
Gladesville Community Safety Precinct Committee

5th May, 2010
Training Room
Ryde Police Station
810 Victoria Road, Gladesville

Present:

Name	Agency	Title
Superintendent Phil Flogel	NSW Police	Commander
Inspector David Robins	NSW Police	Inspector
Detective Sergeant Martin Jones	NSW Police	Investigations Manager
Sergeant Kerri McDonald	NSW Police	Crime Co-ordinator
Senior Constable Tracy Stone	NSW Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Peter Astridge	Hunters Hill Council	Councillor
Caroline Beinke for Victor Dominello	State Govt	Local Member of Ryde
Toni Dickson for Anthony Roberts	State Govt	Local Member of Lane Cove
Tony Aboud	Ryde Chamber of Commerce	President
Reg Cain	Gladesville Chamber of Commerce	President
Paul Savelberg	Centre Manager	Top Ryde City Shopping Centre
Leon Marskell	City of Ryde	Manager Regulatory
Craig Stevens	Salvation Army	Manager

Apologies:

Detective Inspector Ian McNab	NSW Police	Crime Manager
Chris Hellmundt	City of Ryde	Road & Community Safety Project Officer
Margaret Kelly	Hunters Hill Council	Manager Community Services
STO Rob Beath	Railcorp	Transit Officer
Julianne Taffer	West Ryde Chamber of Commerce	Vice President

Minutes:

Opening and Welcome – Superintendent Flogel

Meeting commenced 9.50am

Previous Minutes accepted:

Moved Cllr Peter Astridge
Seconded Tony Aboud

1. *Crime Overview for Gladesville LAC presented by Detective Sergeant Martin Jones*

REPORTING PERIOD: January 2010 – March 2010

ASSAULTS

- Total of **64 incidents** were reported during this period. These figures relate to criteria of Assault (Non DV) & Assault (DV) exclude Alcohol related assaults.
- There were 23 assaults in January, 17 in February and 24 in March.
- Compared to the same three month period last year, (**84 incidents for the period of Jan to Mar 2009**), there is a **decrease of 23.8%** in the number of overall assaults reported for the same period last year.
- The overall legal action rate (clear up rates) for the October to December period for all assaults is **49.3%**
- Assaults are also broken down into the following incident categories of Assault – Non DV, Assault – Alcohol Related and Assault – Domestic Violence.
- The main concerns during this period are alcohol related assaults, especially at licensed premises in the LAC. As the winter months approach, it is also expected that the number of alcohol related assaults will decrease.

ASSAULT – Alcohol Related

- Total of **14 incidents** were reported during this period. A 50% decrease from the previous quarter.
- There were 6 assaults in January; 3 in February & 5 in March. The LAC monthly target is 16 in January, 10 in February and 10 in March.
- On a comparison to the same period in 2009 we had a total of **34** alcohol related assaults reported. This is a **41% decrease for the same period this year**.
- The continued downward trend is due to strengthened government advertising with NSW on reducing alcohol related crimes; legislative responsibility to strengthen bail considerations and the commitment by this LAC for proactive tasking to licensed premises and the commitment by licensed premises to ensure safety through responsible serving and security staff on hand.
- The LAC has a state ranking of 79 for the quarter ending March 2010. Gladesville has been showing a downward trend in these types of incidents from the seasonal quarter of last year.
- The legal action rate (clear up rates) for the January to March 2010 period for alcohol related assaults is **71.43% which is up 13% on previous quarter figures**.
- The Eastwood Gladesville Liquor Accord (EGLA) started in October 2009, and has signed up more than 200 licensed premises in both LAC's. This Liquor Accord is a cooperative relationship between licensees, local council, local police and other interested community stakeholders, which is aimed at responsible service of alcohol, improved safety and security and is committed to reducing problems associated with drunken and anti-social behaviour at licensed premises.

