



## Minutes

### Community Safety Precinct Committee Ashfield Local Area Command

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
 Ashfield Local Area Command -14 Victoria Street, Ashfield  
 Chairperson: Superintendent Ian Ball - Ashfield Local Area Command

### Attendees

Name	Agency	Position / Title
Supt. Ian Ball	New South Wales Police Force	Local Area Commander
Det. A/Insp. Ben Hopper	New South Wales Police Force	Crime Manager
Sgt. Mark Heywood	New South Wales Police Force	Highway Patrol Officer
Cst. Lisa Muaror	New South Wales Police Force	Crime Prevention Officer
Ms. Angela Lee	New South Wales Police Force	Multi Cultural Liaison Officer
Mr. Gerard Howard	Ashfield Council	Manager Community Services
Mr. Harry Diversi	Ashfield Council	Crime Prevention Officer
Mr. Peter Kapocius	Ashfield Council	Parks and Trees Coordinator
Mr. Brian Robson	Canterbury Council	Councillor
Ms. Sarah McKean	Canterbury Council	Crime Prevention Officer
Ms. Maria Pasten	Canterbury Council	Senior Electorate Officer
Mr. Charles Casuscelli	Strathfield Council	State Member of Parliament
Ms. Stacey Wilson	Parks and Wildlife	Acting Senior Field Officer
Mr. Brendan Horgan	Tyres 4U Pty Ltd	National Training Manager
Mr. Jorge Gutierrez	Summer Hill Community Centre	Manager
Mr. Gus Ferreira	Summer Hill Village Meats	Proprietor
Mr. Paul Trama	Ashfield Mall	Operations Manager
Ms. Linda Lord	Ashfield Mall	Centre Manager

### Apologies

Name	Agency	Position / Title
Ms. Kerrie Bush	Ashfield Business Chamber	President of Ashfield Business
Mr. Adam Hughes	Ashfield Council	Parks and Trees Supervisor
Mr. Metin Yildirim	Ashfield Council	Council Ranger Team Leader
Mr. Grahame Burton	Canterbury/Hurlstone Park Chamber of Commerce	Secretary
Ms. Deborah Drummond	Cardinal Freeman Village	Village Manager
Ms. Maria Cheng	Chinese Australian Services Society	Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Lucinda Castaldi	United Gardens Clinic Summer Hill	Liaison Officer

Agenda Item	Presenter	Issues/ discussion	Action and time frame
1	Constable Lisa Muaror	<b><i>Arrival and Registration of Community Leaders and Community Workers</i></b>  <b><i>Introduce Ashfield LAC Commander Supt. Ball</i></b>	Start 9.00am
2	Superintendent Ian Ball	<b><i>Welcome and introduction</i></b>  <b><i>Apologies</i></b> As listed above  <b><i>Agenda</i></b> Outline of meeting agenda.	9.05am
3	Constable Lisa Muaror	<b><i>Crime Prevention Officers Update</i></b> <b><i>CPO Activities in June/July 2011</i></b> Crime Prevention Awareness on: Bag snatching; Steal from Motor Vehicle, Pedestrian & Road Safety, Senior Safety Presentations, Weekly press releases of A/C and advisories, Promoting Next of KIN registrar, Distributing information flyers, and Conducting safety workshops.  Other projects under planning: Parenting Workshop for Culturally and Linguistic Diverse Community (in partnership with Chinese Australia Services Society & Ashfield Council); NRMA funded program on pedestrian & road safety (in partnership with CASS & Ashfield Council); Ashfield Council funded Crime Prevention Program targeting Steal from Motor Vehicles	9.10am
	Mr. Brian Robson	Q. What's Canterbury Council's involvement with the NRMA funded program on pedestrian & road safety and CASS'S involvement?	<b>Action: 0001</b> MCLO Angela Lee to liaise with Canterbury Council CPO Sarah McKean regarding NRMA funded project.
	MCLO Angela Lee	A. At the moment, CASS and Ashfield Council are working together on this project, where funding has been approved by the NRMA.  Supt. Ian Ball also mentioned the Next of KIN register which the NSW police have set up to enable the seniors living alone, to register their family and doctor's details. Esp. after the Surry Hills incident.	
<b><i>Crime Analysis and Crime Hot Spots within the command</i></b>			

