



NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE

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Minutes – Community Safety Precinct Meeting

Albury Police Station
Wednesday 09/12/2009
Start: 10:00am

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Title
Supt Gary COMMINS	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Local Area Commander
D/Insp Brad Blanchard	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Manager
Insp Anthony Moodie	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Duty Officer
Sgt Paul Gay	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Supervisor
S/C Matthew Barnes	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Prevention Officer
Mr Peter Prentice	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Analyst
Mr Ian Chaffey	Tumbarumba Shire Council	Mayor
Rodney Show	Tumbarumba Shire Council	Councillor
Ms Alice Glachan	Albury City	Mayor
Ms Heather Webster	Albury City	Community Safety Officer
Ms Kate de Hennin	Albury City	Road Safety Officer
Ms Denise Osborne	Greater Hume	Mayor
Mr Peter Smith	NSW DET	School Education Director
Mr Gary Poidevin	Corowa Shire	Mayor
Mr Greg Aplin		State Member, Albury
Mr Bruce Holmes	Greg Aplin's Office	Advisor
Ms Margaret Bunkin	Urana Shire	Mayor

Apologies: Kerrie Arnold (Chamber of Commerce)

Convenor: Supt Gary Commins.

Welcome to attendees by Supt Commins.

Adoption of minutes of previous meeting moved by Mr Poidevin and seconded by Sgt Gay. Carried with no dissent.

Actions Arising:

- **ACTION:** Insp. Moodie to discuss and submit article to Rural Rack.

Business arising from previous meeting:

- Footy Trips (S/C Barnes): Sgt McCaig and S/C Strachan have dealt with football trip issues. There have been apparently less football trips to Albury. Licensed premises are refusing entry to groups of people wearing same 'colours', clothing identifying them as a group.
- Graffiti:
 - Sgt Gay: Sgt Gay and S/C Watson have discussed voluntary graffiti removal. Youths issued caution given opportunity to participate in program. Materials to be donated, letters have been sent out to request assistance. No action as yet, there are factors affecting implementation, S/C Watson is pushing ahead. Bunnings have responded to assistance request letter, OH&S component is of concern, problems are being resolved.
 - Graffiti Committee (Ms Webster): 1st meeting tomorrow (10/12/09).
 - Council/Juvenile Justice Graffiti Program (Ms Webster): Program with solicitors.

- Students Volunteering (Mr Smith): Volunteering program being trialled in schools, part of vocation program. If enough students show interest may become part of school certificate. Volunteering not specific to any one activity.

Presentation by Sgt Paul Gay – Snapshot of business plan target compliance (year to date targets)

- Crime categories:
 - Malicious damage only category of significant concern. Graffiti and 'stupid' damage (alcohol affected youths just damaging property). Graffiti control chart average is 13, in October and November actual incidents were 36 and 29, this spike causing problems.
- Legal action rate rankings good, excepting malicious damage.
- Query regarding ages of offenders (Ms Glachan). Response (Sgt Gay, Mr Prentice) age varied, juveniles to young adults (9-19yrs).
- Young persons (Mr Smith):
 - Will be required to be in school, TAFE or employment to 17yrs, no benefits available to under 17yrs not in education or employment.
 - Parent's responsibility to enforce.
 - Schools will need to engage, this will be a challenge.
 - Shopping centres: In Kempsey, persons under 17yrs in school times are being asked to leave.
 - Expelled students: Private schools can expel students; public schools can only move them between schools.
- Firearms Inspections are tracking well.
- New Year's Eve operation: Attempting to deal with unknown factors, people moving into LAC for NYE and secondments to Shoalhaven have a ripple effect.
- Compass Review (Supt Commins): Albury LAC one of few commands not to be questioned during compass review.

Around Table

Mr Smith:

- Leaving age is an important issue. Working with other agencies required.
- Students with mental issues, concern.
- Computers (laptops issued to Yr9): Students from low socio-economic background caring for their laptops. It may be the only thing of value they have, giving them a sense of ownership and empowerment.
- Board of studies is conservative, focuses on academic rigour not vocational studies.
- Education department is taking ownership of problem children and trying to brake cycles.
- Principals are very happy with level of assistance and engagement from Albury police.

Mr Poidevin:

- Sub PACT ran (Urana shire included).
- Corowa and Mulwala Police have organised a joint roster to manage cluster.
- Police presence: HWP, S/C Churchin patrolling Corowa and surrounds, perceived staffing increase.
- Corowa Station: Station needs maintenance, drought causing cracks. Supt Commins: NSWPF given insufficient funds to do more than repair damage, no budget for preventative maintenance. Ms Bunkin: Uniting Services needs to be looked at, not cost effective.

Ms Bunkin:

- Steve Nolan working well.

Mr Aplin:

- Graffiti: Albury area is probably ahead of the game establishing programs to combat problem. Supt Commins: Recapped Sgt Gay's presentation.

- Jindera: Malicious damage. Supt Commins: Strategies implemented for patrolling Jindera. Crime stats varying, difference between actual and reported incidents. Discussion: Community involvement can only promote community reporting of incidents. S/C Barnes: Spoke with 20+ people, no information coming forward. An alarm was recommended prior to incident, thought not required, now installed.
- Taxi (burnt out): Has second person been identified, Sgt Gay: not known.

