

**Mid North Coast Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes  
Port Macquarie Hastings Shire Council  
22 November 2016**

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**Attendees:**

**Police:** Supt FEHON  
Det /Insp K FEHON  
A/Insp KABLE  
Sgt SAINSBURY  
A/Sgt BAILEY  
S/C CHERRY

**Dept of Education** Sue MACINDOE

**MNC Local Area Health District** D. COWAN  
K. ALLEN

**Community Members** Adrian DAVIS  
Evan HUMBLE  
Jack HOWARD

**Apologies:**

**Mayor of Kempsey** Liz CAMPBELL  
**Mayor of Nambucca** Rhonda HOBAN  
**Dept of Education** Mark YOUNGBLUTT  
**Community** Rosemary PENNY

**Start:** 10.05am

**1) Introduction and Welcome**

Supt FEHON welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and interest. Police officers present were introduced to those in attendance.

**2) Matters arising from previous minutes**

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

**3) Crime review by Sgt Sainsbury**

- Control charts - main crime categories – past 3 years
- More detailed analysis for Hastings Cluster:-
- Control charts for the past 3 years
- Review of major incident types over the past 12 weeks
- Other incidents of note
- Crime Mapping

**Macleay Cluster results**

Control Charts for the past 3 years – major crime categories. Assault, Break & Enter, Drug Detection, Fraud, Malicious Damage, Robbery, and Stealing, Stolen Vehicle/Vessel.

- **12 weeks between 25 August and 16 November 2016**
- **Accounts for 38% of the LAC total for these offences**

## **Nambucca Cluster**

Control Charts for the past 3 years – major crime categories. Assault, Break & Enter Drug Detection, Fraud, Malicious Damage, Robbery, and Stealing, Stolen Vehicle/Vessel.

- **12 weeks between 25 August and 16 November 2016**
- **Accounts for 19% of the LAC total for these offences**

## **HASTINGS CLUSTER**

- **Number & percentage of incidents in each sector**
- **Control Charts for the past 3 years – major categories**
- **More detailed look at the past 12 weeks**
- **Crime mapping**

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- **12 weeks between 25 August and 16 November 2016**
- **Accounts for 43% of the LAC total for these offences**

### **Assault – 12 weeks to 16/11/2016**

**Port Macquarie CBD the most prominent for public place assaults, but only 10 in this period.**

123 incidents in this period

- 90 Common assaults
- 23 ABH assaults

59% in residential premises

26% in public places

7% in business/commercial premises

41% Alcohol related

34% Domestic Violence related

1% Drug related

### **Break & Enter – 12 weeks to 16/11/2016**

67 incidents in this period

63% residential premises

21% business/commercial premises

6% industrial premises

Entry via doors were the most prominent – many unlocked

### **Drug Detection – 12 weeks to 16/11/2016**

76 incidents in this period

- 62 drug possession
- 6 other drug seizures
- 4 supply drug incidents
- 1 each of forge prescription & possess drug utensil

56 (58%) involved cannabis

18 (19%) involved methyl / amphetamines

7 (7%) involved Ecstasy

7 (7%) involved Pharmaceutical drugs

*(some incidents involve multiple drug types)*

### **Fraud – 12 weeks to 16/11/2016**

Average of only 4 per month over the past 17 months. Past 4 months have been below this average. Projection for May 2. 43% fail to pay offences

48 incidents in this period

- 21 fail to pay offences
- 15 deception offences
- 3 counterfeit currency

30 incidents at business/commercial premises (11 at 1 service station)

13 incidents at residential premises

4 incidents at Licensed premise

### **Malicious Damage – 12 weeks to 16/11/2016**

Current average of 16 per month, down from 19. May projection currently 16. 5% graffiti offences. 73% of incidents committed on residential premises

101 incidents in this period

- 8 as a sub category of graffiti

60% in residential premises

22% in public places

10% on business / commercial premises

4% in educational premises

16% DV related

11% alcohol related (*under reporting*)

### **Robbery – 12 weeks to 16/11/2016**

7 incidents in this period

5 armed robberies

2 other robberies (1 rejected)

3 incidents involved a knife, 1 a iron bar & 1 a small pistol

6 occurred in public places & 1 at a Service Station

### **Stealing – 12 weeks to 16/11/2016**

Current average of 24 per month. May projection is currently 20. 45% other steal, 31% steal from motor vehicle

223 incidents in this period

- 44% other steal
- 25% steal from motor vehicle
- 24% steal from retail store

35% from residential premises

18% from businesses/commercial premises

23% from public places

A significant increase in steal from retail store incidents due to a planned operation.

