

#### Media Information Ryde Local Area Command Tuesday 29 June 2021

## Two men charged – Malicious damage West Pennant Hills

About 12:48am on Friday 25 June 2021 police were called to a car park in West Pennants Hills. When they arrived at the location, they observed two men holding a parking sign that had been pulled from the ground up against the brick wall.

Police exited the vehicle and approached the two men. Upon sighting police, a 22-year-old man from Bella Vista ran across the car park in the direction of Pennant Hills Road. Police called out to the man to stop, however the man continued to run towards the direction of Pennant Hills Road. Police engaged in a short foot pursuit with the man before he stopped.

Police placed the man under arrest and on handcuffing the man, he resisted police attempts to hand cuff him. The man was finally handcuffed and escorted back to the Police vehicle where he was spoken to.

Police patrolled the car park, locating three damaged parking signs.

The man was taken to Ryde Police station where he was charged with Malicious damage and Resist arrest.

He is now due to appear in Hornsby Local Court at a later date.

The 22-year-old man from Cherrybrook also engaged police in a short foot pursuit before being arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was also charged with Malicious Damage and Resist police. He is due to appear in Hornsby Local Court at a later date.

# Man charged with Low Range PCA – North Epping

About 6:30pm on Friday 25 June 2021, Police were patrolling the vicinity of Boundary Rd, North Epping when they have observed a vehicle appearing to drive closer to the right side of the road. Police stopped the 83-year-old man for the purpose of a random breath test.

The man returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis where he returned a reading of 0.077.

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

He will now appear in Hornsby Local Court on 12 August 2021.

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

About 11:45am on Sunday 27 June 2021, police stopped a woman in Sheehan Street at Eastwood and spoke with her in relation to the current Public Health COVID 19 - Stay at home Order as she was not at her current address.

On speaking with the woman in relation to the orders, police had cause to search the woman and the vehicle she was driving. Police located a small plastic resealable bag containing what is believed to be Cannabis.

The 39-year-old woman from Marsfield was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

#### **Disqualified driver – Tennyson Point**

About 6:15pm on Friday 25 June 2021, police were conducting patrols of Ryde, when they observed vehicle travelling south-west on Victoria Road, Ryde. Police conducted checks on the vehicle which indicated that the driver may be disqualified from driving.

Police stopped the vehicle on Tennyson Road at Tennyson Point and spoke with the 39-year-old driver from Gladesville. Checks on the mans licence indicated that he was suspended from driving for a period of 4 months by Court Order from Downing Centre Local Court on 9th June 2021.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice to appear in Hornsby Local Court on Thursday 19 August 2021 for Drive motor vehicle during disqualification period - 1st offence.



Media Information Ryde Local Area Command Wednesday 7 July 2021

#### Police investigate fatal crash - West Ryde

A woman has died after her SUV and a bus collided at West Ryde.

Emergency services were called to Victoria Road near Falconer Street just before 6.30am on Wednesday 30 June 2021, and found a black SUV, being driven east, and a bus, travelling west, had collided in the westbound lanes.

The 25-year-old female driver of the SUV died at the scene.

The 57-year-old male driver of the bus was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment of a minor laceration and mandatory testing. There were no passengers on the bus at the time.

The Crash Investigation Unit are investigating the crash. Investigators would like to speak with the driver of the car captured in CCTV, which is described as a blue sedan or hatchback, on Victoria Road, West Ryde, about 6.20am on that day, as they may be able to assist with their inquiries.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <u>https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au.</u> Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media page

## Man charged with assault police -Eastwood

About 10:00pm on Thursday 1 July 2021, Police had just finished with an unrelated matter out the front of a unit complex in Doomben Avenue, Eastwood. At the time, Police had their marked Police vehicle in the communal driveway with the engine and lights on, about to reverse out and continue with their patrols.

A 55-year-old man approached the passenger side of the Police vehicle and with his face almost pressed up against the closed passenger window, he began yelling and swearing at Police.

