



Community Safety Precinct Committee

FAR SOUTH COAST LOCAL AREA COMMAND

Bega Valley Shire

AGENDA

COMMITTEE NAME:	Community Safety Precinct Committee		
LOCATION:	Bega Valley Council Chambers	TIME:	1.00pm
MEETING DATE:	21 st January 2010	MINUTE TAKER:	Lily Brown

CHAIRPERSON:	▪ Superintendent Sean GERSBACH
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Supt Sean Gersbach, NSW Police, gers1sea@police.nsw.gov.au Insp Kevin McNeil, NSW Police, mcne2kev@police.nsw.gov.au Sen Sgt Janeene Michelle. NSW Police, mich1jan@police.nsw.gov.au Tony Allen, Bega Valley Shire, tallea@begavalley.nswp.gov.au Andrew Constance. Bega Valley Shire, Andrew.constance@parliament.nsw.gov.au Simon Schweitzer, Bega Valley Shire, sschweitzer@begavalley.nsw.gov.au Alison Simpson, Greater Southern Area Health, Alison.simpson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au Joe Stewart, Greater Southern Area Health, joseph.stewart@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Item	STANDING AGENDA ITEMS	
1	Apologies Members not in Attendance:	Jason Edmunds Inspector, NSW Police, edmuljas@police.nsw.gov.au Henry DODDS - Juvenile Justice
2	Items from previous meeting	First Meeting
3	Standing agenda items	FAR SOUTH COAST COMMANDER WELCOME Opening introduction from Commander Gersbach, in which police staff Lily Brown, Sen Sgt Michelle and Insp McNeill were introduced. Commander speaks briefly of current stats Commander Welcomes Mayor Allen, in which the Mayor

speaks of broadening the gathering of the meeting.

INTRODUCTION – ALL ATTENDEES
 Andrew Constance introduces himself and agrees that this area is a Good area with Low stats.

Simon Schweitzer BVSC states Youth Council unable to attend due to another meeting held today but wish to attend future meetings

Alison Simpson introduces herself from Great Southern area Health
 Joe Stewart introduces himself from Great Southern area Health

4 Local Issues

DISCUSSION AROUND THE TABLE
 S/Sgt Michelle begins with a power point presentation involving

- Overview state Plane Called Compass - which she spoke about assaults, non DV crime and describes layout of the Far South Coast consisting of : -
- Authorised Police strength and where we sit as a Command
- Compass and its accountability. The need to increase reporting of Sexual assault offences. Numerous other offences and the response times.
- The target that have been set.
- Meetings through the Tasking and Deployment meetings and the targets the clusters need to obtain.
- Comparisons from month to month and from the same period of time year to year.

Across the board we normally have an increase in crime and Domestic Violence which Police are now seeking to be Pro active.

- Motor vehicle accidents and Fatals are up in all

Mayor Allen

Requested the stats for the Bermagui at the next meeting, which Sen Sgt Michelle will action.

S/Sgt Michelle speaks of:-

- Summer safe strategies
- Youth and alcohol
- Problems in the past

Police are being placed in areas where crime is

prevalent. The System Target Management Plan is in place and crime down the Far South coast is a lot easier to Police.

Insp McNeill speaks of Mollymook and how identifying problems in the Far South are a lot better off than Mollymook

Mayor Allen suggests that bringing the press to the next meeting may be a good idea as to make the community aware however the Commander wishes this to be between the Police and Council for the time being.

The Commander speaks of Sen Cst Dan Bishop and what an excellent operator he is. He will be an asset to the Bermagui Community when he begins at Bermagui in the near future

Insp McNeill has had feedback from the Bermagui community in regards to the improvement down there.

Mr Constance asks for stats on New Years Eve.

Commander spoke of coverage by Insp Edmunds and Sgt Scarlett over all hotspots in Merimbula.

S/Sgt Michelle gives Alcohol related results which were 27 incidents over Command. She speaks of having Police - When working and the Best times.

