

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND
MINUTES OF ARMIDALE/URALLA/GUYRA CSPC
HELD AT ARMIDALE POLICE STATION
WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 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 Jim Maher, Deputy Mayor Armidale Dumaresq Council;; Ms Rhonda Lees, University of New England; Mr Dave Cushway, Guyra Shire Council; Supt Greg Martin; Insp Rod Shoosmith; A/Sgt Dave Gayner; Chris Milne Executive Officer;

APOLOGIES: Mr Hans Hietbrink, Mayor, Guyra Shire Council; Ms Sue Duhram, Armidale Liquor Accord Ms Gennie Gittoes, NSW Farmers Association; Ms Elizabeth Egan, Armidale Chamber of Commerce. Mr Steve Widders, Aboriginal rep. S/C Joanne Habgood

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

Minutes of last meeting ratified.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Giraween: S/C Habgood to contact Mr Torbay re correspondence with representative concerning Giraween issues. All other matters were targeted/addressed by relevant units.

Graffiti

Issues of graffiti were raised by Mr Maher. There is racist graffiti in the lane of the old Commonwealth Bank. Cameras do not cover this area. The side wall was painted and graffiti appeared the next day. **** Action**** Police and Council to coordinate response when wall is next painted. Location of cameras to be examined. Sgt Gayner to action.

- **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 CSPC members as a slideshow.

Armidale

Assault: Alcohol related under BP target 12-13. No large amounts at hotels. ** Action item** Need to examine new security camera covering White Bull Hotel. Need to explore security at Taxi Rank. Crime Manager to liaise with Council. Non DV assaults no issues, DV assaults, some underreporting. There have been some serious domestic violence assaults.

Break and Enter: (Dwelling) Have had a good run recently with some good arrests. Small amounts of property. (Non dwelling) 21 in May but has dropped dramatically. Mainly children. New trained Scene of Crime Officer starting soon.

Drug detection: Consistent figures of 6 and 5. Persons are using drugs prior to going out rather than taking drugs to venues. (Supply) extremely low numbers.

Major Traffic Crashes: Not a big issue for Armidale. HWP going very well.

Malicious Damage: Around 40 recently.

Stolen Motor Vehicles: Has dropped well. Mostly joy riding with cars not damaged.

Steal from Motor Vehicles: Emerging trend in Armidale. Many breaking into homes and stealing car keys then stealing the car.

Stealing: Hovering around 22-30. Targeting shop stealing with store prevention officers.

PROACTIVITY

Move on and Person Search: Very good proactivity

Uralla

Very low figures overall. No major issues.

Guyra

Very good figures overall. Small numbers

Tingha

Assaults flagging somewhat, mainly domestic violence. Other areas very good.

Agenda items:

Emerging issues: (NARLA – Aboriginal rugby league knockout) All towns surrounding Armidale will be supported. Police are having weekly meetings with Council. Planning well underway.

Youth Conduct Orders. Commenced 1 July as another diversion for 14-18 year olds to keep them out of gaol. Multi agency approach. There are 5 orders pending across the Command. As a result of this we are now part of the Anti Social Behaviour Pilot program and can exchange information with other agencies with whom we are having regular meetings.

Point made that 14 as a starting age is too old. Youth Conduct orders should start at a younger age of 10 or 12 which would make them more effective. Mr Torbay will examine and take up suggestion.

Mr Torbay mentioned that the State Plan is being resurrected. The Premier is coming to Armidale next Monday for a meeting re these issues.

Staffing Issues: Command is 6 over strength currently, but will come back to strength by the end of the year. Guyra will be at full strength soon. Uralla at full strength but some injuries. Tingha – vacant position advertised last week and will be filled by the end of the year. Block rostering to be trialled at Tingha so Tingha police will not be called to Inverell that often.

Interagency Development: No issues with interagency development. Going very well.

Matters of Interest:

Nil

General Business:

Nil

Meeting closed: 11.30am