Police exited their vehicle and the man advanced towards them yelling at them and threatening violence towards them. Police arrested the man and on doing so he resisted their attempts to arrest him.

During the struggle, two of the Police Officers received small grazes on their thumb and forearm, and one officer received a strain in his left bicep area. The man continued his tirade of abuse towards Police and he refused to get into the rear of the caged vehicle. The man was extremely aggressive throughout the entire interaction.

He was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Assault Police, Behave in offensive manner in a public place and Resist Arrest.

After initially being refused bail by police, he was granted conditional bail and will now appear in Hornsby Local Court on 22 July 2021.

# **Cannabis Caution – East Ryde**

About 4pm on Thursday 1 July 202,1 police received information from members of the public who had observed a number of people smoking Cannabis in Melba Drive at East Ryde. Police attended that location and located an 18-year-old man from East Ryde and a 19-year-old man from Petersham. Police could smell a strong scent of cannabis in the air.

Police spoke with the men before searching them. The 18-year-old man handed police a resealable plastic bag containing a small amount of what police to be cannabis.

The 18-year-old man was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

### Two charged with drug possession - West Ryde

About 1:30am on Friday 2 July 2021, Police were conducting proactive patrols of the West Ryde area.

At this time police observed a vehicle that was travelling West on Victoria Rd, West Ryde. Police conducted checks on the vehicle which revealed that the licence plates were expired, and the vehicle was unregistered.

Police stopped the vehicle and spoke with the 30-year-old driver and his three passengers. Police conducted some further enquiries and after speaking with all four occupants, they conducted a search on the vehicle and the occupants.

Police located a white plastic bag containing an amount of what police believe to be cannabis on a 24-yearold woman. A search of her wallet also revealed a small amount of Methyl-Amphetamine.

A small quantity of Methyl-Amphetamine was also located in the driver side pocket.

The 24-year-old woman was issued a court attendance notice for two counts of Possess prohibited drug and the 30-year-old man was issued a Court Attendance Notice for Possess prohibited drug and Drive unregistered vehicle.

The two will now appear in Hornsby Local Court at a later date.



Media Information Ryde Local Area Command Wednesday 14 July 2021

### Nurse care worker in court over alleged patient assaults - North Ryde

A nurse care worker will appear in court charged over the alleged assault of patients at a facility in North Ryde.

In April this year, officers from Ryde Police Area Command commenced an investigation following reports patients at a hospital accommodation facility had been assaulted by a female carer.

Following inquiries, a 61-year-old woman was arrested at Ryde Police Station about 8am on Friday 25 June 2021.

She was charged with three counts of common assault (DV).

Police will allege in court that the woman, who is a nurse care worker, assaulted three patients on separate occasions on Sunday 14 March and Friday 23 April 2021.

The woman was granted conditional bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court.

# Man charged with Middle Range PCA

About 9:45pm on Thursday 8 July 2021, police stopped a 24-year-old man in Charles Street, Putney for the purpose of a random breath test. He returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and take to Ryde Police Station for the purpose of a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.112 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 Hornsby Local Court on 26 August 2021.

#### Woman charged with Drug Possession - Pennant Hills

About 10.20pm on Saturday 10 July 2021, police stopped a 25-year-old woman from Westleigh driving her vehicle along Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills.

Police requested the driver produce her driver's licence to which she produced a New South Wales P2 Digital Drivers Licence. At the time, the vehicle did not have any P plates displayed on the vehicle so as to be seen from the front or rear of the vehicle, a condition of the P2 licence.

The woman was submitted to a breath test which returned a negative result.

Police spoke with the woman and as a result, police informed the woman that they would be conducting a vehicle search, to which the woman complied with and a small resealable bag containing what police to be cannabis was located in the inside pocket of a black handbag belonging to the woman. Police also located an empty, similar larger resealable bag in the glovebox of the vehicle which smelt strongly of cannabis.

