



**Flemington Local Area Command**  
**Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes**

Sanders Room, Auburn Council

Tuesday 01 February 2011

10.00am – 11.00am

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- John BURGESS – General Manager, Auburn City Council
- Nahil DABIT – Representative, Office of Barbara Perry MP
- Patricia FROST – Representative, Inner West Skills Centre
- Elizabeth GRAVES – Acting Manager (Community Development), Strathfield Council
- Tony MAROUN – Mayor, Strathfield Council
- Miriam NOUR – Representative, Auburn Diversity Services Inc
- Hong ONG – Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Flemington Local Area Command
- Ronney OUEIK – Mayor, Auburn City Council
- Philip ROGERSON – Commander, Flemington Local Area Command
- Julie SLOGGETT – Community Safety and Public Education Officer, Auburn City Council
- Scott WHYTE – Crime Manager, Flemington Local Area Command
- Stephen ZENOS – Representative, Office of Virginia Judge MP

**APOLOGIES:**

- Khaldoun ASFOUR – Representative, Office of Barbara Perry MP
- Leanne KELLY – Crime Prevention Officer, Flemington Local Area Command

**AGENDA ITEM**

**Action by:**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 & 2 – Discussed by Superintendent Philip Rogerson**

- Chairperson welcomed everyone on the meeting
- The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and are to be posted on the intranet for the information of NSW Police personnel
- Resources issues discussed:
  - 27 new probationary constables
  - Currently 4 Inspectors on board – will be advertised in February for new Duty Officer
  - Around 6 vacancies in Sergeant positions
  - Shortfall in Highway Patrol Unit
  - Reviewing promotion system to result in effective leadership
  - Looking to ensure Commuter Crime Unit does not go away from LAC due to its benefits to large railway stations such as Lidcombe & Strathfield
  - Additional car resulting in 27 vehicles for the LAC; analysis on vehicles also being carried to ensure working equipment to assist effective policing
  - One officer, Cst Rashan Keles, seriously injured in truck accident; currently monitored closely by command

- New Year's Eve 2010
  - Event managed successfully with 4 arrests, 4 tons of illegal fireworks seized and action against Sydney distributors
  - Success also evaluated based on calls for assistance: 661 calls re anti-social behaviour and fireworks for 2009/10 and only 2 calls for 2010/11
  - Commander Rogerson acknowledged a number of internal resources put in covertly and overtly including Middle Eastern Organized Crime Squad, Public Order & Riots Squad, PolAir, etc
  - Commander Rogerson gave thanks to Auburn City Council for assisting with operational plans
  - Commander Rogerson appreciated assistance from local leaders in getting message across to the local communities
  - Debrief in January/February and document success
  - Mayor Oueik and General Manager Burgess both would like appreciation recorded – Council received only one complaint for this year re event
- Upcoming focus on Big Day Out and dance parties in Sydney Olympic Park – very resource intensive

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Crime Report by Detective Inspector Adam Whyte**

- Meeting targets as per our Business Plan
- Crime stats/categories discussed with CSPC members
  - Robbery – 15 charged for 55 offences over 6 weeks
  - Stolen Motor Vehicles – focus on Tooheys Lane Carpark
  - Domestic Violence – focus on legal action rates
  - Forensic Services – trying to keep up
  - Traffic – high profile random breath tests runned last month, nil fatalities
  - Drugs – 15 arrested around Auburn Central
  - Proactive: Operation Spartan – 1000+ persons spoken to
- Next 6 months:
  - Crime Manager Whyte looking at negotiating a better outcome based on analysis on events in Sydney Olympic Park Precinct – Flemington LAC in unique position whereby local police has very intervening powers inside precinct and yet has to deal with crimes happening outside, particularly alcohol related anti-social behaviour that have resulted from the precinct
  - Combined operations due to a few success with co-operation between Drugs Squad and Highway Patrol
  - Continue to keep pressure on with warrants, controlled operations, high visibility policing, etc to take the grounds back with available resources
  - Get 3/4 good stories to media on regular basis so as to increase community confidence in police
- Meeting informed about suspicious activities being carried in mobile vehicles within Somalia community

- Crime Manager Whyte to discuss incident with General Manager Burgess after meeting

- Question raised re policing around Auburn Central – It was informed to the meeting that ongoing covert operations carried in this area and high visibility policing carried out via Hour of Power and Walk the Beat
- Question raised re domestic violence – it was identified victims, especially those in sexual/indecent assaults, were unwilling to assist police; work being done via respected elders and religious leaders though proactive community engagement
- Question raised re child protection – it was informed to the meeting that list of paedophiles closely monitored

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

- LAC exploring idea of releasing approved images of suspects in railway stations using large screen TVs [similar to images on police websites] with RailCorp; this could also potentially be used for getting out messages out to the community – such measures could possibly be funded via Proceeds of Crime with necessary supporting letters from LAC and councils
- Elizabeth Graves introduced herself as Acting Manager for Community Services in Strathfield Council; she informed the meeting
  - The next Break & Enter forum will be held at Strathfield Library in March: contact person is Nicole Andary
  - Crime Prevention Plan for 2011–13 being formulated with input from LAC via CPO: contact person is Amira Vijayanayagam
  - Community Safety Officer to be advertised after approval
- Julie Sloggett introduced herself as the new Community Safety Officer for Auburn City Council; she informed the meeting
  - Successful funding to run project re immobilisers
  - Initiative to reduce alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour via RSA/RCG course with young people aged 18 and above in partnership with Dooleys Catholic Club
  - Part time Somali worker being recruited to work with complex needs, including safety concerns, of growing community in Auburn LGA
- Commander Rogerson reminded members crime does cost and police operations will need to be balanced with limited resources available including wages, interpreters, etc

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 @ 10.00am in the Sanders Room, Auburn Council

#### **Meeting dates for 2011**

1<sup>st</sup> February 2011

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011

1<sup>st</sup> November 2011