting proactive patrols in Putney Park when they sighted two stationary vehicles parked at the location.

Police spoke to two male occupants within one of the vehicles, and as a result had reason to search the vehicle. Police located Cannabis within the vehicle amounting to 29 grams in total.

An 18-year-old man made admissions to the Cannabis and was issued with a field court attendance notice for drug possession.

Assault – Macquarie Park

About 6:00am on Saturday the 24th of September 2022, about 40-50 shoppers entered Macquarie Shopping Centre and made their way to the new Footlocker store, that was due to open later that morning. The group were queuing for the opening of the new store to purchase limited edition shoes.

About 6:23am, a male made his way to the front of the queue so that he could secure a position at the front of the queue, for when the store opened. This was not to the liking of the other participants in the queue, which resulted in three males assaulting this male victim.

During the assault, the victim's brother attempted to protect him and in the process was also assaulted.

Police attended the location and arrested three males who, were then charged with the offence of affray.

Stolen vehicle - Ryde

About 7:45am on Wednesday the 21st of September 2022, a male was walking along a residential street in Ryde, when he observed a parked vehicle with the keys in the ignition.

The male entered the driver's side of the vehicle, turned on the ignition and drove the vehicle some distance, to the suburb of Berowra. This male then entered a Service Station where he put fuel into the vehicle and left the service station after paying for the fuel.

A few hours later, the male drove the vehicle to Gladesville Police Station and attended the front counter of the police station where he and advised police that he had stolen the vehicle.

Police arrested this male where he made full admissions and was charged with the offence of stealing the motor vehicle.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant of scams

Recently, there have been incidents of scams where the scammers are contacting unsuspecting victims about their Norton Anti-Virus software. The scammers are informing victims that their Anti- Virus Software needs to be renewed and that if they no longer needed the software, they would need to contact a phone number to cancel the antivirus software in order to get a refund.

If the victim proceeds by making the phone call, the scammers attempt to control the victim's computer remotely and this would expose the victim to having their details and bank information stolen.

Police are encouraging the community to be vigilant when receiving any communication whether it be through phone or email and to verify their credentials.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant of skimming offences at ATMs

There have been recent incidents of skimming offences occurring in the area where offender/s are secreting devices at bank ATMs to steal personal information including bank card pin numbers from unsuspecting victims.

Police are encouraging the community to be vigilant when making transactions at ATMs if they notice any unusual device/suspicious activity to notify the bank staff and report any fraudulent activity to Police.



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Ryde Police Area Command Thursday 22 September 2022

Break and enter – North Ryde

About 5:25pm on Sunday 11 September 2022, a female climbed over her balcony railing on the 25th floor and gained entry to a neighbouring unit at a North Ryde address. The female accessed the neighbour's unlocked balcony sliding door and stole a bag containing a computer monitor and cords. This female returned to her unit climbing over the balcony railing.

A few minutes later, the female enters the neighbours unit once again through the balcony. It is at this time that the resident has noticed the female where they engaged in a conversation and returns the bag.

About 9:30pm on the same night, this female climbed over her balcony once again where she has gained entry into another neighbouring unit through an unlocked balcony door. The female is confronted by the resident where she is escorted out of his unit before contacting Police.

On the next morning, a search warrant was executed at the female's residence where she was arrested and charged with aggravated break and enter offences.

Missing person located - Marsfield

On the afternoon of Thursday 15 September 2022, Police were notified about a male who failed to pick up his children from school and had not returned to his family home. After speaking to his family members it was established that the male was contemplating suicide. Due to the nature of the male's disappearance, Police had concerns for his welfare and therefore conducted extensive enquiries across a number of days, utilising all available Police resources to locate this male.

On Sunday 18 September 2022, the male was located safe and well by Police where he was sought treatment for his mental health at the hospital.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant of scams

Recently, there has been a spike in scams involving the use of online platforms such as Facebook marketplace and Gumtree.

There have been advertisements posted on these websites where the offender/s would claim to be selling certain products and asking for a price. There have been numerous incidents where the offender/s would send a fake product or in most cases the unsuspecting victim would make the payment to the offender/s and not receive any goods in return.