The woman was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possessing the prohibited drug. She is now due to appear in Hornsby Location on 4 August 2021.

#### Man charged with Robbery - Pennant Hills

About 10:50 pm on Monday 12 July 2021, a 19-year-old man from Gosford and his friend entered a convenience store in Pennant Hills. The man and his friend browsed the shop and his friend purchased an item.

The 19-year-old then began to argue with the owner of the store and demanded money from him.

The owner refused to hand over the money. The man's friend exited the store while he continued to argue with the owner.

The man continued to argue with the owner before he walked behind the counter towards the cash register and the cigarettes cabinet. The owner ushered the man outside of the store. Once outside of the store, the man kicked the owner.

A scuffle has then ensued, and the owner has restrained the man until police arrived.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Robbery and Not comply with noticed direction - COVID-19.

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Media Information Ryde Local Area Command Wednesday 7 July 2021

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Media Information Ryde Local Area Command Wednesday 21 July 2021

## Man charged with Armed with intent – Gladesville

About 12:20am on Friday 16 July 2021, a 39-year-old man from Hornsby was walking Westbound on Victoria Road, Gladesville near the intersection of Hepburn Avenue. Police have observed the man to be walking behind cars and other objects appearing to be attempting to conceal himself.

Police stopped the man and spoke to him. After checks were conducted on the man, Police ascertained that the man had an outstanding warrant. He was placed under arrest.

Police searched the man and the bag he had with him. Police located battery-operated grinder, balaclava, gloves and what police believe to be a quantity of Cannabis in a clear resealable bag.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Armed with intent and Possess prohibited drug. He was bail refused and will appear in Hornsby Local Court on 15 September 2021.

## **Cannabis Caution – Epping**

At 4:20pm on Thursday 15 July 2021, Police attached to Public Transport Command were conducting HVP foot patrols of Epping Railway Station. Police observed a 16-year-old teenager from Belrose standing on the platform not wearing his mask correctly.

On speaking with the teen, police noticed that his eyes appeared to be glazed and red and he appeared to be under the influence of a drug.

Police searched the teen and located 5 small plastic bags of Cannabis and an E-Vape stick.

The Cannabis and E -Vape were confiscated and he will be interviewed at a later date and is eligible for a Youth Caution under the Young Offenders Act.

# Man issued infringement for Low Range PCA – Gladesville

About 320am on Saturday 17 July 2021, Police were conducting proactive patrols within the suburb of Gladesville when they stopped a 39-year-old man from Chiswick for the purpose of breath test.

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

The driver returned a reading of 0.055 and was issued with an infringement notice for Drive with low range PCA.

### **Cannabis Caution – Ryde**

About 7:30pm on Friday 16 July 2021, police were patrolling the Ryde area when they observed a 24-yearold man from Ryde in Beazley Street.

Police stopped and spoke with the man. After a conversation with the man, police had cause to search him. Police located a clear zip lock bag containing what is believed to be Cannabis.

Police questioned the man regarding his excuse for leaving his residence during the stay at home orders/restrictions, to which the man had no reasonable excuse.

The man was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in Possession of the Prohibited Drug and he was issued with an infringement notice for Fail to comply with the health orders.



Media Information Ryde Local Area Command Wednesday 28 July 2021

# Low Range PCA – Ryde

About 8:30 pm Sunday 18 July 2021, police were conducting a patrol of the Ryde area when they stopped a 26-year-old man from Tennyson Point on Beazley Street Ryde for a breath test.

The man returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police station to undergo a breath analysis.

The man returned a reading of 0.078 and was issued with an infringement notice for Drive with Low Range PCA. His licence was suspended for a period of 3 months.

### Woman charged with failing to submit to a breath analysis - Meadowbank

About 11:20 pm on Sunday 25 July 2021, police were conducting high visibility patrols at Meadowbank Wharf located on Bowden St, Meadowbank. Whilst driving within the car park of Meadowbank wharf, a vehicle approached the driver side of the police vehicle and came to a stop.

