
GLADESVILLE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE

3RD February 2009 9.30am

Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre Conference Room (Old Gladesville Hospital)
1 Punt Road Gladesville

Present:

Name	Agency	Title
A/Supt Michael Thomas	NSW Police	A/Commander
Insp David Robins	NSW Police	Duty Officer (Presenter)
Sgt Jim Duignan	NSW Police	PCYC
Insp Ken Matchett	NSW Police	Duty Officer
C/Insp Robert Vellar	NSW Police	Duty Officer
S/Cst Sharon Madsen	NSW Police	Crime Prevention Officer (minutes)
Victor Dominello	State Govt	Local Member for Ryde
Anthony Roberts	State Govt	Local Member for Lane Cove
Insp. Douglas Revette	NSW Police	Duty Officer
Clr Sarkis Yedelian	Ryde City Council	Deputy Mayor
S/Cst Tracy Stone	NSW Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Peter Astridge	Hunters Hill Council	Councillor
Branka Ivkovic	Hunters Hill Ryde Community Services	
Julianne Taffer	West Ryde Chamber of Commerce	Vice President
Craig Stevens	Salvation Army	
Tony Aboud	Ryde Chamber of Commerce	President
Elva Sthonam		Blandville Court Tenants Group
TTL Rosanne Holmes	Railcorp	Transit Officer
STO Rob Beath	Railcorp	Transit Officer

Apologies:

Name	Agency	Title
Supt Phil Flogel	NSW Police	Commander
D/Insp Ian McNab	NSW Police	Crime Manager
Sgt Kerri McDonald	NSW Police	Crime Co-ordinator

MINUTES:

Introduction and welcome by A/Supt. THOMAS.

The aim of the committee is to help reduce the fear of crime in the community. Gladesville Local Area Command (LAC) has reduced crime in every category except Fraud. Gladesville LAC has had 18 robberies so far this financial year compared with 25 this time last year. Gladesville LAC is a junior command, however they are very motivated and keen and producing outstanding results. A crime team has been established with 5 officers. They have obtained great results and reduced crime in the LAC. Gladesville LAC police were involved in RTA funded traffic operation yesterday (2/2/09) and the results for the operation were 63 traffic infringements, 8 charges and 458 RBT, this in turn reduces motor vehicle collisions. It has been a good year so far for Gladesville LAC.

As this is the inaugural CSPC meeting there are no previous minutes or outstanding action items.

Overview of Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) and their similarities and differences to the old PACT meetings provided by Insp. ROBINS. Gladesville LAC Daily Crime Sheet (the worm) explained. As proactive policing increases, crime decreases.

Crime Overview – prepared by D/Insp. McNAB and presented by Insp. ROBINS.

Assaults - Gladesville LAC ranked 76th – 4th lowest in the state. Gladesville LAC are ranked 74 in relation to **alcohol related assault**, and ranked 75 in relation to **domestic violence related assaults**.

Break and Enters – Gladesville LAC ranked 60 in the state, 203 so far this year compared to 253 for the same time last year. Crime Prevention Officer provides victim follow up and target hardening information. Since October 2008 there have been 6 person's charged for break and enters, including aggravated break and enters. For break and enters into non-dwellings Gladesville LAC is ranked 70. **Robbery** – Gladesville LAC ranked 39. Person arrested in relation to armed robbery at Caltex Service Station in November 2008. **Stealings** – Gladesville LAC ranked 78 with hot spots being the LAC's shopping centres. **Steal from motor vehicle (SFMV)** – there have been 168 so far this financial year compared to 367 for the same time last year. **Stolen vehicles** – Gladesville LAC ranked 63, hot spots include West Ryde, Ryde and Melrose Park. **Proactive statistics** – Drug Detections ranked 55, move-ons ranked 59, person searches ranked 57 and vehicle searches ranked 27.

Current Programs undertaken or soon to be commenced within the LAC include Biz keys, Party Packs and the View Project (CCTV).

Operations Overview presented by Insp. MATCHETT.

December 2008 – large scale operation for Carols by Candle Light (North Ryde). RTA funded traffic operations co-ordinated by Traffic Supervisor S/Cst WILLS. Operation Safe Arrival – state wide operation. Operation Sweetland – New Years Eve 2008. Hunters Hill Council thanked for the use of their premises for the command post and a stand down/meal area for police officers. Operation Denzel – Australia Day celebrations at North Ryde Common. Operation Bombora. Vikings Operation with the Crime Team and the use of a drug dog – Dec 2008 and more to come this year. Gladesville LAC supply police to other LAC's for specific operations. Gladesville LAC is looking forward to more Vikings Operations this year.

Transit Related Crime Overview presented by Transit Team Leader Rosanne HOLMES.

There are only 2 railway stations within the Gladesville LAC – Meadowbank and West Ryde. On the 22.2.09 the Epping to Chatswood Rail link opens. There have been 108 incidents – mainly trespass and vandalism. There is a Rail Vandalism Taskforce in operation within Railcorp. Vision 4 phase 2 currently in operation and this is working with NSW Police. Transit Officers conduct constant patrols of the railways and trains. In Oct/Nov 2008 offenders were identified and charged with numerous offences relating to lighting fires.

Information relating to PCYC presented by Sgt Jim DUIGNAN.

Points to consider when establishing a new PCYC – each PCYC has a civilian manager funded through the state government, plus police staff (1-2). A new or existing building is required. The local community have a say in the running/management of the PCYC. A committee needs to be formed to look at establishing a PCYC in a particular area. Juvenile crime needs to be analysed. There are currently 57 PCYC in the state. Since 2000 PCYC have targeted young offenders. In conjunction with local area commands and youth liaison officers – young persons who commit 3 offences in 6 months and where there is an escalation in offence – are targeted and a program developed for 12 months. The PCYC closest to Gladesville LAC are Parramatta, Hornsby, Balmain and Burwood. Interest was shown in developing a steering committee to consider establishing a PCYC within Gladesville LAC.

General Business:

Discussion re prevalence of graffiti within the Command, and initiatives to combat same including e nose trial by Newcastle City Council (per Sunday Telegraph article 1/2/09). Ryde CC has expressed an interest in trialling similar devices.

Discussion re development of a steering committee to look at the feasibility of establishing a PCYC within the Gladesville LAC. Likely sites also suggested including the abandoned Henley Bowling Club.

ACTIONS/OUTCOMES

Action Item	Responsibility
Formation of PCYC Feasibility steering committee on date to be fixed at location to be advised	Insp Robins
Letter to local council General Manager expressing interest in local sites for use by proposed PCYC	Insp Robins
Graffiti presentation to be tabled at next meeting	Mr Dominello
Review trial by Newcastle City Council re 'e nose' graffiti detection devices.	Clr Yedelian

MEETING CLOSED - 11.45am

NEXT MEETING - TBA