ASSAULT – DV

- Total of **30 incidents** were reported during this period.
- There were 8 DV related assaults in January, 10 in February and 12 in March. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a **decrease of 33.3%** in the number of domestic related assaults reported. (**45 incidents for the period of January to March 2009**).
- This reporting period is showing a downwards trend for DV related incidents.
- The LAC has a state ranking of **7** for legal actions with **80% of incidents attended resulting in legal process**.
- The DVLO provides 100% follow up with victims of domestic related assaults and attends court each week regarding these incidents. There are DV Video Kits being utilised for the recording of injury, statements and demeanour of victims of these incidents which support the victim while providing strong evidence against perpetrators and thereby seeking to gain early guilty pleas at court.

BREAK, ENTER & STEAL

- Total of **67 incidents** were reported during this period.
- There were 22 in January, 16 in February and 29 in March 2010.
- Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a **decrease of 22%** in the number of overall break, enter and steal incidents reported. (**86 incidents for the period of January to March 2009**).
- **3.8%**.
- Albeit a reduction from the same period in 2009 traditionally there are generally higher statistics for the school holiday period where families are away.

BREAK ENTER & STEAL - DWELLING

- Total of **45 incidents** were reported during this period.
- There were 16 break and enters at dwellings in January, 12 in February and 17 in March. For each month in the quarter the Gladesville LAC was under our Business plan target. In a comparison to the same period in 2009 there was a reduction of **31.8% in this crime category**. There were 66 incidents in the same period in 2009.
- For this quarterly period, incidents are showing a significant decreasing trend, with all incidents below the monthly targets.
- The LAC has low state rankings of 75 in the quarter ending March 2010.
- The legal action rate (clear up rates) for the January to March 2010 for residential break, enter and steal incidents is **4.4%**.
- Our main hotspots suburbs for this quarter are Putney, Ryde and Hunters Hill.
- BE&S packages are forwarded onto victims and residents in the surrounding neighbourhood.
- The LAC Crime Prevention Officer conducts safety audits in relation to the target hardening of premises. She also conducts audits with victims and continues on with victim follow up.
- With improved results for DNA and fingerprint identification and a faster turn around time for that information to be disseminated to the Crime co-ordinator, this has contributed to a slightly higher legal action rate from the previous period.

Good arrests

- On 5 January 2010 a 38 year old man was arrested and charged for being on premises and breaking into a house in Ashburn PI, Gladesville. He was dealt with under the MHA at Court.

- On 1 January 2010 a 23 year old male broke into a house in Hunters Hill and stole CDS and other personal items.
- On 14 January 2010 an elderly man was arrested and charged with breaking into premises at Gladesville. He also had property on him from a shoplifting offence in the Gladesville CBD.

BREAK, ENTER & STEAL – NON DWELLING (business/commercial, recreation, industrial and education premises)

- Total of **22 incidents** were reported during this period.
- There were 6 incidents in January, 4 in February and 12 in March 2010. We were below the monthly business targets for this category and continue to remain below the business plan targets which is where we want it! For the same period last year we were 2 over. **(10% increase from Jan-Mar 2009)**.
- Hotspot areas are commercial premises in the North Ryde Business Park area and the new Top Ryde City Shopping Centre.
- There has been a 3.4% legal action rate for this category of crime within the review period Jan-March 2010.
- Gladesville lies 71 in the state for malicious damage for the period.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE

- Total of **141 incidents** were reported during this period.
- There were 48 in January, 46 in February and 47 in March. The LAC monthly targets are 46 in January, 44 in February and 47 in March. Compared to the same three month period last year, **(176 incidents for the period of Jan-Mar 2009)**, there is a **decrease of 19.9%** in the number of overall malicious damages reported.
- For this period, monthly incidents are underneath the monthly targets.
- The overall legal action rate for January to March is **11.8%**.

GRAFFITI

- Total of **17 incidents** were reported during this period.
- The main hotspot suburbs are CBD areas in West Ryde, schools at Truscott Primary and Putney Primary and parks at North Ryde and Woolwich.
- The main days and times for graffiti incidents are Friday, Saturday, Thursday during the afternoon and late evening.
- Information from local kids is that the new basketball courts at Ryde are being cared for and want to look after the area so prevent others from defacing the location.
- The nature of having a shared space has contributed to this outcome ie park equipment for young children who are supervised by adults and overlook the other areas being frequented by youths acts a deterrent.

Good arrests

4 youths for damaging Weil Park, Woolwich Rd, Hunters Hill on 22/3/10 E40232432 – received warnings.

