

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND
MINUTES OF GLEN INNES/INVERELL/TENTERFIELD CSPC
HELD AT GLEN INNES LEARNING CENTRE
WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH, 2011
COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM**

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Present: Det Insp Greig Stier (Chair), Mr Richard Torbay, Member for Northern Tablelands; Mr Toby Smith, Mayor Tenterfield Council; Mr Geoff Nye, Tenterfield Chamber of Commerce; Mr Bill Monro, Glen Innes Business Rep; Mr Col Price, Deputy Mayor, Glen Innes/Severn Council; Insp Rowan O'Brien, Sgt Duane MacPherson; A/Sgt Shaun Bird; S/C Amanda Waters CPO; Chris Milne, Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Supt Bruce Lyons; Mr Steve Toms, Mayor Glen Innes/Severn Council; Mr Barry Johnston, Mayor Inverell Council; Mr Robert Ditchfield, Inverell Chamber; Insp Garry Huard; Sgt Carter Knyvett

WELCOME: Meeting addressed by Supt Lyons by phone who gave his apologies and mentioned that he intended to visit all members of the CSPC to discuss community issues. Chair of meeting D/Insp Stier also welcomed all participants.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING RATIFIED: Mr Torbay – seconded Insp O'Brien.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Crime Prevention Officer to attend Tenterfield and speak to Mayor and business owners regarding break and enters.

CRIME REPORTS

Presentation provided by Insp Stier including an explanation of problems and well as areas performing well. Domestic violence figures and action rated provided

STAFFING

Inverell – One vacancy closing 23/3 – no real staffing issues. Tenterfield is one over strength. Glen Innes – one down, however sectors are at strength. One Sgt over strength.

MATTERS OF INTEREST

Insp O'Brien mentioned the cooperation with emergency services at/near Inverell, especially Ashford. He expressed his thanks to the Ashford SES and VRA.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Trevett Murder – Insp Stier ran operation. Local police did a very good job with an investigation over 3 states that took 3 months. Local media should be congratulated for the manner in which it was covered. Other contributors were National Parks, SES and Rural Fire who helped search large areas.

Tenterfield – Mayor Smith mentioned that policing in Tenterfield is very good with a very good team. He mentioned that Tenterfield has had some major recent events over the past few months with no problems. Mr Torbay also mentioned that he is getting very good feedback from Tenterfield regarding community engagement. Very pleased with how Tenterfield is going.

Mobile phone use at schools at Tenterfield had faced a crackdown with suspensions for some students. As a result there has been a reduction in organised fights.

Mr Smith – Still concerns about calling locally and being transferred to Armidale when no one is at the station. Also mentioned that LACACC and Aboriginal Consultative Committee at council should amalgamate so as not to duplicate.
ACTION: Sgt Knyvett to liaise with Council.

Issues with licensing at Glen Innes show. Police are willing to meet with committee to discuss problems and find a solution.

Meeting closed: 3.15pm.