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4	Det. A/Inspector Ben Hopper	<p>Det. A/Inspector Ben Hopper gave an overview of Crime in the Command for the last quarter including current statistics for each of the crime categories, general summary as well as hot times and days and the pro-active policing results for 2011 financial year.</p> <p>Det. A/Inspector Ben Hopper then provided an insight into some of the more significant arrests conducted by the Ashfield Proactive Crime Team, Detectives Office, Highway Patrol Unit and General Duties Police.</p> <p>Det. A/Inspector explained the state plan categories of Break and Enters and Sexual Assaults being reported and in Red. May/June there was an increase in B&amp;E particularly in suburbs such as Ashfield and Earlwood. The Command has organised Operations to target Break and Enters over the coming months.</p> <p>As for the Sexual Assault reports, Det. A/Inspector Hopper explained that the Sexual Assaults are Domestic Violence related, or historical matters. The command does not withdraw Domestic Violence matters without very good reason or unless the victim has gone overseas and not returned.</p>	9.15am
5	Det. A/Inspector Ben Hopper	<p><b>- Operational Overview</b></p> <p>Det. A/Inspector Ben Hopper gave an overview of Operations conducted within the Ashfield Command over the last quarter. He also discussed the effectiveness and the results obtained by Ashfield Police while conducting Region and LAC Operations such as VIKINGS, DRUG DOG, BIKES, LICENSING and SCHOOL SAFETY.</p>	9.45am
6	Sgt. Mark Heywood	<p><b>- Traffic/Highway Overview</b></p> <p>Sgt. Mark Heywood provided an overview of the Traffic/Highway Services Unit and their role. He then discussed results achieved by Traffic/Highway Patrol over the last quarter including Charges, Defects, RBT and TINs issued. He also discussed the role Traffic Services plays in managing serious motor vehicle collisions throughout the region.</p> <p>Sgt. Mark Heywood also discussed the MVA hotspot locations and the most improved intersections in the LAC. He also discussed Liverpool Road and Canterbury Road and pedestrian safety issues. He Stated that police will continue to be proactive as well as educate the local community in road safety awareness</p>	9.55am

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	<p>Mr. Brendan Horgan</p> <p>Sgt. Mark Heywood</p> <p>Mr. Brian Robson</p>	<p>particularly along the main arterial roads such as Liverpool Rd, Canterbury and Parramatta Road.. He also discussed the issue of safety in school zones and public education and awareness aimed at improving school zone safety.</p> <p>With the new AMPR equipment in the Highway cars, the speeding offences have decreased, however the mobile phone offences continue to rise. Sgt. Heywood explained how the AMPR works, and continues to pick up vehicles with warnings or that are reported stolen. The new equipment is very effective.</p> <p>Sgt. Heywood added the Ashfield LAC's crash rate is 9% below the target. A good result for the Command. However, Marrickville LAC's results were 5% over. Highway continues to patrol the hot spots to reduce collision rates.</p> <p>Q. Asked about the driveway of Tyre4U proving more and more difficult to exit from between 4-5pm, as motorists continue to speed past the driveway along Milton Street towards Georges River Road, and parked vehicles on the roadside, blocking their view of Milton Street. Staffs leaving work during peak travel are fearful?</p> <p>A. Explained that highway will monitor that location and increase patrols in that area.</p> <p>A. Suggested Mr. Brendan Horgan writes a letter to Canterbury Council and they will look into that.</p>	<p><b>Action: 0002</b> Highway to monitor location and increase patrols in that area. Mr. Horgan to write to Canterbury Council requesting the said location be looked in to and assessed.</p>

### Community concerns, feedback and discussion points

	<p>Ms. Maria Pasten</p> <p>Constable Lisa Muaror</p>	<p>Q. Asked for information about the Next of KIN registration?</p> <p>A. Agreed to send her an email with the Next of KIN registration form. Advised that the NOK program was in the Inner West Courier papers. Not many have responded to the program.</p>	<p>10.15am</p> <p><b>Action: 0003</b> Email Maria Pasten the Next of KIN registration forms.</p>
	<p>Mr. Gus Ferreira</p> <p>Sgt. Mark Heywood</p> <p>Mr. Charles Casuscelli</p>	<p>Q. Asked about the traffic speeding along Carlton Crescent cross of Lackey Street in Summer Hill and whether the speed limit can be brought down at Traffic lights. E.g. 40km speed limit for certain traffic lights?</p> <p>A. Explained that driver behaviour is unchangeable; many drivers continue to take risks. Police can only educate drivers and continue to patrol the troubled hotspots.</p> <p>A. Explained that he worked for the RTA and extensive research has been conducted and</p>	

		confirmed that driver behaviour was the number one contributing factor to the speed, and reducing the speed limit would not make any difference. Explained that although it is a very good idea, the notion was tried with no success on reducing the speed of drivers. Although when the traffic lights turn Amber, the driver's instinct is to hurry, therefore imposing a speed limit at the traffic light will only cause more confusion.	
Ms. Stacey Wilson  Supt. Ian Ball	Q. Asked about Wolli Creek BBQ areas, having increased Drug use in the area?  A. Explained that general duties officers will be tasked to patrol that area.		<b>Action: 0004</b> Constable Muaror to forward information to St George LAC's Intelligence for follow-up and action.
Mr. Jorge Gutierrez  Supt. Ian Ball	Q. Asked about the Syringes in the toilets at the Summer Hill Community Centre being a problem, particularly in the evenings?  A. Explained that he will task General duties police to up the patrols in that area.		<b>Action: 0005</b> Constable Muaror to forward information to Intel to update next bulletin.
	<b>Conclusion</b> Closure of the meeting with thanks delivered across the board. These meetings will be run every quarter with the next meeting planned on Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2011.		End 10.30am