



**Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting**  
**Green Valley LAC**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2010**  
**Green Valley Police Station**

Meeting Chaired by Supt. Szalajko.

**Minutes**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Mohamad HBOUS	Islamic Association of NSW
George Smith	Local Resident – 2168 Action Group
Bernadino SIRY	NSW Police - MCLO – Green Valley
Paul Lynch	State Member for Liverpool
Anita Hanna	Community 2168
Les Simons	Liverpool City Council
Aiyaaz SHAH	Muslim League of NSW
Rana Qummouh	The Hub
Det Supt. Mark Szalajko	NSW Police – Commander - Green Valley
Det Insp. Con Galea	NSW Police – Crime Manager – Green Valley
Cst Kylie Simpson	NSW Police – Crime Prevention Officer –Intelligence Office
Insp. Siobhan Busetto	NSW Police – Duty Officer - Green Valley

**Meeting Opened at 10.10am**

- 1. Apologies from Ms. Wendy Waller - Mayor of Liverpool.**
- 2. Previous minutes – reviewed and accepted.**
- 3. Outstanding actions:**

NO OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

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#### 4. Commander's Overview – presented by Supt. Szalajko.

- Acknowledges the positive work of this committee, the committee has developed structure and consistency to meetings, minutes etc.
- Mr. Mennilli has returned to his position as Region Commander – SWM Region.
- Green Valley LAC now has a full Senior Management team; Det Insp. Galea has arrived from Campbelltown LAC to perform the role of Duty Officer. Chief Insp. Kitley has taken up the remaining Duty Officer position.
- The LAC now has a substantive Intelligence sergeant – Sgt Sadler. Sgt Sadler was previously attached to the Airwing. The remaining vacant Sergeant's position is to be filled.
- Crime is very low at the moment. We can't fall asleep; things can change very quickly and without warning. We ask the question of why crime is low. It is low because we are all working hard and this effort and commitment are paying off.
- We have also achieved improvements in Customer Service and we have completed our phase of Community Engagement programs within the Cecil Hills, Carnes Hill and Green Valley communities.
- Supt. Szalajko delivered a presentation which provided an overview of reported crime in Miller over the last 10 years. The presentation revealed a decrease in reported crime.
  - i) Rana Qummouh stated that the figures presented are not reflective of the everyday experience for many people in Miller. A lot of the crime and incidents are not reported. Are we dealing with perception as opposed to actual incidents?
  - ii) Supt. Szalajko does recognise the fear held by some residents, particularly the elderly and this is considered when assigning tasks and directing Police to the right locations at the right time.
  - iii) Paul Lynch agreed that Miller is not a violent place. Mr. Lynch questioned whether improvements require a Police response, or should we address by other means. Suggests that the approach should be a non criminal response to a non criminal problem. Mr. Lynch believes that we should recognise the social issues and not only focus on the criminal aspects. We cannot continue to expect Police alone to bring about change, it must be a multi-agency approach with a variety of strategies.
  - iv) Rana Qummouh supports Mr. Lynch' comments and states that the community require a multi-agency approach for sustained improvement.
  - v) Les Simons asked just how many offenders are responsible for crime.

- vi) Supt. Szalajko stated that the LAC has approximately five (5) high risk offenders. We know that these offenders are active, they represent an extremely small portion of our community. We have strategies in place to reduce their activity.
- vii) Paul Lynch asked how many of the schools in the area still require fencing.  
**FOLLOW UP – Insp Busetto to speak with YLO Cst Wilkinson to obtain this information.**

**5. Crime Manager’s Overview – Presented by Det Insp. Galea**

- Det Insp. Galea provided an overview of his employment history in the NSW Police Force.
- Green Valley is changing, residential areas are expanding, and development also involves shopping centres, schools and other infrastructure appearing in the area.
- Green Valley is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest LAC geographically in the South West Metropolitan Region. This poses dilemmas when policing, but we do manage.
- .Det. Insp. Galea provided an overview of the crime categories:

<b>Break Enter and Steal</b>	The Command has experienced a reduction in this crime category.
<b>Robbery</b>	Robbery offences are currently LOW in the Command. This is a serious offence and needs to be reported.  The Command now has a Robbery Desk and Detectives will oversight the investigation. .
<b>Stealing</b>	Evenly spread throughout the Command. Many involve retail theft, the goods stolen are alcohol for personal use and also cosmetics which in turn can be sold or exchanged for drugs.
<b>Malicious Damage</b>	These offences involve rock throwing, egg throwing with damage to vehicles and buildings. A small number of offenders can have an impact very quickly with extensive damage caused.

<b>Stolen Motor Vehicles</b>	The Command has experienced a reduction in this crime category.
<b>Fraud</b>	The majority of these incidents relate to <i>Fail to Pay for Petrol</i> . The Command has SOPs in place for the reporting and investigation of these matters.

## 6. General Discussion:

i) Proactivity within the Command – a targeted approach. Different MORNING and EVENING taskings are assigned to the car crews. There is a spread across the Command, which is dependant upon where and when incidents of crime are occurring. We are flexible in assigning taskings and they are consistently reviewed and modified to have an impact on crime at that time.

ii) The breakdown of deployments indicates that 15% of taskings are performed in Miller. This is having a positive impact.

iii) Les Simons – Liverpool Council are encouraging people (residents/business people) to report incidents of malicious damage

iv) Les Simons and Paul Lynch indicated that The Hub at Miller is looking better, graffiti is removed as soon as possible and this has a positive impact. Liverpool Council now has 6 people employed for graffiti cleaning and repairs.

v) Concerns expressed regarding trail bikes in the Miller area. Bikes are ridden along the corridors behind homes, different times of the day and on different days. Bikes have also been seen on ovals and parklands in the area.

REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF FAIRFIELD HWP – PERHAPS TRAIL BIKE OPERATION –

**FOLLOW UP – Insp. Busetto to contact Fairfield HWP to request this.**

vi) Heckenberg Shopping Centre requires a clean up – this is not a policing issue; this is a matter for Liverpool Council.

vii) George Smith raised his concern about a dark car, either a Ford or Holden speeding along Orchard Road at Busby each afternoon about 3.10pm and 3.20pm. **FOLLOW UP – Insp. Busetto to contact Fairfield HWP and request patrols of the street at those times.**

viii) Rana Qummouh advised that workers at The Hub will continue to document any safety concerns people express in Miller. Community members state that they are fearful of accessing The Hub for activities. This is disappointing and impacts on participation and effectiveness of programs.

**7. Next Meeting Details:**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2010  
Green Valley Islamic College  
234 Wilson Road, Green Valley**

**Meeting to commence at 10.00am**

*Thank you for your continued participation*