2 youths charged for graffiti to public toilets in Anzac Park, West Ryde on 19/3/2010. E40474866. Both these youths are currently bail refused and will appear in Childrens Court on 28 May 2010.

ROBBERY

- Total of **4 incidents** were reported during this period.
- There were 3 robberies in January, 0 in February and 1 in March 2010. The LAC monthly target is 3 for all three months. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a **decrease of 55.6%** in the number of robberies reported. (**9 incidents for the period of January to March 2009**).
- For this quarterly period a downward trend.
- For the review period Gladesville was 56 in the state ranking.
- The overall legal action rate (clear up rates) for January to March 2010 for robbery offences is **0%**.
- Hotspot areas are businesses (restaurants) in small shopping areas and outdoor/public places in the LAC.
- Continued liaison with our licensee's regarding targeting hardening of licensed premises.

STEALING (excludes SFMV)

- Total of **90 incidents** were reported during this period.
- There were 26 in January, 22 in February and 42 in March 2010. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is an **increase of 13.75%** in the number of stealing incidents reported. (**92 incidents for the period of January to March 2009**).
- The legal action rate for January to March for stealing offences is **2.2%**.
- **We are just starting to see the trends increasing as a result of shoplifting offences in Top Ryde City.**

GOOD ARRESTS:

On 13 January a 29 year old male charged with Goods in Custody with property believed to be stolen from a customer in Top Ryde City Shopping Centre.

STEALING - STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

- Total of **82 incidents** were reported during this period.
- There were 19 steal from motor vehicle incidents in January, 30 in February and 33 in March. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is an **increase of 32.3%** in the number of SFMV incidents reported. (**62 incidents for the period of Jan-March 2009**).
- We are on a par for year to date business plan figures and hope to come in under the yearly target by end of June 2010.
- Gladesville is 67 in the State for this incident criteria in the review period.
- The main hotspots suburbs are Ryde and Hunters Hill and Meadowbank. Targets have included some business type vehicles such as utilities with tool box.
- Popular items stolen are GPS, laptops, iPods, bags, wallets and cash, tools.

STEALING - EXCLUDING SFMV

- Total of **90 incidents** were reported during this period.
- The main hotspots are retail and business premises situated at CBD locations and health and residential premises in the LAC.

STOLEN VEHICLES

- Total of **31 incidents** were reported during this period.

- There were 6 stolen in January, 9 in February and 16 in March. The LAC monthly target is 9 in January, 7 in February and 9 in March. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is an **increase of 19.2%** in the number of stolen vehicles reported. (**26 incidents for the period of Jan-Mar 2009**).
- Gladesville lies 63rd in the State for this crime during the review period.
- The main hotspots suburbs for this time period are Ryde, Gladesville, Meadowbank and Hunters Hill.

GLADESVILLE LAC PROACTIVITY

REPORTING PERIOD: January - March 2010

DRUG DETECTIONS - Possess

- Total of **30 incidents** were reported during this period.
- Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a **decrease of 30.2%** in detections. (**43 incidents for the period of Jan-Mar 2009**).
- For this reporting period of our figures are showing a downwards trend and this is attributed to the targeting of known drug offenders and locations by the LAC proactive crime team and general duties police.
- Our main hotspots areas are wharves, parks and reserves in the LAC, where groups of young people, mostly in their late teens, early to mid twenties congregate in their vehicles near the waterfront in the LAC, especially during the end of spring/summer period.

DRUG DETECTIONS - Supply

- There was **17 incident** reported during this period.
There was 14 – supply in January, 2 in February and 1 in March.
- For this reporting period of our figures are showing an upward trend due to.

MOVEONS

- Total of **92 incidents** were reported during this period.
- For the same period last year we are down on those figures by **30.8%** (133 Jan-Mar 2009)
- Our main hotspots areas for move ons are CBD areas, transport locations and recreational areas in the suburbs of Ryde, West Ryde, Meadowbank, and Gladesville.