Police are encouraging the community to be vigilant when making these transactions and when communicating with the other party.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant of suspicious vehicles

There have been recent incidents of vehicles following in behind a resident into a secure unit complex carpark. After gaining access into the complex, the offender/s would commit their opportunistic crimes including stealing items from motor vehicles and storage cages.

Police are encouraging the community to be mindful with any suspicious vehicles following behind. If you believe the behaviour of the vehicle is suspicious or come across any suspicious person/s inside your unit complex, please do not hesitate to contact Police to check it out.



Media Information

Ryde Police Area Command Thursday 15 September 2022

Drug Possession – Cherrybrook

About 10pm on Monday 12 September 2022, police were conducting proactive patrols at Greenway skatepark, Cherrybrook when they sighted a parked vehicle.

Police spoke to both occupants, and as a result had reason to search the vehicle. Police located a large resealable bag and five small resealable bags containing cannabis within the vehicle. The total combined weight of Cannabis totalled 284.43 grams.

Both occupants were arrested and charged with drug offences.

Stolen vehicle – Macquarie Park

About 12:30am on Monday 12 September 2022, the owner of a vehicle left his vehicle unoccupied temporarily, left the engine on and the keys in the ignition at a Macquarie park address. A short time later, an offender with a pushbike a short distance away has seen this opportunity to pounce where he has hopped into the drivers seat of the vehicle.

As the owner attempted to get back into his vehicle, he has confronted the offender to get out and in the process been assaulted, threatened and had his vehicle stolen.

About 8:30pm on the same day, the vehicle was stopped by Police in Windsor where the offender was arrested and charged with offences relating to the serious circumstances surrounding the theft of the vehicle.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant of scams

Recently, there has been a spike in scams involving text messages being sent to the community from offender/s claiming to be a family member or friend that need help.

This scam involves mostly the use of a messaging application 'Whatsapp' by firstly claiming they have lost or damaged their phone and that they will make contact from a new number. After making

contact, the offender/s will ask for personal information from the unsuspecting victim and then eventually request money.

Police are encouraging the community to be vigilant when receiving any contact or communication whether it be through phone or computer that they do not fall victim to these scams.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant with security of their vehicles

There has been a growing concern around vehicles being stolen from homes due to a lack of security around them. Unfortunately, there has been a bad habit with regards to owners leaving their vehicles unlocked and even their keys inside their vehicles. Another bad habit is owners leaving personal belongings such as handbags and wallets inside the vehicle whilst it is unoccupied.

The issue with these bad habits is that it exposes the vehicle and the personal belongings as an easy target of being stolen. It may sound like common sense but unfortunately it is a report taken by Police on a regular basis.

Police are encouraging the community to be vigilant with the security surrounding their personal belongings and their vehicles to make it harder for criminals to commit these opportunistic crimes.



Media Information

Ryde Police Area Command Thursday 8 September 2022

Drug Possession – Denistone

About 10:10pm on Monday 5 September 2022, police were conducting proactive patrols in Denistone when they sighted a parked vehicle.

Police spoke to the sole occupant, and as a result had reason to search the vehicle. Police located a small resealable bag containing cannabis within the centre console of the vehicle.

The occupant made admissions that it was cannabis. A 22- year-old woman from West Pennant Hills, was issued a Cannabis caution in relation the offence.

Drug Possession – Putney

About midnight on Wednesday 7 September 2022, police were conducting proactive patrols in Putney Park when they sighted a vehicle parked stationary with the vehicle lights still on.

Police spoke to three occupants, and as a result had reason to search the vehicle. Police located a plastic container containing cannabis inside the vehicle.

One of the occupants made admissions to police that it was his cannabis. A 20- year-old man from Merrylands, was issued a Cannabis caution in relation to the offence.

Ryde PAC urge the community to be vigilant of ‘investment’ scams

There has been a recent rise in investment scams offering ‘fixed-interest funds’ to entice victims to invest their lifetime savings into a ‘fund’ that does not exist, instead transferring money into a bank account that belongs to the offender/s.

With the current Australian economy affected by inflation, high interest rates and the everyday Australian struggling with daily expenses, it is understandable that people may feel the urge to combat this by investing money to improve their financial situation.

