



NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE  
NORTH SHORE LOCAL AREA COMMAND

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# AGENDA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2012

Chatswood Police Station

Commencing: 6:30 PM

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- 1. Opening, Welcome, & Apologies received.**
- 2. Administrative Matters**
  - **Amendment & acceptance of previous Minutes**
  - **Matters Arising / Outstanding**
- 3. Police Briefing / Local Crime Priorities**
- 4. Community matters and concerns as raised / Police Service Response**
- 5. Meeting close**
- 6. Next Meeting of the North Shore LAC CSPP**



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**Minutes of the  
North Shore LAC Community Safety Precinct Committee.**

Minutes of the North Shore Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting held at the Chatswood Police Station Briefing Room at 6.30pm, 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2012

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
A/Supt Critchlow	NSW Police
Insp Bell	NSW Police
S/C Jewell	NSW Police
Debbie Hutchens	CSPC Community Member
Bruce McAdam	Roseville NW CW/26
Betty Holt	Longueville Northwood NHW
Jan Duggin	Castlecrag / Middlecove NHW
Margaret Hill	Roseville West NHW CW6
Julie Burgess	Chatswood Chamber of Commerce
Amanda Terranova	Castlecove NHW
Reg Miu	Lane Cove West Residents' Assoc
Margery Rowell	Castlecove NHW
Ian St Vincent	Lindfield Public School
Carlo Palamara	Longueville / Northwood NHW
Bob Marsh	St Ignatius College
Peter Mackay	Roseville College
Win Chandler	Stringybark Creek Residents Assoc

## **Apologies**

### **Name**

Tony Peirce  
Ralph Bertinetti  
Jennifer Anderson  
Anthony Roberts  
Win Gaffney  
Pat Reilly  
Amanda Donlon  
Tony Chatfield  
Walter Spratt

### **AGENCY**

North Shore LAC  
OPPA  
Mayor, Kuring-Gai Council  
Member for Lane Cove  
Mayor, Lane Cove Council  
Mayor, Willoughby Council  
Northbridge PS  
Osborne Park NHW  
Chatswood West NHW

### **1. Opening and Welcome.**

The meeting was opened at 6.38pm by **Debbie Hutchens**, who thanked all present for attending before introducing the Police present. Special introduction to **A/Supt Critchlow**, who is the new Acting Commander for North Shore LAC.

Debbie then informed the group of the sad passing of **Lorraine Lusby**, who lost her long battle with cancer on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Debbie paid tribute to Lorraine and the countless hours of work she has given to so many community programs, including this group.

### **2. Amendments and acceptance of previous meetings.**

#### **Amendments:**

P4. Community Issues. The minutes incorrectly referred to **Janet Duggin** where they should have listed **Janet France**.

Moved by: **Carlo Palamara**

Seconded by: **Jan Duggin**

#### **Matters Arising:**

Nil

### **3. Community Police Briefing – Local Crime Priorities**

**Insp Bell** updated the group recent crime statistics for Break and Enter, Malicious Damage and Stolen Vehicles. All crime categories showed a general downward trend since last meeting.

Mr Bell then spoke about New Years Eve. Generally the night was fairly uneventful, however there were a small number of issues at Greenwich Point. With alcohol bans in force at most other harbourside vantage points a large number of people (predominately overseas backpackers) travelled to Greenwich to avoid the alcohol bans. This resulted in a large number of intoxicated people and a significant mess. Police will be working with Council to look at alcohol free zones for this year. Longueville will also be considered in these talks.

Mr Bell also provided the group with a run down on some good recent arrests. North Shore Police recently conducted a Drug Dog operation which led to the arrest of a number of people for drug possession and related charges. Detectives have also recently charged a Willoughby buses bus driver with a significant number of offences after he was found to have installed hidden cameras set to film up the skirts of passengers. Police recovered several thousand images during a search warrant. North Shore Police are also investigating the circumstances surrounding the murder of a woman in her unit in View Street at Chatswood. The murder appears at this stage to be linked to the death of a man in a motor cycle accident near Bathurst just days before the woman's body was discovered.

**A/Supt Critchlow** then addressed the group. He provided a quick run down on his employment history, including his most recent position as a part of Crime Agencies Organised Crime / drug unit. Mr Critchlow is currently relieving as the north Shore LAC Commander, but is hopeful of gaining the position full time once it is advertised. He thanked everyone for their involvement in the group and acknowledged the importance of a good working relationship between the Police and their Community.