Commander speaks of the Police leave embargo, being granted 10 extra Police for the Command giving us extra coverage. The Police were placed at Narooma, Bega and Merimbula for the holiday period. We achieved high visibility and more Hwy presence on the roads. The Police Department has out laid a lot of money to have Police down here, it was the first time and wishes support from the Council to continue.

Commander states that the police strength within the Far South Coast currently is approximately 117 Sworn staff and is the 7th in the State to be up to strength. We did 18,000 Breath tests over the period and is concerned about the high hit rate.

Mr Constance speaks about Pubs in the area and people under the influence.

S/Sgt Michelle states that Driver error may also be a main consideration for contributing to motor vehicle accident and fatals, with visitors not being familiar with our roads and that is an area that Police cannot Police.

Mr Constance speaks of the road issues and Education issues. He states to the Commander how many extra Police

if able to accommodate would we need if we were able to get more authorised numbers.

Commander states that he would have as many as Mr Constance would give us.

Mr Constance states that he would not like to see the crime rate go up if Police go down in numbers.

S/Sgt Michelle speaks of the Geographical coverage of the command.

Mr Constance asks if Bega will be going to a 24 hr station

Commander speaks of the Break and enters in the early mornings and officers changing shifts to cover the closed window, we were operating as a 24 hrs station when needed. This lead to the arrest of certain offenders for a multiple of break and enters in the Bega, Merimbula area at the time.

Mr Constance asks if he feels it will change with the new Development in the area and the Commander is considering the issue, but at the moment this Command is running fine.

Mayor Allen speaks of 'P' drivers and the speed limit from 80kml to 90kml. Mr Constance agrees with L1 and L2 proposal.

S/Sgt Michelle speaks of caravans and towing vehicles on the road, which also may cause problems.

She states that the Command is aware of a majority of Crime in the CBD of Bega, Merimbula, and Eden. She also speaks of :-

- * Offender modus operandi
- * Juvenile crime and what can we do to break the cycle
- * Majority of crime by the same person of interest

Commander spoke of an incident which occurred where spikes were needed in a low car pursuit involving a 12 year old boy.

S/Sgt Michelle spoke also of Community Strategies which involved: -

- Daphne Parsons (Aboriginal Liaison officer) education of the Indigenous in regards to what is write and what is wrong.
- Positive mentors within the Community

Mr Constance stated he is looking at local solutions.

Insp McNeill states the he will be conducting Family Case Management from the 2 February, 2010 which will be called 'Keep them Safe' It will be tabled through conferences involving numerous groups. Hopefully this will bring positive thought within the Command, i.e. Moorehead street, Eden being tabled.

Commander speaks of State Plan.

S/Sgt Michelle speaks of a Pilot Project of Docs which may be implemented if Funding and a Co-ordinator approved. The families down in the area would surely benefit from such a program.

A Drug and Juvenile Councillor is needed within the area.

Insp McNeill speaks of services in place to assist the above.

Commander explains Alcohol related crimes through Licencee's and how we are a category 3 which is the bottom of the scale.

Mr Constance speaks of drug related crime in Binji

S/Sgt Michelle speaks of

- The positive side.
- Extra Summer safe staff
- Current low crime in the Southern Cluster
- New Years Eve in Merimbula well organised

Insp McNeill requested problems to be tabled and the local community to bring forward issues to meeting. He speaks of the Bodalla community Project - Update which was done through proceeds of Crime funds.

Mr Constance speaks of Moorehead Street, not police related but anti social behaviour within the housing commission community.

Insp McNeill states that Moorehead street has been quieter of late.

Mr Schweitzer states that Community days have been organised etc.

Ms Simpson states that there are only a couple of families still a problem within the area. If Daphne or Eddie (Aboriginal Liaison officers) were in the area it would greatly benefit the community.

S/Sgt Michelle states that once again due to the Geographic's of our Command this is not always achievable.

Summary of Action Items Arising From Previous Meeting – Insert date

Item	Responsible Officer	Action Date
ACTION 1: Insert issue Insert details		
ACTION 2: Insert issue Insert details		
ACTION 3: Insert issue Insert details.		
ACTION 4: Insert issue Insert details.		