

**Mid North Coast Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes  
Port Macquarie Hastings Council  
10 February 2016**

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**Attendees:**

<b>Police:</b>	Supt FEHON Det C/Insp CLARKE Sgt SAINSBURY Sgt KABLE S/Con CHERRY
<b>Mayor of PMHC</b>	Peter BESSELLING
<b>Community Corrections</b>	Mark RUTHERFORD
<b>Kempsey Council</b>	Adrian BEST
<b>Community Members</b>	Graeme CUNYNGHAME
<b>Media</b>	Louise RENNIE (NBN) Ben COOPER (Port News)

**Apologies:**

Dept of Prem & Cabinet	Katherine EMERTON
Mayor of Kempsey	Liz CAMPBELL
Mayor of Nambucca	Rhonda HOBAN
PMHC	Sharon GRIFFTHIS
Dept of Education	Mark YOUNGBLUTT
Kempsey Council	Cathy OLIVER
Community	Rosemary PENNY, Margaret KIDD.

**Start:** 10.15am

**1) Introduction and Welcome**

Supt FEHON welcomed everybody to the meeting. and each person introduced themselves to the others present.

**2) Matters arising from previous minutes**

Sgt SAINSBURY; Traffic matters in Nambucca. Complainant ongoing communication with Police.

**3) Crime review by Sgt Sainsbury**

- Business Plan results to date (Local Area Command)
- 10 year incident comparison (LAC)
- Control Charts – Main Crime Categories – Past 3 Years
- More detailed analysis for Port Macquarie/Hastings
  - \*Control charts for the past 3 years.
  - \*Review of major incident types over the past 12 weeks.
  - \*Crime mapping
- Significant recent arrests.

## Ten Year Incident Comparisons.

Compass Category	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Assault (Alcohol & DV)	296	321	376	315	308	276	289	265	269	213
Assault (Alcohol & Non-DV)	450	496	504	501	434	378	360	307	282	249
Assault (DV)	604	624	690	656	634	565	636	643	613	607
Assault (Non-DV)	944	1028	987	992	958	828	853	795	748	681
Break And Enter - Dwelling	778	834	637	879	1042	944	921	765	858	869
Break And Enter - Non Dwelling	673	669	535	584	460	632	468	345	314	235
Drug Detection - Possess	298	325	373	336	344	363	445	568	581	670
Drug Detection - Supply	87	120	110	87	113	99	116	145	173	102
Fraud	374	363	320	296	373	355	331	438	391	435
Malicious Damage	2056	2048	2205	2088	1934	1757	1629	1544	1381	1210
Powers - Move on	842	965	1073	1159	1120	803	701	724	720	717
Powers - Person Search	859	1171	1376	1543	1857	1447	1718	2145	2452	2897
Powers - Vehicle Search	236	359	387	385	451	346	350	555	565	802
Robbery	54	40	39	47	55	52	67	60	46	42
Sexual Assault (Adult)	26	58	35	63	29	38	35	35	40	30
Steal From Dwelling	632	602	582	600	661	580	614	591	609	503
Steal From Motor Vehicle	623	660	700	833	814	870	824	689	541	531
Steal From Person	102	83	86	75	75	90	66	84	77	48
Steal From Retail Store	248	262	274	223	318	250	286	283	248	264
Stolen Vehicles	332	318	316	441	383	409	293	314	288	275

 Denotes pro-activity category

### Nambucca Cluster

Control Charts for the past 3 years – major crime categories with January 2016 projections  
Assault, Break & Enter, Drug Detection, Fraud, Malicious Damage, Robbery, Stealing and Stolen Vehicle/Vessel.

### Macleay Cluster results

Control Charts for the past 3 years – major crime categories with November 2015 projections  
Assault, Break & Enter, Drug Detection, Fraud, Malicious Damage, Robbery, and Stealing, Stolen Vehicle/Vessel.

### Hastings Cluster results: including a more details look at the past 12 weeks

- Number & percentage of incidents in each sector
- Control Charts for the past 3 years – major categories
- More detailed look at the past 12 weeks
- Crime Mapping
- Other incidents of note

**Assault – 12 weeks to 31/1/16**

152 incidents in this period

- 110 Common assaults
- 39 ABH assaults
- 3 GBH assaults

47% in residential premises

31% in public places

8% in licensed premises

38% Alcohol related

32% DV related

3% Drug related

**Break & Enter – 12 weeks to 31/1/2016**

137 incidents in this period

21 were attempts only

18 others no property stolen

85% residential premises

7% business premises

61% entry via door (front more prominent)

28% entry via window (rear more prominent)

**Drug Detection – 12 weeks to 31/1/2016**

131 incidents in this period

- 101 drug possession
- 12 cultivate drug
- 3 supply drug

60% involved cannabis

18% involved methyl/amphetamines

8% pharmaceutical drugs

**Fraud – 12 weeks to 31/1/2016**

81 incidents in this period

- 39 deception offences
- 20 fail to pay offences
- 12 other fraud
- 5 counterfeit currency

20 incidents occurred at Service Stations

Fraudulent use of lost/stolen credit cards account for a significant proportion of deception offences.

**Malicious Damage – 12 weeks to 31/1/2016**

150 incidents in this period

- 10% recorded as graffiti

48% in residential premises

29% in public places

11% in educational premises.

17% DV related

14% alcohol related

**Robbery – 12 weeks to 31/1/2016**

3 robberies were of relatively minor nature. 2 being late reports.