**S/Con Jewell** then provided the group with a quick run down on some recent issues. At the forefront at the moment was a rise in the number of Break-ins, specifically those occurring through open windows in multi-story dwellings. Police believe that an offender is currently targeting the North Shore area looking for open windows or balcony doors. The offender is using drain pipes, ledges, garbage bins or any other structure to climb to these windows and force entry. Once inside, the offender takes any easily carried valuables and then leaves through the front door. Police encourage all residents to secure their homes at all times. Window locks prevent unauthorised entry, while deadlocks on the front door stop a thief from leaving that way with your valuables. (Note that deadlocks should not be used in the deadlocked position whilst you are at home for safety reasons in the event of a fire) S/Con Jewell also reminded the group about the North Shore LAC's Facebook page. (Search for 'North Shore LAC – NSW Police' once logged in to Facebook) The page is a great way to keep up to date on what's happening in the local area. The group was encouraged to share information about the page within their groups or circle of friends.

S/Con Jewell also discussed moving the groups mail list over to email. The move is aimed to provide more timely distribution of information and also cut down on the environmental 'cost' of producing the mail out to the 60 odd recipients of the group's minutes etc. Those wishing to receive future correspondence via email are asked to ensure that their email address is clearly recorded on the attendance sheet. Those not able to attend meetings can also notify S/Con Jewell via email ([jewelmat@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jewelmat@police.nsw.gov.au)) of their desire to go onto the email list. Please remember that the 5<sup>th</sup> character in the above email is a number "1" (one) not a letter 'L'

#### 4. Community Issues / Outcome

ISSUE	ACTION / OUTCOME
<p><b>Bob Marsh</b> (St Ignatius College Riverview) introduced himself to Mr Critchlow and invited him to visit the College anytime. Bob raised the issue of the 40 km/h zones outside the school. Bob said that the school has fought hard to have the roads surrounding the school zoned as a permanent 40 km/h zone. He added that the more recent addition of 'School Zone' 40 km/h signs within an area that is permanently 40 km/h is confusing to motorists, and he believes lead them to think that the 40 limit only applies during school times. He asked is the school zones signs are necessary and could they be removed given the entire area is permanently 40 km/h</p>	<p><b>S/Con Jewell</b> replied that whilst he agreed with the confusion and apparent redundancy of the school zones signs, they are actually still required within a 40 km/h zone as there are specific offences that exist within the schools zones, as well as increased penalties for other offences that otherwise would not be enforceable. The LAC will again approach the Highway Patrol for additional patrols and enforcement.</p>
<p><b>Ian St Vincent</b> informed the group that Kuring-Gai Council Rangers have recently conducted a parking enforcement operation around the schools. One problem arose with a motorist who was doing the wrong thing, and when asked to move claimed to be a Police officer and refused to move his vehicle. There was also a car recently found driving inside the school playground on a Sunday (no rego obtained) Ian reported that the school had been relatively trouble free over the December / January period and he passed on his thanks for their work.</p>	<p><b>Mr Bell</b> thanked Ian for his update. He asked for details of the driver who was claiming to be a police officer. This is something that must be followed up as that behaviour is either illegal or unethical, depending on whether the person is an actual officer, or is merely impersonating one.</p>
<p><b>Reg Miu</b> suggested that the group write a letter to David Lusby expressing their condolences for Lorraine's passing.</p>	<p><b>S/Con Jewell</b> thanked Reg for the suggestion and assured him that such a letter was already being planned.</p>
<p><b>Bruce McAdam</b> asked about the recent alleged sexual assault in Roseville, querying whether the allegations were true.</p>	<p><b>Mr Bell</b> replied that Police have received a report about an alleged incident and are currently in the process of investigating that report. It is too early at this stage to comment on the investigation. Bruce was asked to encourage any community member who feels that they have information which could assist police to contact the Detectives.</p>
<p><b>Margaret Hill</b> informed the group that the traffic control lights on the Pacific Highway outside the railway station have now finally been fixed.</p>	<p><b>Mr Bell</b> thanked Margaret for the update.</p>
<p><b>Margery Rowell</b> then showed the group the NHW fridge magnets which have recently been produced using money from</p>	<p><b>S/Con Jewell</b> thanked Willoughby Council for their generous grant and thanked all those responsible for the Fridge Magnets for their hard work in producing</p>

a Willoughby Council Grant. There are currently a large number of magnets left over and Margery offered the surplus to any other NHW group in the Willoughby Council area who wished to distribute them throughout their area.

and distributing such a wonderful resource for their community.

5. **Meeting closed: 7.30pm**

6. **Next general meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012 at the Chatswood Police Station Briefing Room.