

RECORD OF MEETING
3rd November, 2010
Monaro Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee
Meeting at Monaro Crime Management Unit, Queanbeyan.

Attendance List		
Name	Representing	Present/Apology
Superintendent Gary Merryweather	Commander, Monaro Local Area Command	Apology
Detective Inspector Shane Box	Crime Manager, Monaro	Present
Mr. Daryl Hagger Councillor Martin Hughes	Cooma - Monaro Shire Council Cooma- Monaro Shire Council	Apology
Mr. Dean Lynch	Mayor Cooma - Monaro Shire Council	Apology
Mr. Ian Frost Mz. N. Wells	Representative of School Education	Apology Present
Mr. Bob Frost	Snowy River Shire Council	Apology
Mr. Paul Greer	Representative of School Education	Apology
Mr. Steve Whan Lee Evans	State Member of Parliament	Apology Present
Mz. Philippa Moss	Representative of QCC	Apology
Mr. Bob Stewart	Member for Bombala	Apology
Mr. John Vucic	Representative for Cooma- Monaro Shire Council	Present
Mr. Don Cottee	General Manager for Bombala Council	Apology
Mr. Dugald Mitchell Mr. Bruce Hovey	Representative of Cooma Unlimited.	Apology Apology
Mr. Allen Hogan	Representative of Department of Housing	
Mr. David Rawlings	Bombala Council	
Mr. David Shelly	Member for Cooma Business Council	Apology
Senior Constable Adam Sutton	Liquor Accord Queanbeyan and Monaro Licensing Officer	Apology
Senior Constable Naomi Nemec	Community Drug and Alcohol Action Team Queanbeyan/ Monaro Crime Prevention Officer.	Present
Mr. Tim Overall	Mayor Queanbeyan City Council	Apology
Mr. Chris Gibson	Representative of Queanbeyan Business Council	Apology
Mr. John Cahill Mr. John Schumac	Mayor Snowy River Shire Council	Apology Apology
Mr. Robert Sailer	Representative of Bungendore Chamber of Commerce	

Mr. Jim Maclachlan	Member for Palerang Council	
Mr. Les Hart	Member for Palerang Council	

Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) 3rd November, 2010 Agenda

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<p>Time: 10 am</p> <p>Venue: Monaro Crime Management Unit, Level 3, Morisset House Morisset Street, Queanbeyan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome 2. Introductions & apologies 3. Crime review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime trends & Hotspots • Police visibility and deployment in the LAC 4. Previous meeting Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil. Passing on of information only required. 5. General business 6. Next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd February, 2011, Monaro Crime Management Unit, Queanbeyan.

Minutes

The meeting opened at 10.08am

Welcome

Detective Inspector Box, Crime Manager, Monaro local Area Command.

Apologies

Apologies and Proxies as per attendance sheet.

Previous minutes

Action: Accepted by Mr. John Vucic, Second by Lee Evans.

Previous Minutes Actions

Mz. Lee Evans confirmed that information had been passed on to Mr. Bob Frost re dog baiting details and that information has been passed onto rangers in the area.

Senior Constable Naomi Nemec confirmed that an email was forwarded to Cooma Highway Patrol re taskings of the Cooma skate park re driving complaints. Mr. Vucic indicated that the issues within the area had eased a little and thanked police for their efforts.

Crime Review

Detective Inspector Shane Box:

In general, command wide, crime has been low. No significant areas of concern LAC wide. Stolen motor vehicles are down.

Assaults: - Cooma – have had a minor increase, in the Domestic Violence (DV) category, not alcohol related category. Jindabyne – has had a significant decrease in assaults due to conclusion of the snow season. Queanbeyan had a low assault rate. Alcohol related assaults are down DV category up.

Break and Enter: - Trending down. Queanbeyan – lowest for the whole year. Cooma – up, some breaks into retail areas and we are looking into those.

Stealing: - down significantly in Jindabyne again due to conclusion of snow season. Queanbeyan: - down, retail thefts are up a little but this is mainly as a result from retailers being proactive themselves in detecting offenders in store.

Malicious Damage: - Is a little higher in Queanbeyan, however still bellow our target level. Jindabyne is significantly down. Cooma has had an increase and people have been detected for some of these incidents.

Commanders Update

Detective Inspector Shane Box

Mr. Merryweather is at another meeting today in Sydney.. We have had a reduction in alcohol related crime thanks to the hard work in licensing in past years in an effort to keep offences down. On the 25th of August this year we had a significant covert drug operation in the snow fields in which there have been 30 arrests. 7 Search warrants were also conducted on that day.

Staffing issues: Adaminaby has 1 new office. Cooma is short, but we have positions advertised. Captains Flat is vacant at the present time. Braidwood will soon be down to 1 officer and we will be looking into filling that position as soon as possible.

Summer traffic enforcements will be commencing shortly within the command, including participating in state wide initiatives. The Kings Highway will be a targeted area over the summer.

General Business:

Mz. Lee Evans: We received a complaint about the top of the Clyde Mountain in relation to a particular corner. There have been accidents on this corner with a few vehicles. The informant has requested consideration of a slippery when wet sign and or reduction in speed limit for the corner.

Detective Inspector Box: Could that information be forwarded to Naomi Nemeč and the information can be passed onto the officer who attends the traffic committee for that area for consideration.

Action: Mz. Lee Evans to forward email on to Naomi Nemeč.

Mz. Lee Evans: We received a complaint in relation to an oversized vehicle on the roads and the manner in which police deal with them. Questioned that they should move large oversized loads at night out of peak times.

Detective Inspector Box: They have rules that they must abide by and the police must be there and where necessary motorists must pull over. It sounds like they have abided by necessary rules. It is too dangerous to move oversized loads in the dark for obvious reasons.

Mr. John Vucic: There have been high levels of police visibility. We are aware of the malicious damage to the shop windows and believe children have been apprehended and placed before the court. We have had an increase in dog attacks. The council are looking appropriately into these re actions. Correctives within Cooma are performing extremely well. We are all pleased so far with the projects and community response. We have our races in Cooma soon. We are happy to have the traffic enforcement at the races as before. All worked well last time.

Detective Inspector Box: The Monaro Licensing officer has requested the conditions that they sell mid strength beer only.

Mr. John Vucic: The races had similar conditions last year and it all went well with everyone having a good time. We have placed in an application for funding to have a university within Cooma. If this goes ahead it will bring in about 250 people to the area within the next 18 months.

Also, the Cooma-Monaro Shire Council Crime Prevention Plan has been formally completed and we would like to start implementing parts of it soon.

Mz. Niassa Wells: - Nil major issues. I do have some minor issues with the security employees at Riverside Plaza in that they are inconsistent with personnel and this has caused some issue with the kids that hang out there.

Detective Inspector Box: Please speak with Naomi Nemecc re these issues and she will be able to look further into them with you. We know a lot of the issues with youth down there are not so much the students but other youth that choose to hang out with the students. Also, Police will be tasked to increase patrols around the schools during the holiday period.

Senior Constable Naomi Nemecc: Mr. Bob Frost wished to pass on thanks to the police involved in the recent and numerous arrests relative to drug trafficking in and around Jindabyne.

Detective Inspector Shane Box: Thank you to Mr. Bob Frost. In conclusion, thank you to those at the meeting. The next meeting is on **Wednesday the 2nd February, 2011** at Monaro Crime Management Unit, Queanbeyan.

Meeting closed 10.38am