Mr Chaffey:

- Comment regarding stats. Sgt Gay responded with comment that 6 break and enters and 1 theft of vehicle committed by 2 people.
- HWP presence: Perceived increase in presence.
- New supervisor integrating well.
- New officer stating at Khancoban in January.
- Tumbarumba Festival, Australia Day weekend, bike riders.
- Supt Commins: Thanked all for attending, appreciated that the meeting was centred on Albury. Without all attending the meeting would not be a fully effective CPSM. If there were common problems than sub committees could be formed.
- Sgt Gay: Terry McGregor has rangers targeting illegal hunting in Tumbarumba area, providing information to NSWPF.

Mr Show:

- Graffiti is not a major issue in Tumbarumba.
- Community are behind local police.
- Supt Commins: Graffiti part of the effect of a growing community.

Ms de Hennin

- Speed highest killer, Albury not worse. There have been many infringements on local 50km roads.
- Higher than average alcohol related crashes: Campaign initiated with poster showing that you could be caught anywhere.
- Good communication between council and Police.
- Supt Commins: Albury LAC in top 10 for fatals (good).
- Engineering strategies to reduce possibilities of head on collisions being developed and implemented.
- Discussion regarding alcohol and speed as co-factor. Fatigue is not correlated with distance. Driver distraction increasing as a factor.
- Focus on safer roadside environments.
- Safer vehicles may have future effect.
- Discussion regarding vehicle class and that truck drivers are required by law to rest but other drivers are not.

Ms Webster

- Safety day recently held for Bhutanese people, focus was to provide information. Sgt Gay: NSWPF are trying to engage with them, have them report offences. Ms de Hennin: Needed to speak through interpreters and needed to explain road rules regarding bikes.
- AFZ signs being replaced.
- Noreuil Park – alcohol free zone in Noreuil Park for Australia Day only. Mr Prentice queried whether zone extended to other adjoining parks, it doesn't.
- Anti binge drinking campaign commenced.
- Liquor Accord: Trying to make membership mandatory for all licensed premises. Partly to assist with funding of bus. Night Rider Bus is costing council \$80K, certainly has a positive effect in incidents.
- Refugees: Concerns by refugees filling out forms about declaring medical conditions. Refugees don't have all knowledge they need to function. Toilets and indoor fires cited as examples.
- Albury City will fund nightrider bus on Xmas Eve, NYE and Albury Cup. Shuttle bus from racecourse works well but people are left in CBD.
- Discussion regarding the state funding of projects. Possibility of affecting state government policy.

- S/C Barnes: Gold Cup prize money has increased, attendance will increase. Need to consider for planning.

Ms Osborne:

- Jindera Damage: Organisations have approached council regarding cost of security patrols for Jindera on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Large businesses, schools and other organisations pooling resources
- Pool break-ins not being reported. Skylarking, midnight swimming.
- Person reports an incident to police and perceives no response, tells others there is no point in reporting. Attempting to increase reporting and community concern.
- Crime perception high.
- NHW meeting usually 5-6 persons, last meeting (beautification) turnout was higher. Next Tuesday meeting attendance will be interesting.
- Jindera residents assume that damage and problems are not being caused by Jindera locals.
- Request for Police article for Rural Rack, needs to be submitted by next weekend.
ACTION: Insp. Moodie to discuss and submit article.
- Village greening activity damaged and repaired, trying to keep on top of damage.
- Ms Bunkin: Comment regarding surveillance of juveniles in Urana, caught but little can be due to age.
- Still getting traffic hoons, burnouts in Jindera. Supt Commins: HWP will be out more often, increased presence in main street. Regarding article in paper, anything that improves community & police interaction is good.

S/C Barnes:

- Crime Prevention Expo QE2 square 9am-1m 22nd February.
- Graffiti Action Day: Announced by Premier of NSW, Nathan Rees for 2/5/2010. Similar to Clean up Australia day. S/C Barnes would appreciate assistance from councils and community groups.
- Graffiti: Spoke with council yesterday. Anti graffiti measures need to be considered at DA stage, council could have a significant impact on graffiti. Making anti graffiti paint mandatory should be considered.
- Butanese: Difference in cultures.
- Refugees: Social education lacking. Community needs to accept and accommodate initially. Involving Police may be counter productive.
- Security considerations need to be raised during DA process for schools.
- Community reporting of crime needs to increase and council and local police should issue media releases to increase community participation.

Insp. Moodie:

- Operation Unite: Targeting antisocial behaviour, drink driving and licensed premises, 12/12/2009.
- Supt Commins: Insp Moodie will be replaced as community liaison officer 1/1/10. The duty officers are exchanging portfolios.
- Discussion regarding reporting of crime. Victim follow-ups should be occurring, officers complying. Very few complaints to police about police.
- Ms Webster: Is it possible to have Police member on alcohol/drug minimisation groups (meeting once a month).

Supt Commins:

- Progress on ACLO. Albury LAC has an ALO (6mth). DV ALCO federally funded position for 12mths, no suitable applicant applied. Readvertised, applications close 8/1/2010.
- Full time ACLO: Issue raised again at region meeting, being reviewed at region level.
- Mr Aplin: Comments regarding business unit having to accept staff member not suited to position.
- ALO also having an impact in domestic violence portfolio.
- Trail bikes request is still on table, hopefully reconsidered next year.

- Thanks and meeting close. Long meeting but worthwhile with good discussion. Please think for next meeting, if there is something worthwhile presenting to meeting. Would like input from shire about what is occurring in shires.

Next meeting: 10th March, 2010

Future Meetings: 9th June, 2010
8th September, 2010
8th December, 2010