With these scams, the offender/s pose as belonging to a financial institution and one example is a scam where the offender/s pose as representing “Mitsubishi UFL Financial Group” which is a large banking institution in Japan. On the official website for “Mitsubishi UFL Financial Group”, they have a message alert indicating this specific scam.

Emails sent from this address are used to communicate with the unsuspecting victim and the offender/s would request money to be deposited into a bank account stating that it is a ‘fixed interest fund’ when in fact it is one which belongs to the offender/s.

Police are encouraging the community to be vigilant when it comes to making these investment decisions. Always do the proper checks and research before giving up your money, because the saying goes “if it’s too good to be true, it probably is.”

Ryde PAC urge local business owners and retail business to be vigilant with shoplifting offences

Over the last couple of years, retail stores have been targeted by a group of offenders that deploy a swarming style strategy to commit stealing offences. Swarming offences occur when a large number of offenders enter the store for a short period of time overwhelming staff and security on duty. They generally target businesses which sell electrical items including laptops, mobile phones and tablets.

Last week, a group of six offenders entered a store in Artarmon for about 45 seconds where they used physical force to pull three electronic devices from their alarmed security cables. Whilst the offenders were attempting to remove the devices they have caused the display counter to break, causing the counter top to detach from its frame.

The group of six males ran from the store and a short time later four male offenders were arrested after Police locating them nearby. The males were conveyed to Chatswood Police Station where they were charged with the offences of Participate in Criminal Group, Shoplifting and Malicious damage offences.



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Ryde Local Area Command Thursday 1 September 2022

Drug Possession – Putney

About 12:10am on Saturday 27 August 2022, police were conducting proactive patrols in Putney Park when they sighted a vehicle and the occupants nearby.

Police spoke to three male occupants, and as a result had reason to search the vehicle. Police located small plastic resealable bag containing cannabis, within the console of the vehicle.

One of the occupants made admissions to police that it was his cannabis. An 18- year-old man from Chatswood, was issued a Cannabis caution in relation the offence.

Drug Possession – West Ryde

About 8:50pm on Friday 26 August 2022, police were patrolling on Hay St, West Ryde when they stopped a vehicle for a random Breath test, which returned a negative result. Police spoke with the man and further checks were conducted.

Police had cause to search the vehicle, when the man admitted to police he had cannabis in his pocket.

The 26-year-old man from Rhodes was issued with a Field Court Attendance for possess prohibited drug and will appear in Hornsby Local Court on the 14 September 2022.

Ryde LAC urge the community to protect their deliveries

Over the last few weeks, there have been several stealing's of parcels that have been delivered to unit complexes. With online shopping thriving, there has been a surge in people receiving their shopping wishes by both Post and Couriers. Unfortunately, thieves are intercepting the end customer by stealing items left unattended, especially in unit foyers and concierges.

Therefore, make sure you are aware when your delivery is expected, and keep track of your order. Do not leave deliveries unattended and consider having the parcels delivered to the Post Office for collection or Australian Post Parcel Lockers. Also liaise with your strata to see what other security measures that can be taken to reduce the risk of parcel theft, such as building access etc.

So, don't leave your personal items unattended and let a thief spoil your day. Protect your deliveries and keep an eye out for thieves. If you see any suspicious behaviour, make sure you contact your local police.



Media Information

Ryde Local Area Command Thursday 25 August 2022

ASSAULT – E90463776

About 6:15pm on Monday the 22 August 2022 two vehicles have collided, whilst attempting turn into a service station on Epping road, Epping.

The driver of one of the vehicles has exited his vehicle and begun to assault the other driver.

Police have arrived a short time later to the scene. A man who was arrested and conveyed to Ryde Police station. The victim was conveyed to Ryde Hospital for treatment.

The 50-year-old man from Epping was charged with assault and will appear before Hornsby Local Court on the 14 September 2022.

Assault Police – E92806788

The Ryde Police Area Command has had an increase in break and enters and stolen motor vehicles in the Hunters Hill and Putney Areas. We are urging residents to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity in the area,

About 7:40pm, police received a call by a member of the public regarding males acting suspiciously in a vehicle in Hunters Hill. Police responded and located the vehicle a short distance away in Gladesville where police stopped the vehicle.