PERSON SEARCHES

- Total of **234 incidents** were reported during this period.
There is a **decrease of 22.8%** in the number of person searches done compared to the same period last year. (**303 incidents for the period of Jan –Mar 2009**).
The decrease may be contributed to police not identifying persons to be searched and due to taskings to other areas of crime.
- Our main hotspots areas are transport locations and recreational areas in the suburbs of Ryde, West Ryde, Meadowbank and North Ryde.

OTHER CRIME ISSUES

- Frauds. We are down on the reports of fraud with a total of **81 for the period Jan-Mar 2010**. The NSW Police Force website is updated with the latest information on scams and identity theft. The website address is <http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/> and click on community issues.
- Identity theft continues to be the main crime criteria.

OPERATIONS held in this three month period – January - March 2010.

- **31.12.09 – New Years Eve at Hunters Hill – OP REALM**. No major issues for this.
- **26.1.10 – OP MEDALLION for Australia Day**. Nil issues
- **1.2.10 – OP Scorpion – State Road Safety Enforcement for 6 months targeting disqualified drivers** – 2 arrests for this since commencing.
- **10.3.10 – 1.8.10** – Operation by Crime Team to target BE&S and SFMV offences. Ongoing.
- **27.3.10** - Road Safety Enforcement – Local operation.
- **01.02.10 – 01.08.10 (6 month operation)** – targeting bail compliance, high risk offenders, warrants, anti-social behaviour.
- **01.03.10 – onwards (date TBA)** - Phase 3: LAC sporadic walkthroughs – Operation JINDALLA II - target licensed premises subjected to special Licence conditions by virtue of Schedule 4.
- **01.03.10 – 01.03.10** – target and reduce alcohol related crime, violence and anti-social behaviour (local Drug Dog operation).
- **27.03.10** – West Ryde Easter Parade.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

- Bizkeys (Volunteers in Policing assist with Elderly Register and Bizkeys).
- Party Packs. Can be obtained from the NSW Police Force website - <http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/> and clicking on the safe party section.
- In this section you can access www.mynite.com.au site and leave details of the party, which will then be forward onto your local police.
- CCTV – pamphlets.

2. Top Ryde City update

Paul Savelberg, recently appointed, Centre Manager, Top Ryde City Shopping Centre advised;

- Stage 2 – LG 1 & LG 2 and part of the Ground Floor Precinct, La Strada is now open.
- Stage 3 is planned for soft opening early August (possibly 4th August) at this stage everything on track. Ground floor and level 1, Myer & the restaurant precinct hopefully will be open by then. The bowling alley is scheduled to open in September & the Cinema's possibly December. Upper level parking 1 & 2 will open in stage 3.
- Centre will contain approx. 285 businesses and create a City environment.
- Paid parking will commence around October and fees will be charge from November
- Car park signage recently installed. Black & white signage will assist customers with movement through the car park.
- Misuse of disabled parking has become an issue for the Centre- an agreement with Local Council under the Local Government Act will be sort in the near future to allow enforcement.

3. General Business

Dan Street update

Leon Marskell, City of Ryde, stated the incident in Dan Street was blown out of proportion by the media. The two dogs Rocky and Tyson have dangerous dog orders.

The orders have been enforced and infringement notices totalling \$1700 were issued. Two of the alleged attacks were provoked by the victim's who hit the dogs with golf clubs. A number of these were contested in court. Rocky is currently not well and not living at the residence. The owner gave a commitment to surrender Tyson on 14th March, 2010 however the evening before Tyson was removed from the premises and has not been seen since.

Council update

Leon Marsker, City of Ryde, discussed problems with the LGA with misuse of disabled parking and problems with enforcement of penalties for these offences. There has been a 400% increase to assaults on officers. Leon expressed his desire to work with and gain the assistance of the Local Chamber of Commerce to address the parking issues with the LGA.

PCYC

Craig Stevens, Salvation Army, enquired as to the outcome of the PCYC meetings that were held. He explained that there is still local interest and the community are expressing the need for a PCYC in the area. Caroline BEINKE provided a brief update. Inspector Robins requested an update be prepared to present to the Committee at the next meeting.

Community and Policing Program

Mr Flogel discussed the Community and Policing Program. Information regarding the program is attached.

With nothing further the meeting was closed at 11.50am

Next Meeting: To be advised.