



Marrickville LAC

Community Safety Precinct Meeting Minutes

Friday 19th March 2010

MEETING DATE:	19 th March 2010
LOCATION:	Training Room, Marrickville Police Station
TIME:	10.10am-11.35am
Chairperson	LSC Kylie Jennings, Acting Crime Coordinator
Present	<p>Inspector Paul Birch, Marrickville Local Area Commander Inspector Jodi Radmore, Marrickville Crime Manager Litsa Diak, Carmel Tebbutts Office Sam Iskandar, Marrickville Council Robyn Moore, Marrickville Council Marolyn Karefylakis, Wardell Liquor Sue Wright, Marrickville Metro Fatmata Bangura, Marrickville Migrant Resource Centre Moushumi Martin, Marrickville Migrant Resource Centre Christine Lynch, Secretary Marrickville Liquor Accord LSC Kylie Jennings, Crime Coordinator, Marrickville LAC Derek Wilson, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Marrickville Police Loc Tran, Ethnic Community Liaison Officer, Marrickville Police LSC Steve Jacka, Licensing, Marrickville Police</p>
Apologies	<p>Inspector Billett, Duty Officer Customer Service Cst Kerry Baker, Crime Prevention Officer Marrickville Carmel Tebbutt MP, State Member for Marrickville (representative present) Penny Page Marrickville Liquor Accord (representatives present) Ray Davidson Aboriginal Medical Service Robert Crum Marrickville Metro (representative present) Ken Grainger Marrickville Council (representative present) Morris Hannah Marrickville Council (representative present) Rebecca Carroll Marrickville Council (representative present) Violet Roumeliotis Marrickville Migrant Resource Centre (representative sent)</p>

	<i>Agenda Items</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	<p>Welcome Supt Birch</p>	<p>Welcoming address from Insp Birch and outline of the function of the Community Safety Precinct Committee. Mr Birch spoke about the following: -Perceptions of crime and community concerns -An update on the substantive Commander (Mr Eardley still at Bankstown) -An overview of the budget for the Command -An update on the first response agreement and the number of Operations conducted. Mr Birch gave some examples of results (recent Vikings Operation resulted in the arrest of an offender on warrants including 14 break and enter offences, recent stealing Operation at Marrickville Metro resulted in the arrest of 14 offenders) -An overview of Operation Bilton (targeting robberies) a Region Operation with Mr Birch as the Region Sponsor -Continuing business inspections "soft target locations" robbery deterrence -A target hardening forum held at Bankstown for business owners re robbery prevention (over 100 people attended) -The continuing good work by Proactive Crime Team and Bike team particularly with drug detections and HVP respectively -The new Media Strategy is now in place to promote good news not just recording</p>