Police had grounds to search the vehicle and the four males were asked to exit the vehicle.

The driver refused to cooperate with police and handed the keys of the vehicle to the passenger, who locked the vehicle and threw the keys away, into a nearby grass area.

The male driver continued to argue and be abusive towards police, police attempted to arrest man, during which a police officer was assaulted. The male passenger also assaulted police, whilst police were arresting the driver.

Oleoresin Capsicum Spray was deployed during the altercation. The police officer was conveyed to Ryde hospital for treatment.

A 18-year-old man and a 19-year-old man, both from Merrylands were conveyed to Ryde police station. They were charged with several offences including assault and resist police and will appear before Hornsby local court on the 7 September 2022.

Missing Children

On Thursday the 18 August 2022, two males both aged 15 years old failed to attend their school in Epping and the respected family members were notified. Police were called and began investigating the circumstances surrounding.

Police monitored their social media accounts and conducted a thorough search in surrounding areas including local shopping centres. Investigations identified the boys as attending the Chatswood Central Business District.

About 8am the following day, Police from Ryde conducted a foot patrol in the Chatswood area and located the two missing boys who had spent a night on the streets. The boys were spoken to and were in good health. Police returned the boys to their family members.

Two men charged after allegedly defrauding vulnerable community member

Wednesday, 24 August 2022 04:18:29 AM

Police have charged two men following an investigation into the alleged defrauding of a man of almost \$100,000.

Detectives from Ryde Police Area Command commenced an investigation in April 2021 following reports an 85-year-old Eastwood man had been defrauded.

It will be alleged in court that two men posed as employees of a roofing maintenance company, telling the man his roof required repairing.

The pair allegedly attended the home between March and September 2019 to perform roof maintenance work and demand payment for work not conducted on the roof.

It will be alleged more than 90 cheque withdrawals were made by the men, totalling in excess of \$96,000.

Following extensive inquiries, two men – aged 42 and 29 – were arrested at Ryde Police Station about 9am on Monday 1 August 2022.

Both men were charged with dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception.

They were granted conditional bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court today (Wednesday 24 August 2022).

Ryde Police Area Command's Detective Chief Inspector Nicholls said the alleged incident was an opportunistic attack, taking advantage of vulnerable community members.

"After some good police work, we were able to identify the men involved and ensure they will be put in front of a court.

"This was a cowardly act, and we are warning the community to always check credentials before letting anyone into your home to perform any kind of work, unless you can verify you are dealing with a trusted source," Det Ch Insp Nicholls said.

Members of the public are urged to take the following precautions when dealing with persons online, on the phone or in person:

- If you have doubts about the identity of anyone who claims to represent a business, organisation or government department, contact the body directly. Don't rely on contact details provided by the person – find them through an independent source such as a phone book or online search.
- Never provide your personal or banking details to a person - remember that legitimate businesses don't just call customers and ask for confidential information.
- Don't let scammers pressure you – scammers use detailed scripts to convince you that they're the real deal and create a high-pressure situation to make a decision on the spot
- If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately

Police strongly encourage the community to report any potential scams to their local police station, or to the ACCC via SCAMWATCH report a scam page www.scamwatch.gov.au or by calling 1300 795 995.

Anyone with information about suspected fraudulent activity 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.



Media Information

Ryde Local Area Command Thursday 18 August 2022

Armed Robbery – West Ryde

About 5pm on Monday the 15th August 2022, a 37 year old male was playing a poker machine in a pub at West Ryde when he won a small sum of money. He collected the money and returned to continue playing the machine.

This was witnessed by a 22 year old male from Kellyville who confronted the male holding a knife and demanded the money.

The male yelled for assistance and the 22 year old male left without further incident. Enquiries were made and the male was tracked to Epping where he was in possession of the knife. The male was arrested and conveyed to Ryde Police Station. The male was charged with Armed Robbery and bail refused. He will appear before Hornsby Local Court on the 11th October 2022.

Drug Detection – West Ryde

About 4:30pm on Monday the 15th August 2022, police were conducting patrols along Victoria Road, West Ryde where they stopped a 37 year old male for his manner of driving.