Knives reportedly involved in 2 of the cases.

1 Robbery at residential premises, the other two in public places

### **Stealing – 12 weeks to 31/1/2016**

296 incidents in this period

- 47% other steal
- 33% steal from vehicle
- 12% steal from retail store

35% from public places

32% from residential premises

17% from businesses

### **Stolen vehicle/vessel – 12 weeks to 31/1/2016**

54 incidents in this period, including 10 attempts

Only 1 vessel

5 trailers (including 1 caravan)

4 motorcycles

46% from residential premises

44% from public places

42% of vehicles remain unrecovered

### **Other Incidents of note – 12 weeks to 31/1/2016**

In addition to the 1004 incidents in the major crime categories, a further 5010 incidents are recorded as having occurred in the Hastings Cluster in this 12 week period. These fell into 60 separate incident categories with some of the more significant of these being;

- 1742 traffic incidents
- 427 Person Searches
- 212 Business Inspections
- 207 Child at Risk incidents
- 198 DV – No offence incidents
- 120 Move On directions
- 102 Major Traffic Crashes
- 73 Mental Health incidents

### **Significant arrests – past 3 months**

- On 6 February 2016, two Kempsey men aged 28 and 22 were arrested in relation to the discharge of a firearm in Kempsey 4 days earlier. Both offenders were charged with Discharge firearm with intent to cause GBH, Possess loaded firearm, Fire firearm in public place, Carry firearm in a manner likely to injury and Malicious Damage.
- On 27 January, two men were arrested at King Creek. A large quantity of what police will allege is MethyI amphetamine was located. One offender charged with supply & possess a prohibited drug, resist arrest & traffic offences, the other was charged with an outstanding warrant assault police, resist police & malicious damage.
- On 12 January a Kempsey man wanted on 10 outstanding arrests warrants, was arrested in Kempsey. This man had been eluding police up & down the coast since April 2015.
- On 4 January, a Bowraville man wanted for being armed with intent and other matters was arrested in Nambucca Heads. When arrested he was found in possessions of a 25cm knife secreted in his waistband.
- On 29 December 2015, police arrested a 30 year old Port Macquarie man in relation to a home invasion in Port Macquarie 3 weeks earlier. He was charged with Aggravated break & enter & commit serious indictable offence, assault occasioning actual bodily harm and goods in custody suspected of being stolen.
- On 22 December 2015, police arrested a 15 year old Kempsey youth in relation to a home invasion and sexual offence committed on a 61 year old Kempsey woman 5 days earlier.
- On 16 December 2015 a 19 year old Kempsey man was arrested in the CBD of Kempsey. He was charged with Assault with intent to rob, serious traffic offences and 4 outstanding warrants.
- On 4 December with the assistance of State Protection Support Unit officers, a search warrant was executed on a house in Kempsey where a 19 year old Kempsey man was

arrested on outstanding matters. He was charged with firearm, Assault, Intimidation and armed with intent offences.

- On 4 December 2015, Police arrested a 26 year old Macksville man. This person had been on the run from police for 6 months in both the local area and South Australia. He was charged with 5 outstanding warrants and other offences.

## **Crime Discussion**

### **a) Increase in Detective numbers at Kempsey**

**D/Insp CLARKE:** Our detectives are a LAC resource and are moved to where they are needed. The Mid North Coast LAC contributes 4 detectives S/F ROSANN (William Tyrell investigation) along with investigators from major crime squads. We have a new full time detective and have Detectives coming back from maternity and other leave there to boost the numbers. S/F Rosann constantly being reviewed.

### **b) Proactivity – Bike Unit.**

**Supt FEHON:** With the new officers that have been coming to the LAC a General Duties Support Unit has been formed and is used all over the LAC. At our tasking and deployment meetings we are able to pinpoint where they are most needed.

They have been equipped with a Police vehicle with the ANPR (automated national plate register) that recognizes vehicles that are unregistered, uninsured, the driving license status of the registered owner and if there are any warnings on the vehicle re drugs/associates/warrants etc.

The bike unit that belongs to the Proactive group that is on duty over the Christmas Holidays is able to patrol isolated areas and is responsible for a large number of reported incidents and arrests of offenders. There are 2 bikes at each cluster.

The LAC would like to be able to have the proactive team working from Christmas through to Easter and the school holidays but due to Work, Health and Safety requirements all operational Police have to undergo annual training consisting of reaccreditation of bikes, State Protection Support Unit (SPSU), Firearms etc.

Our front line Police numbers are very important and due to this training we only have the resources for the bike unit to be restricted to the holiday periods.

With those significant arrests Police were doing a great job. Putting in a lot of hours to get the job done.

### **c) Mobile Drug Testing**

**Supt FEHON:** The drug testing bus is stored at Kempsey and used all over the LAC.

We continue to run operations with the HWP. The MNC LAC had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest amount of RBT's in the Northern Region for the past 12 weeks.

Continued advertising of drink/drug driving is needed as people will get arrested if they do take the risk.

Contributions by committee members to general discussion were well accepted.

**Supt FEHON:** Good to see you people here. The meetings take away the perception and show the true statistics of reported crime in the LAC.

## **4) Next Meeting**

Next meeting is the 10 May 2016 at Kempsey, 16 August at Nambucca and the 22 November back at Port Macquarie.

**Finish 11.25am.**

**Action Items**

<b>Action Items</b>			
<b>Intended Outcome</b>	<b>Agreed Strategies</b>	<b>Partner Agencies / Community member</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Nil			