		<p>the crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The junior level of experience in the Command –over 75% have less than 5yrs experience -Truancy Operations run regularly recognising Juvenile offenders are a concern for the Command and the Community -An overview of the Team Review system to try and foster motivation, operational response to crime and problems areas example sick leave -A commitment to try and improve our Customer Service -Areas of concern including street robberies and juvenile offenders -Local Area Command Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting held with agreement from those present that several families in the area require multi-agency intensive Case Management -Several meetings with these families have been held one on one with Supt Birch, the Families and YLO -Aboriginal cultural awareness training is continuing for Police at Marrickville 				
2	Introduction and apologies	All attendees signed attendance register and absentees noted on minutes.				
3	Crime Hotspots in LAC & overview of Crime LSC Jennings	<p>Maps showing crime v's Police proactive patrolling were distributed and discussed. The overlay of two categories shows patrolling is conducted where the crime is occurring. Marrickville CBD particularly along M/R Rd and Illawarra Rd shows extensive patrolling.</p> <p>Two categories (Robberies and Malicious Damage were discussed)</p> <p>Robberies are always are a focus due to the impact on the victims and potential for serious injury. The current monthly average (8) is the lowest for over 5 years but some months are spiking (17) and then dropping back to (6). Most of the robberies are street robberies as opposed to robberies on business premises. Juvenile offenders are a concern.</p> <p>It will be difficult to maintain this figure and in all likelihood there could be an increase in the average over the coming period.</p> <p>Marrickville Detectives made a good arrest in the last 2 weeks with the arrest of an adult offender for a robbery on the Petersham Post Office. He was in possession of a loaded firearm but was arrested not far from the scene by Police. A juvenile was also arrested during the last week for a robbery on another juvenile. The incident occurred at 3pm on a bus travelling down Marrickville Rd.</p> <p>Malicious Damage is showing some improvement and a corresponding slight increase in legal actions rates which is promising. This is one category of crime that is difficult to make huge in-roads into but Police are continuing to work on it.</p>				
	Police visibility and deployment of Supt Birch	The deployment of staff was discussed including targeting patrolling based on intelligence. Operations and strategy was discussed in opening address by Mr Birch				
	Issues raised and decisions of previous CSPC meeting and the actions taken.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Issue</th> <th style="width: 50%;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Morris Hannah, increase in people begging in the CBD and also people with mental health problems</td> <td>Mr Billett to monitor & liaise with Morris Hannah Maps distributed showing the proactive presence of Police in the Marrickville CBD reflecting high level of Police presence, patrols made by Supt Birch and Inspector Billett, Mounted Police patrols conducted, several offenders arrested for unrelated reasons were the same poi's seen begging. Targeting patrolling will continue. Issue cleared.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Issue		Morris Hannah, increase in people begging in the CBD and also people with mental health problems	Mr Billett to monitor & liaise with Morris Hannah Maps distributed showing the proactive presence of Police in the Marrickville CBD reflecting high level of Police presence, patrols made by Supt Birch and Inspector Billett, Mounted Police patrols conducted, several offenders arrested for unrelated reasons were the same poi's seen begging. Targeting patrolling will continue. Issue cleared.
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	<p>Issues raised at this meeting and action to be taken</p> <p>Working Groups</p>	<p>Sam Iskander- concern from Council perspective that a survey showed Marrickville residents topped the National List for unhappiness.</p> <p>Migrant Resource Centre some reluctance to report issues to Police due to different role of Police here to some overseas Countries</p> <p>Marrickville Police to continue working with Marrickville Council on the Safety in Marrickville Strategy re steal from motor vehicle and the graffiti project</p>	<p>Mr Iskander thought the survey was an ABC Survey but was keen to work with Police in order to provide a happier community.</p> <p>enquiry after the meeting by Crime Coordinator revealed the survey referred to could have been a 2006 survey (released in Feb 06) conducted by Deakin University Professor Robert Cummins from the psychology department. The survey compared the well being of people in all 150 Federal Electorates. The seat of Grayndler topped the list for all round unhappiness.</p> <p>Issue cleared. Mr Iskander offered Council support for any joint project that that might increase happiness in the Community</p> <p>MCLC and Migrant Resource Centre to organise some tours through the Police Station get to know the Police and see the atmosphere and workings of the station different to perceptions they might have</p>
4	<p>Open forum for community members to voice concerns/issues</p>	<p>Sam Iskander- concern from Council perspective that a survey showed Marrickville residents topped the National List for unhappiness.</p> <p>Mr Iskander thought the survey was an ABC Survey but was keen to work with Police in order to provide a happier community.</p> <p>Outstanding action created for Crime Coordinator to find out the source of the survey</p> <p>Mr Iskandar wanted to know the background of the juvenile offenders involved in robbery offences.</p> <p>The Crime Coordinator referred the meeting to the figures from the latest Aboriginal Environmental Scan by Marrickville Police (completed in Feb 2010) for the year 2009. Figures were discussed</p> <p>The Aboriginal Liaison Officer acknowledged the involvement of the young people in offending.</p> <p>Mr Birch outlined his work already with a couple of the families that appear to have intractable problems that require extensive case management beyond the resources of the Police.</p> <p>Mr Birch outlined how we attend to incidents and provide a service best suited to the incident. Example a recent incident where a knife was taken to School resulted in the School working with the Police, the MCLC (Vietnamese speaking) and the YLO.</p> <p>Mr Birch also outlined recent examples of Cyber Bullying where a meeting was held with the Parents and the Young People involved in the incident.</p> <p>Mr Iskandar would like Council to work with the Aboriginal Liaison Officer to see if there are any joint projects that could be undertaken in relation to Aboriginal Young People and supporting their families.</p>	

Fatmata Bangura and Moushumi Martin from the Marrickville Migrant Resource Centre jointly raised the issue of concern re International Students returning to the area late at night possibly being targeted resulting in them being robbed or assaulted. They were also concerned about possible under-reporting of crime from some people because of their cultural background.

The Crime Coordinator said there had been a lot of work done in this area at an International and National level particularly with University Students Councils, DIMIA and University supplying students with information re safety and handed over to the Marrickville Multicultural Liaison Officer, Loc Tran to talk about his local initiatives.

