

Walcha Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting 27 April 2010 – Walcha Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Bill Heazlett, Mr Terry Sanders – Walcha Central School, Inspector Kylie Endemi, Sergeant Betteridge, Senior Constable Jennifer Ridley, Mrs Jill Smith

Apologies: Supt Pheeny, Cr Levingston, Mr Richard Torbay MP, Mrs Karen Farrell – Walcha Central School, Mrs McRae – St Patrick's School, Mr David Lchette, NSW Ambulance, Const Harvey

Meeting commenced: 10.10am

Welcome extended to the meeting by the Mayor.

Overview of meeting and introduction Inspector Endemi.

Items from previous meeting:

- Tia Diggings Road – RTA are still working on this problem.
- The Highway Patrol have continued to be active in the area. Speed limits are being enforced. The Region Commander, Mr Bradshaw has highlighted this area as being of concern and he has given his full support to ensure the roads are adequately patrolled.
- Safe Driver Expo for student – further discussion – Mr Sanders will make every effort for these students to attend this Expo this year.

Overview of crime in Walcha given by Sergeant Betteridge, Sector Supervisor Walcha.

- No on going criminal activity in the area – generally 'one off' matters.
- Discussion re juveniles possibly stealing alcohol from IGA. IGA are co-operating with police and are considering installing CCTV.

Action: Sgt Betteridge to keep in contact with IGA to encourage the introduction of CCTV.

Action: Const Harvey – Safer by Design to be conducted.

Walcha Show went well – no assaults reported. Races also went well – one person charged with a number of offences. Rodeo/Camp draft – no problems either.

Staffing:

With Police on holidays, sickness and performing duties in Goulburn numbers have been reduced however Walcha is maintaining a good coverage of the area with their roster. With the cooler climate commencing this generally means a reduction in crime.

General Business:

Discussions re students, in particular sex crimes, sex-texting etc. Mr Sanders was advise a member of the JIRT (Joint Intelligence Response Tea) is available to deliver lectures to students on the consequences.

Action: D/S/C Josh McKenzie to contact Mr Terry Sanders, Principal Walcha Central School to arrange.

Discussion re Aboriginal 'Circle Sentencing' which is operating in Armidale – this is a successful program.

Discussion re damage to public areas and facilities in Walcha – strategies to address.

Discussion re availability of drugs in Walcha – police have taken action recently through the newspaper asking people to come forward with information and this has proved to be highly successful. Search warrants were executed resulting in seizure of cannabis. People with any knowledge of drug activity are encourage to come forward to Police or contact Crime stoppers.

Mayor Heazlett complimented the local police on the way they conduct themselves and the respect they have from the community.

Meeting closed 12.35am Minutes: J. Smith

Next Meeting – 22 November 2010 – 11am Walcha Council Chambers