



Media Information

Ryde Police Area Command

Friday 02 February 2024

Motor vehicle crash – Top Ryde

About 8:30pm Wednesday 24 January 2024 a 77-year-old male was attempting to pay for parking at the boom gate on level B1 of the Top Ryde Shopping Centre, when his foot slipped from the brake onto the accelerator. The vehicle accelerated into the ticket cabinet, a gutter, a wall and another vehicle. The vehicle then collided with a 26-year-old trolley collector.

The 26-year-old trolley collector sustained multiple lacerations, and injuries to both legs and pelvis, requiring surgery. The 77-year-old driver sustained multiple lacerations and an injury to his right arm. A 67-year-old female passenger sustained multiple laceration and injuries to her right foot.

Police are investigating the incident.

Armed Robbery – Macquarie Park

About 9pm Friday 26 January 2024 a 24-year-old male was walking along Research Park Drive, MACQUAIRE PARK, when he was approached by four males dressed in dark clothing. One of the males produced a box cutter and demanded the 24-year-old's phone.

The incident was witnessed by a 20-year-old male who was also walking in the area. Another member of the group produced a second box cutter and threatened the 20-year-old witness. As the witness attempted to escape the male, his mobile phone fell out of his pocket.

The witness entered his vehicle and drove back to the 24-year-old-male. The two males then drove to the police station to report the incident.

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 information via NSW Police social media pages.

Assault – Ermington

About 7pm Sunday 28 January 2024 a 23-year-old male was home when he observed three unknown persons on his front porch holding his whipper snipper. As the male exited his front door, he saw three females running from his property.

The male gave chase, managing to grab hold of one female, who was holding the whipper snipper battery. The female yelled out to her associates to help her. A second female approached the male, screaming at him to let her friend go. The female who was being held onto by the male, lashed out and truck him on the side of the head. She then punched him on the right side of the face.

An unknown male approached the group and stated he knew the females. As the 23-year-old let go of the female's shirt he had grip of, the three females ran away leaving the whipper snipper battery.

Police are investigating the incident.

Fraud – Macquarie Park

About 2pm Tuesday 30 January 2024 a 25-year-old female received a phone call from person posing as an employee of HSBC bank. The female was told there had been unusual activity on her account, and her personal and account details would be required so the potential issues could be resolved.

The female received a verification code via SMS, which she supplied to the person on the other end of the call. When the call terminated the female realised a substantial amount of money had been transferred out of her account.

Police are urging the public to be vigilant. Banks will not:

- contact you ask for any account details or personal details in an unsolicited text or email.
- call and ask to transfer funds to another account over the phone.
- ask for online banking passcodes or passwords over email, text or phone.
- ask for remote access to your devices.
- threaten you to take immediate action on an issue.

Police concerned with driver behaviour over Australia Day long weekend

Police are urging the community to think of others on the road after a significant number of dangerous driving incidents across the state during the Australia Day long weekend and summer holiday period.

Operation Australia Day 2024 commenced at 00.01am on Thursday 25 January 2024 and ran until 11.59pm Sunday 28 January 2024.

Double demerit points were in force for the duration of the operation for speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt, and motorcycle helmet offences.

The Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, together with local police, patrolled roads across the state, targeting dangerous driving behaviour and risks on the roads – with the aim of preventing injury and death.

During the period, police saw a concerning number of dangerous driving incidents, including excessive speed, high-range drink-driving, and reckless driving.

Police issued 3,682 speed infringements, conducted 122,617 breath tests with 244 people charged with drink-driving, 543 positive roadside drug detections, and attended 302 major crashes, resulting in 110 people injured. Four people died on NSW roads, compared to two for the same period the previous year (2023).

Ten NSW Police employees recognised in Australia Day Honours list

Ten NSW Police Force employees who have been recognised for their outstanding service as part of this year's Australia Day Honours.

NSW Police Force Commissioner, Karen Webb, and Minister for Police and Counter-Terrorism, Yasmin Catley MP, have congratulated the group of senior NSW Police Force officers who have been awarded the prestigious Australian Police Medal (APM).

The award was established in 1986 and is now announced twice a year, on Australia Day and the King's Birthday celebrations in June.

The NSW Police Force APM recipients include:

- Superintendent Gina Bostick
- Detective Superintendent Despa Fitzgerald
- Detective Chief Inspector Neil Grey
- Chief Superintendent Toby Lindsay
- Chief Inspector Gregory Mahan
- Superintendent Michael Rochester
- Superintendent Joanne Schultz
- Chief Inspector Raymond Stynes
- Superintendent Sonya Tabor
- Detective Chief Superintendent Jason Weinstein

Commissioner Webb said the recipients have a combined policing service of 332 years, of which they have displayed not only professionalism and high-quality work, but passion and commitment to the safety of communities across the state.