Loc Tran spoke about the talks that he gives not only at the May Murray Neighbourhood Centre and Intensive English Centre but at other community groups of multi-cultural background. These talks discuss the role of Police in Australia and how it is different to many other Countries.

Whenever there is a new intake at the Intensive English language Centre he attends with the YLO and DVLO and give talks across a broad range of subjects from personal safety to reporting of crime and domestic violence.

Marrickville Council (Josh Barr) and the former CPO (Senior Constable Steve Jacka) also gave a talk to a Bangladeshi group.

Derek Wilson said the migrants needed to be encouraged to report the crimes otherwise the victim always feel like a victim and the perpetrators will continue to offend

Mr Birch invited the Marrickville Migrant Resource Centre to arrange some dates for tours to be conducted through the Station to encourage their clients to feel safe and see how the station operates and to meet the Police. Mr Birch also said the tours would be an opportunity for the Media to come up and take some photos and do a story that would be positive for both the Police and the Centre to help encourage reporting of crime.

Crime Manager Ma'am Radmore said Marrickville Police through the DVLO had made a weekly phone call for 12 months to invite the Migrant Resource Centre to attend Newtown Court every Monday for the Domestic Violence matters.

Ma'am Radmore also encouraged the group to keep notifying either the MCLO or CPO with any talks organised by the Centre that Police could assist with.

Continue to encourage the visitors to report crime even if it is after the incident.

Lista Diak-Carmel Tebbutts Office encouraged Police to try and resolve incidents reported to them early and by providing information about outcomes. A number of people who are unsatisfied either with the outcome or the advice from Police then go to the Ministers Office thinking that the Minister can somehow affect the outcome of the matter reported to Police.

The Crime Coordinator acknowledged that providing updates to customers is part of Customer Service which currently is a major focus of the Commissioner and the introduction of mandatory 7 day victim follow up contact might assist however more could also be done to keep people reporting crime informed.

Mr Birch said improving Customer Service was a high priority for him and the Command.

Sue Wright representing Marrickville Metro outlined a current community grant programme being run (8 x \$1000 grants) with the details available through contacting her or on the website. The grants might assist some of the people present representing community groups

Sue also noted the high visibility of Police at the Metro with their regular patrols and successful joint operations.

Robyn Moore from Marrickville Council is involved in a special project re SFMV with the next project looking at Sydenham Railway. An article will be put in the Courier re the project.

		<p>Another of her responsibilities as part of the Safety in M/R Committee which involves the input from Police. Charlie Coorey is currently busy organising youth week. In her previous role in New Zealand she was involved in a very successful youth program which might be transferable to Marrickville and is happy to go through the process.</p> <p>Leading Senior Constable Steve Jacka (former Crime Prevention Officer and now doing Licensing duty) said he was encouraged to the group representation at the meeting.</p> <p>Steve outlined the current firearm audit being done in Marrickville was 46% complete. There are over 400 guns and 270 Firearm licenses to check. Gave a short outline on the upcoming World Cup Soccer and the impact for Police Council and residents.</p> <p>Steve mentioned current projects Marrickville Police were involved in with Council and Attorney Generals Department –anti theft projects involving stealing from cars. Extensive work and assessment being done at Tempe Railway Station car park. The site assessment will involve Rail Corp and Marrickville Police along with Council.</p> <p>Steve also spoke about a couple of community concerns including backpacker development applications which have had a lot of community exposure. The upcoming World Cup Soccer and impact on local Policing with implications for Council was also discussed.</p> <p>Several projects resolved satisfactorily working with Council including 93 Victoria Rd</p> <p>Marolyn Karefylakis, Wardell Liquor complimented LSC Jacka on his work and gave an example of his risk assessment work done after several armed hold ups 5-6 years ago. This included working with Council and improvements to the lighting in the lane. Having the regular and constant Police contact is very positive as they regularly come through on their patrols.</p> <p>Christine Lynch Secretary Marrickville Liquor Accord spoke about positive crime scene preservation presentations given by LSC Jacka. An example of Police presence was noted with Police attending Petersham RSL. Sometimes twice a day. All the staff have been schooled in what the Police require including statements from incidents and the relationship between staff and Police is very positive.</p>
	<p>Date for next meeting</p>	<p>Discussions for meeting to be held in September or October 2010</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Closure of meeting</p>	<p>Insp Birch thanked all members for attending and invited attendees to contact him directly with any major community concerns. An invitation was also extended to everyone present to stay for lunch and refreshments. Meeting Closed 11.35am</p>