Police spoke with the male and police where it was ascertained that he had a recent police interaction. Police had grounds to search the male where police located an amount of green vegetable matter. The 37 year old male made admissions to this being cannabis and a cannabis caution was issued.

Drug Dog Operation

On Friday the 12th August 2022, a drug dog operation was conducted at licensed premises and train station in the Ryde Police Area Command. Police had a number of drug detections.

About 9:35pm, the drug dog indicated on a male at Epping Railway Station. Police stopped and spoke with the male who was currently wanted on an outstanding warrant. The male was searched, and police further located an amount of Cannabis.

The male was arrested and transported to Ryde Police Station

About 10:45pm, police were conducting a walkthrough of a license premises at Macquarie Park when the drug dog indicated on a number of people. The area was searched and an amount of cannabis and Cocaine was located in the vicinity. The investigation is ongoing.

Mum/Dad Scam

Ryde police have become aware of a new Scam tricking victims into sending various amounts of money to whom they believe are their son or daughter. The scam known as the "mum and dad" scam usually involves a scammer messaging a parent on WhatsApp claiming to be their child and asking for money or to pay a bill.

Scammers may pose as family and friends to gain instant trust. If you get an unexpected message from someone claiming they have a new number or new bank account, call them directly on their usual number to confirm.

For more advice on how to avoid scams and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of a scam, visit the Scamwatch website.



Media Information

Ryde Local Area Command Thursday 11 August 2022

Aggravated Break and Enter/ Pursuit – Hunters Hill

In the early morning of Sunday the 7th August 2022, four unknown offenders broke into a residence in Crescent Street, Hunters Hill, stealing personal property and two motor vehicles a Hyundai and an Audi.

The following morning, the four offenders attempted to break into a resident in West Pennant Hills however were unsuccessful. A short time later police patrolling the area sighted the stolen Hyundai and a pursuit was initiated. The stolen vehicle crashed in the Carlingford area and the occupants of the vehicle fled the scene.

With the assistance of PolAir and Dog Squad, the four offenders were caught and arrested a short distance from the crash site.

The Four males a 16 year old male from Redfern, 15 year old from Blacktown, 16 year old from Glebe and a 17 year old from Busby were taken to Castle Hill police station where they were charged with a number of offences

Aggravated Break and Enter

Ryde Pro Active Crime Team arrest two males after an extensive investigation into Break and Enters Strike Force NANINA was created to investigate over 45 break and enter offences within the Ryde, North Shore and Kuring-Gai with similar offences.

On the 5th August 2022, investigators stopped a motor vehicle on Parramatta Road, Auburn. The two occupants of the vehicle a 32 Year old male from Bankstown and a 31 year old male from Macquarie Fields were arrested. The vehicle was searched and proceeds from a recent Break and Enter were recovered.

Investigators charged the males with over 35 break and enter offences with further offences anticipated. The 32 year old male and the 31 year old male are both bail refused and will appear before Hornsby local court on the 5th October 2022

Assault at a licensed premise

About 12am on Wednesday the 10th August 2022, police were called to a licensed premise in Gladesville after an assault had taken place in the gaming room.

Police attended and arrested a 27 year old male from Ryde after he was restrained by a security guard. After enquiries were conducted it was established that a 40 year old male was punched in the face causing the victim fall to the ground.

Police also spoke with a 25 year old female from Ryde who was in the company of the 27 year old male. Police established that she was breaching an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order and was also arrested at the scene.

The 27 year old male was charged with Assault and will appear before Hornsby local court on the 19th September 2022. The 25 year old female was bail refused.

Shoplifting West Ryde

About 5:30pm on Wednesday the 11th August 2022, police were conducting High visibility patrols in the West Ryde area. Police conducted a walkthrough of a shopping centre where they observed two males intentionally avoiding them. Police followed the two males who immediately split up in an attempt to avoid detection.

Police stopped one of the males, a 43 year old from Ryde and police believed he was in possession of stolen property. Police searched the male and within the lining of the jacket was a small amount of stolen property. Police seized the property and the male was allowed to leave the area. The police investigation is ongoing with charges likely.