

Press Release from the North Shore LAC

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A 39 year old Artarmon man was arrested and charged with drug and knife offences last Wednesday. (11/2) The man was stopped by North Shore Police officers after he was seen riding his bike without a helmet near the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Longueville Rd at Artarmon shortly after 10am. Police spoke with the man for a short time, and as a result of this conversation he was searched. Police subsequently located a Stanley knife, glass pipe and a small quantity of cannabis in the man's possession. He was arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station where he was later charged with 'Possession of equipment for administering a prohibited drug,' 'Possess Prohibited Drug,' and 'Custody of a knife in a public place.' He will appear at Hornsby Local Court on the 4/3/09

North Shore Police officers made an unexpected discovery after being called to a Roseville home last Wednesday morning. (11/2) Police were called to the Clanville Rd home shortly before 5.30am after the resident heard a smashing sound in a downstairs bathroom. Fearing that the noise was caused by some breaking into the home, the resident called police, and subsequently met them outside the home. Police entered the home and approached the bathroom, at which time they could smell smoke. On entering the bathroom police found the toilet to be on fire. The quick thinking officers quickly doused the flames before the fire could spread. Fire Brigade crews were called as a precaution, however they deemed the area to be safe. It appears that an electrical fault in a ceiling fan may have caused it to short out and fall into the toilet, starting the fire. No person was injured in the fire however the toilet could not be saved.

Three youths were detained by Lane Cove Council Rangers after two graffiti attacks on public toilets last Tuesday. The Rangers first sighted the 13 year old Lane Cove, Longueville and Chatswood boys entering the toilet block at Pottery Green at Lane Cove. They were then seen to leave a short time later. An inspection of the toilets by the Rangers revealed fresh graffiti inside. The Rangers then followed the group to a Supermarket on Burns Bay Road, at which time one of the youths were seen to walk into the toilets, while his two friends stood outside. The three were stopped by Rangers as they attempted to walk away from the toilets. An inspection of the toilets also revealed fresh graffiti, matching that found in the Pottery Green toilet. The youths were detained and Police were called. Police arrived a short time later, and a subsequent search of the boys revealed all three boys were in possession of texta pens. Police also located drug pipes secreted in the pants of one of the boys. Police also searched the contents of the boys' mobile phones, and located photos of the graffiti tags matching those found in the toilets. The phone also contained photos of the boys smoking drugs. The three were arrested and taken to Chatswood Police Station. The youths will be dealt with under the Youth Offenders Act.

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