

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND
MINUTES OF ARMIDALE/URALLA/GUYRA CSPC
HELD AT ARMIDALE POLICE STATION
WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2009
COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM**

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

PRESENT Mr Richard Torbay, Member for Northern Tablelands; Mr Mark Dusting, Mayor Uralla Shire Council; Mr Peter Ducat, Mayor Armidale Dumaresq Council; Mr Hans Hietbrink, Mayor, Guyra Shire Council; Ms Sue Duhram, Armidale Liquor Accord; Ms Rhonda Lees, University of New England; Mr Steve Widders, Aboriginal Representative; Mr Dave Cushway, Guyra Shire Council; Supt Greg Martin; Insp Rod Shoemith; A/Insp Tony Ehsman; Chris Milne Executive Officer; S/C Joanne Habgood

APOLOGIES: Ms Gennie Gittoes, NSW Farmers Association; Mr Philip Flick, Armidale Chamber of Commerce

WELCOME: Mr Martin thanked all parties for attending and welcomed all members.

Minutes of last meeting ratified.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

Membership of CSPC

Membership will remain the same as per previous PACT meetings. Other persons can be invited as required.

- **Presentation of Crime including Hotspot mapping to show the identified crime, charts depicting peak times and days for crime, an overview of the intelligence process used to identify crime hotspots.**

Crime Reports:

- Sector Control Charts maps and supporting material presented to PACT members as a slideshow.

Armidale

Assault: Good figures for summer months. Domestic assaults show similar figures.

Break and Enter: Higher. 3 groups targeted and arrests made. Figures then dropped.

Major Traffic Crashes: Static figures. Numerous operations run.

Malicious Damage: Spike in March. Groups targeted and arrests made. Figures then dropped.

Stealing: Figures dropped after arrests

Robbery: Will be reported in next meeting

Stolen Motor Vehicles: 11 in March, 5 in April - dropping

PROACTIVITY

Move on and Person Search: Very good proactivity

** Action – CPO to contact schools to reinforce safe party packs**

Mr Torbay raised issues at Giraween and contact by a member of the public. Requests ongoing contact. Email to be forwarded and action taken by CPO

Uralla

Good results across all crime categories. Mal damage up slightly. Re damage to bus shelter, CPO has done an assessment and lighting is an issue. CPO is working with Council to rectify.

CPO raised the issues of hotels trading past midnight and the fact that warnings were issued. Also young persons have been supplying alcohol and there have been 13 notifications to DOCS. Mr Dusting reported that shop owners have reported that they had to clean up glass etc. Uralla will be targeted for alcohol related crime. TAG and Licensing Officer to report to next meeting. If required Mr Torbay will make representations regarding the DOCS referrals.

Guyra

Very good figures overall.

Mayor raised issues with the Royal Hotel. Issues with opening hours and people lingering in parks and car park after hours. Often if police patrol they will hide in bushes then reappear when car has gone. Issues with RSA at this hotel Thursday and Saturday nights. Operations are planned for Guyra by licensing police.

Tingha

Good figures. No issues.

Agenda items:

Emerging issues: Mr Ducat raised issues of people obtaining liquor at Invergowrie earlier than when they can obtain it at other places. Licensing officer indicated that premises are able to trade from 5am.

Mr Widders raised issues regarding the Aboriginal knockout and the fact that nothing is certain that the event will proceed due to factional issues and a lack of a formal proposal. Mr Torbay will follow up to attempt to get some certainty.

Mr Torbay raised the issue that a number of FOI requests have been issued for certain towns outside the New England area for their crime statistics. Mr Torbay asked for the agreement of CSPC for him to be able to proactively summarise crime stats for New England for his column or on radio. CSPC agreed that statistic summaries can be provided.

Staffing Issues: Command is 6 over strength currently, but will come back to strength in the short term due to attrition.

Interagency Development: No issues with interagency development. Commander went to first “Place” meeting at Inverell which was well attended.

Matters of Interest:

Ms Duhram raised issues of the liquor accord where their main concern is the secondary supply of alcohol to minors.

Mr Widders raised the issue of offensive language in public in the Mall. Agreed that Police will be tasked to address this issue.

St Mary’s school – Guyra. People are disregarding the school zone and speeding past the school. CSPC agreed that HWP will be tasked. Mr Torbay stated that a flashing “school zone” sign is to be installed.

General Business:

Nil

Meeting closed: 11.30am