A 40-year-old woman from Thornleigh has flagged down police and asked to speak with them. The vehicle parked in a parking spot a few metres away from the police vehicle and the woman exited her vehicle. Police parked their vehicle and exited and spoke to the woman. The woman was observed to be very distressed, agitated and clearly well affected by intoxicating liquor as her speech was fast and erratic along with having blood shot eyes.

After a short conversation the woman was submitted to a breath test which was offered to her on multiple occasions, which she refused. She was placed under arrest for refusal of Roadside Breath Test. During this time, she started to resist police, and, in the process, police placed her in handcuffs. Whilst escorting the woman to a caged police vehicle the woman swung her arms and attempted to bite police.

She was conveyed to Ryde Police Station for the purpose of a breath analysis where she refused to undergo a breath analysis despite numerous attempts.

She was charged with Refuse breath analysis and will appear in Hornsby local Court at a later date.

# Man charged with numerous offences

About 10:20pm on Saturday 24 July 2021, police were conducting patrols in the North Ryde area when they observed a vehicle travel at speed in a North East direction on Lane Cove Road, past a police vehicle which was stopped stationary.

Police followed the vehicle and activated warning lights, stopping the vehicle on Lane Cove Road at Macquarie Park.

Police spoke with the 20-year-old man from Fairfield. While speaking with the man, police noticed a clear plastic resealable bag located in the centre console which contained a small amount of what police believe to be cannabis.

Also, in the centre console, was what appeared to be a homemade bong. After a short conversation police had cause to search the man and his vehicle.

Police located a small resealable plastic bag containing a small amount of what police believe to be Cannabis and a homemade bong in the centre console. Police also located a large machete style knife in a sheath on the back seat of the vehicle and a black balaclava in the glove box.

Police conducted a general search of the man locating a small plastic resealable bag containing what police believe to be cannabis, in one pocket of his shorts and a cannabis grinder in his other pocket.

The man was placed under arrest and taken to Ryde Police station where he was charged with Possess Prohibited Drug, have custody of an offensive implement in a public place and Not comply with notice direction - COVID-19.

He will now appear in Hornsby Local Court on 11 August 2021.

# Steal from Motor Vehicle – West Ryde

About 12:45am on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Police attended a location in West Ryde in relation to reports of young persons looking into vehicles. With the assistance of the police dog and Polair, a 17-year-old was detained in the rear yard of a property and found to be in possession of several items stolen from the vehicle belonging to the property.

A 17-year-old male was arrested and charged for Steal from Motor Vehicle, Trespass, Goods in Custody and Breach of Bail.

Two further 17-year-old persons were located nearby and detained in company and found to be in possession of suspected stolen goods.

### Aggravated Break and Enter – West Ryde

At about 11:41pm on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 a male was seen on CCTV to gain entry to a property in West Ryde while the occupants were home and entered the kitchen where he stole an unknown sum of cash from the victim's purse.

The male has fled the scene after disturbing the occupants of the house and police were called. Police from Ryde Local Area Command conducted patrols of West Ryde and a male fitting the description in the CCTV was located outside West Ryde Railway Station.

A 21-year-old male was arrested and charged with Aggravated Break and Enter and Serious Indictable Offence and was due to appear in court on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021.



Media Information Ryde Local Area Command Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### **Drug Detection – West Ryde**

About 1pm on Sunday the 1 August 2021 Police were conducting a patrol of Victoria Road, West Ryde when they observed a group of three youths walking together towards the Police car.

Police observed the young people for a period before seeing them run away. Police stopped then a short time later at a nearby intersection and to questioned them regarding their behaviour and COVID breach.

After a brief conversation Police conducted a search where they located a small amount of cannabis inside a pencil case found inside one of the bags.

A 16-year-old female from West Ryde was conveyed to Ryde Police Station and issued with a caution under the Young Offenders Act.

