

Minutes of the North Shore LAC Community Safety Precinct Committee.

Minutes of the North Shore Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting held at the Chatswood Police Station Briefing Room at 6.30pm, April 21st, 2009.

Please note: The new format of these minutes is a requirement of NSW Police Force policy for Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting minutes.

Present:

NAME	AGENCY	TITLE
Det/Insp Peter Yeomans	NSW Police	Crime Manager
S/Con Matt Jewell	NSW Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Debbie Hutchens	Community Member	Community Representative
Margaret Hill	West Roseville NHW	Coordinator
Betty Holt	Longueville/Northwood NHW	Coordinator
Mike Haine	Longueville/Northwood NHW	
Diana Logan	Longueville/Northwood NHW	
Walter Spratt	Chatswood West NHW	Coordinator
Bruce De Graaf	Cage Security	
Margery Rowell	Castlecove NHW	Coordinator
Ken Rutherford	Castlecove NHW	
Lorraine Lusby	Lane Cove West Residents Assoc.	
Wally Mann	Community Member	
Greg Hanley	Community Member	
Deirdre Hostrup	Stringy Bark Creek Residents Assoc.	
Tony Kemm	Artarmon NHW	

Apologies:

NAME	AGENCY	TITLE
Det/Supt Dalton	NSW Police	Commander
Insp Bell	NSW Police	Duty Officer - Customer Service
Gladys Berejiklian	NSW Liberal Party	Member for Willoughby
Anthony Roberts	NSW Liberal Party	Member for Lane Cove
Pat Reilly	Willoughby Council	Mayor
Elaine Malicki	Kuring-Gai Council	Mayor
Ian Longbottom	Lane Cove Council	Mayor
Amanda Donlon	Northbridge Public School	Principal
Tony Chatfield	Lane Cove 1 NHW	
Estelle Renard	Castlecrag / Middle Cove NHW	
Judith Rutherford	Willoughby Council / C'Cove NHW	
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Ralph Bertinetti		

Opening and Welcome.

The meeting was opened at 6.35pm by **Debbie Hutchens**, who introduced the NSW Police officers present.

Amendments and acceptance of previous meetings.

There were no amendments to the previous minutes.

Moved by: **Walter Spratt**

Seconded by: **Tony Kemm**

Matters Arising: Lorraine Lusby enquired whether any arrests had been made in relation to the bush fire which occurred in Lane Cove as reported during the last meeting. S/Con Jewell replied that there had not been.

Community Police Briefing – Local Crime Priorities

- **S/Con Jewell** provided the group with a briefing and discussion of the current crime maps / trends. The previous meeting highlighted a rise in Break and enter offences through the eastern suburbs of the LAC. (Castlecrag, Middle Cove, Willoughby) Current maps show a significant decrease in offences in these areas. Police credit increased overt patrols, coupled with a covert operation and increased victim follow-up (target hardening) with these results.
- Other crime categories continue to hold stable or decline.
- Police to target known Malicious Damage hotspots during current school holiday period.
- Break and Enter offences do continue to be a concern in other parts of the LAC, and Police have not decreased the resources being applied to this crime type. The covert operation, utilising officers on loan from other Commands in the Region will continue.
- Home owners encouraged to take advantage of free home security assessments provided by the Crime Prevention Officer.
- Meeting provided with briefing re recent arrests relating to BES offences.
- ATM raid – Longueville. Briefing supplied by Insp Yeomans re recent attack on ATM in Lane Cove. Stolen high performance vehicles are being used by offenders. These vehicles are often left parked in quiet residential areas in between offences. Attendees asked to report any high performance vehicles which suddenly appear parked around their communities.
- Armed hold-up, Chubb. Briefing provided on progress of investigation into this recent offence.

Community Issues / Outcome

ISSUE	ACTION / OUTCOME
Right Hand Turn arrow for traffic travelling south on Centennial Ave Lane Cove at the intersection with Epping Rd. Recent road closures re Chubb Armed Hold-up highlighted significant confusion created by this arrow, which never changes from red.	S/Con Jewell: Advice previously provided by Traffic Sgt is that the arrow is for Buses only, and that the intersection is signposted "No Right Turn." S/Con Jewell to attend location and clarify prior to next meeting
Break and Enters in the Willoughby area. Are Police still continuing patrols now that crime rates appear to have dropped again in the area?	Insp Yeomans replied that Police will be continuing to utilise both overt and covert patrols of the area to address break and enter offences.

Meeting closed: 7.50pm

5. Next general meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday the 9th of June, 2009 at the Chatswood Police Station Briefing Room.