### **Stolen vehicle/vessel – 12 weeks to 16/11/2016**

Average of 6 per month. Projection of only 2 in May. 93% vehicles (only 1 vessel this year to date)

30 incidents in this period, including 4 attempts

Thefts included 4 box trailers, 1 caravan & 1 motorcycle

16 from public places

11 from residential premises

3 from other premise types

## **Crime Mapping**

Overview of crime viewed on maps for the information of those in attendance.

### **Other Incidents of note – 12 weeks to 16 November 2016**

In addition to the 614 incidents in the major crime categories, a further 4639 incidents are recorded as having occurred in the Hastings Cluster in this 12 week period. These fell into 62 separate incident categories with some of the more significant of these being;

- 1572 traffic incidents
- 365 Bail compliance checks
- 360 Person Searches
- 176 Domestic Violence – No offence incidents
- 144 Business Inspections
- 163 Child at Risk incidents
- 95 Vehicle Searches
- 63 Mental Health Act incidents

## **CRIME DISCUSSION**

**Adrian DAVIS** asked a series of questions relating to the major crime categories. These were answered by Supt FEHON and other Police.

INTRODUCE **D/INSP KIM FEHON** as the new **Crime Manager** of the **Mid North Coast LAC** replacing **Steve CLARKE** who has taken the role as Superintendent in the Hunter Valley.

### **D/Insp FEHON Significant Arrests/Issues**

- Drug Arrests in Kempsey.
- Male arrested for drugs at Port Macquarie Airport before flying to Lord Howe Island.
- South West Rocks Charging of 6 young people for four offences of Break and Enter.
- Arrest of two offenders after robbery at Greenhill General Store.
- Middleton Street Affray and Assault Police.
- Young person at St Pauls Highschool with affray shortly after leaving Children's Court.
- Issues at Nambucca Heads: - Shooting x 2 and stabbing. Ongoing dispute btw 2 families that is escalating. A lot of resources being used and yet no information forthcoming from the victims for Police to be able to act.
- Serious Assault in Port Macquarie where woman was stabbed and covered in petrol before being able to escape. Her attacker was stopped at Bonville where he was fatally wounded.

### **A/SGT BAILEY White Ribbon Walk.**

It was started in response to an incident in 1989 in Canada where a male shot 14 women. It is now an international event held on the 25 November. The Port Macquarie Walk is held on Sunday the 27 November and pets are welcome to walk from Flynn's Beach. Registration Forms are at the Police Station and online.

White Ribbons have also been stamped on Coffee Cups being used at several coffee shops around the town.

Males take oath not to standby or promote violence against woman.

The deceased male involved in the DV incident at Port Macquarie was from Australia and had then gone overseas where there was some reported DV history.

**Supt FEHON Licensing**

One of the local Licensee’s has received a 10 year ban from having anything to do with managing licensed premises. There have also been further restrictions placed upon that licensed premise. This is from good work by all our Police but especially our two Licensing officers Sgt Lawrie and Senior Constable Magguinnes.

**Summer Proactive Team.**

There are major benefits from having Police out there walking around and on bikes amongst the community. It really does deter crime.

**Fotsun- A/Sgt BAILEY**

Our aim is to make it as safe as possible for the participants and the community. We will have HWP, TAG and GD’s on the Thursday along with drug detection dogs to deter people bringing drugs into the town and concert.

**S/Con CHERRY Hastings Community Drug Action Team. HCDAT**

The HCDAT will be conducting free breath testing from 6am to 10am on the Sunday morning to make sure the concert goers/campers are right to drive home with regard to their blood alcohol levels. It is very well received by the patrons.

**Supt FEHON Police Officer of the Year**

S/Constable Martin GAMPE from down at Laurieton was chosen as Police officer of the Year for his customer service at the recent awards held in Sydney. Constable GLAMPE attended the scene where a young girl was killed on Christmas Eve. He attended the victim’s parent’s home the next day with a collage of photos of the young victim.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

On the 5 December Kempsey Base Hospital will have a declared Mental Health Ward which will be so beneficial to the whole community especially for the patients and their families.

Next is the \$50 million upgrade for Macksville Hospital. Plans are on the way.

Telehealth being utilized now for adults and children including those with mental health issues.

**Question about Youth on Track?**

**Supt FEHON** Mission Australia is the new tender for the program. It is now being expanded across the state in the areas that need it.

**CLOSING**

**Supt FEHON** thanked everyone for being at the meeting. The NSW Police have a Facebook page along with the Mid North Coast Police LAC Facebook page. These have information about what the Police are doing and what is happening on the Mid North Coast Police wise.

**Next Year’s Meeting Dates**

Next meeting is the 14 February 2017 at Kempsey Shire Council at 10am followed by

10am on 9 May at Nambucca Shire followed by

9.30am on 15 August at Port Macquarie (Victory in the Pacific Day) followed by

10am on 21 November at Kempsey.

**Finish 11.20am.**

Action Items			
Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies / Community member	Timeframe
Nil			