#### **Drug detection – Eastwood**

About 9:45pm on Tuesday the 3rd of August 2021, police were conducting proactive patrols of the Eastwood and Denistone area. Police observed multiple vehicles parked at the location.

After a brief conversation with the occupant of one of the vehicles, who was in the company of three other persons, Police conducted a search where a small amount of Cannabis was located inside a small plastic bag.

A 22-year-old woman from Eastwood was issued with a cannabis caution and all parties were given a move on direction to leave the location.

## **Execution of search warrant – Meadowbank**

About 8 am on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Detectives from Ryde Police Area Command executed a search warrant at an address in Meadowbank in relation to suspected child abuse material.

With the assistance of other Police resources, entry was gained resulting in a 21-year-old male exited through the back door of the premises before running through the backyard and jumping over a neighbouring fence. He threw his mobile phone into a nearby garden in an attempt to conceal from Police.

Several items were seized from the premises by Detectives including a Black Apple iPhone, external hard drive and a laptop computer.

## Stolen Motor Vehicle Collision – Hunters Hill

Between 4pm on Thursday the 29 July 2021 and 9:15am on Friday the 30 July 2021, a vehicle was stolen from an address in Linfield after keys were taken from the residence during an aggravated break and enter. Entry to the residence is believed to have been gained via an unlocked rear door.

About 11:50pm on Saturday the 31 July 2021, the same stolen vehicle has left the road outside a residence in Hunters Hill and collided with a small retaining wall before landing on its side.

Four people were seen by a witness running from the vehicle towards Figtree park in Hunters Hill. Several Police resources attended, and a perimeter established, a thorough search was conducted with nil success.



Media Information Ryde Local Area Command Thursday 12 August 2021

### **Steal from Retail Store – Ryde**

About 11:45am on Saturday the 7 August 2021, Police were conducting Covid compliance patrol at a local shopping when they sighted and male and female exiting a supermarket not wearing masks.

After a conversation with the couple Police questioned the man in relation to a bag full of items he was carrying. He subsequently made admissions to stealing multiple items from the supermarket.

A 36-year-old man was issues with a Criminals Infringement Notice and given a move on direction to leave the premises.

## Malicious Damage/ Graffiti Offence - Epping

About 10am on Friday the 6 of August 2021, police were called to the underpass at the intersection of Derby and Somerset Street in Epping.

As Police walked to the underpass, as they approached, they noticed a male spray painting the walls and several spray cans and a sketch book were located nearby. The man stated to police that he was an artist and had no where else to paint.

A large amount of spray cans were seized by Police and a 32 year old man from Abbotsford will be issued with a Court Attendance Notice.

### **Drug Possession and Supply – Eastwood**

About 9:50am on Friday the 6 August 2021, Police were conducting proactive patrols in Eastwood when they sighted a vehicle well known for drug related activities in the area.

Police spoke to the sole occupant of the vehicle after which a search was conducted. Several small bags containing what is believed to be cocaine were located in the vehicle with a large amount of cash.

Several items were seized by Police and a 27-year-old man was charged with Supply Prohibited Drug.

### Search warrant Executed – Eastwood

About 7am on Saturday the 7 August 2021, Police executed a search warrant at an address in Eastwood.

On entry police located a large quantity of Methamphetamine. At 7:20am the same day a related search warrant was also executed at an address in Carlingford where they located a large sum of money.

The 31-year-old man from Carlingford was arrested and charged with Manufacture Prohibited Drug.

### Drug possession and Custody of knife - Denistone

On Thursday the 5 August 2021, Police were driving along Blaxland Road in Denistone when they observed a man riding along the footpath without a helmet.

Police stopped the man, who was in breach of his bail conditions, and after a brief conversation a search was conducted. During the search they located two knives and a small amount of what is believed to be Methamphetamine.

A Carlingford man was charged with Possess Prohibited Weapon and Possess Prohibited Drug.