

RECORD OF MEETING
4th May, 2011
Monaro Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee
Meeting at Monaro Crime Management Unit, Queanbeyan.

Attendance List		
Name	Representing	Present/Apology
Superintendent Murray Johnstone	Commander, Monaro Local Area Command	Apology
Detective Inspector Shane Box	Crime Manager, Monaro	Present
Mr. Alan Cairney	Acting General Manager, Cooma – Monaro Shire Council	Apology
Mr. Dean Lynch	Mayor Cooma - Monaro Shire Council	Apology
Mr. Ian Frost Mz. Elizabeth Ahearn	Representative of School Education	Apology Present
Mr. Bob Frost	Snowy River Shire Council	Present
Mr. Paul Greer	Representative of School Education	Apology
Mr. John Barilaro	State Member of Parliament	Apology
Mz. Philippa Moss Mz. Geraldine Manser	Representative of QCC	Present 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	Representative of Cooma Unlimited.	Apology
Mr. Allen Hogan	Representative of Department of Housing	Apology
Mr. David Rawlings	Bombala Council	Apology
Mr. David Shelly	Member for Cooma Business Council	Apology
Senior Constable Adam Sutton	Liquor Accord Queanbeyan and Monaro Licensing Officer	Awaiting Replacement
Senior Constable Naomi Nemec	Community Drug and Alcohol Action Team Queanbeyan/ Monaro Crime Prevention Officer.	Present
Mr. Tim Overall	Mayor Queanbeyan City Council	Present
Mr. Chris Gibson	Representative of Queanbeyan Business Council	Apology
Mr. John Cahill Mr. John Schumac	Mayor Snowy River Shire Council	Apology
Mr. Robert Sailer	Representative of Bungendore Chamber of Commerce	Apology
Mr. Richard Graham	Palerang Councilor	Present
Inspector Nick Hallet	Duty Officer Monaro Local Area Command	Present

Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) 4th May, 2011 Agenda

Agenda

Time: 10 am

Venue: Queanbeyan City Council Chambers,
253 Crawford Street
Queanbeyan.

1. Welcome
2. Introductions & apologies
3. Crime review
 - Crime trends & Hotspots
 - Police visibility and deployment in the LAC
4. Previous meeting Actions
5. General business
6. Next meeting
 - 3rd August 2011, Council Chambers, Commissioner Street, Cooma.

Minutes

The meeting opened at 10.07am

Welcome

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

Apologies

Apologies and Proxies as per attendance sheet.

Previous minutes

Passed over due to numbers.

Previous Minutes Actions

Mz. Lee Evans forwarded email to Senior Constable Nemecc. Matter was raised with local traffic committee member and relevant information was forwarded back to Mz. Lee Evans.

Commanders Update

Detective Inspector Shane Box: Superintendent Johnstone sends his apologies; he is in attendance at another meeting.

Crime Review

Detective Inspector Shane Box:

Queanbeyan: Assaults were up for Domestic Violence but in general down on average. Break and Enter, decrease from January and the lowest this year for business breaks. Increase in Fraud for fail to pay for fuel particularly in the Jerrabomberra and Queanbeyan Area possibly related to the rise in fuel prices. Malicious Damage, decrease. Had a significant rise in Steal From Motor Vehicles in unit blocks, a young offender was arrested and has dropped off since. Senior Constable Nemecc is working on this matter as well. Steal from retail store has increased but not significantly. Stolen Vehicles are currently a little high.

Cooma: Increase in Domestic Violence offences with charges made. Assaults are up and down. Break and Enter into residential premises are up but not a big concern at this point. Fail to pay for fuel has increase. Malicious Damage is the lowest since July last year. Cooma Police conducted a high visibility policing strategies recently which may have helped to deter this type of crime. Cooma had a robbery which was a domestic violence related dispute. Steal from Motor Vehicles, slight increase.

Jindabyne: Low number of break and enters which occurred in April. Only 1 fraud matter, malicious damage is still low and only 1 steal from motor vehicle incident.

Mr. Bob Frost: Have you received more information of the Car Fire, which occurred at Berridale?

Inspector Nick Hallet: Liverpool police arrested people in relation to this about 5 days later. Bail was refused and they were waiting to go to court.

Mr. Tim Overall: There was an explosion at Letchworth playground and quite a lot of damage done. Do we have any more information on this?

Detective Inspector Shane Box: No arrests at this stage. We have increased patrols of the area. The damage was possibly created by a pipe bomb.

Detective Inspector Shane Box: Police placement. Braidwood – Full Strength. Bungendore – One on restricted. Captains Flat – Position has been advertised, position should be filled in next few months.

Mr. Richard Graham: Will Captains Flat be a full time position?

Detective Inspector Shane Box: Yes, when it is filled.

Detective Inspector Shane Box: Southern area placement. Full strength in all areas bar Cooma. 5 vacancies have been advertised for Cooma. Today there is a meeting with Superintendent Johnstone where he will have an opportunity to select the 5.

Mr. John Vucic: BBC speculated that there were 9 vacancies.

Detective Inspector Shane Box: Maybe if you include those on Maternity Leave and sick reports. However there are 5 vacant positions.

Detective Inspector Shane Box: Queanbeyan placement. A few vacancies but we are managing well at Queanbeyan at this stage.

Mr. Tim Overall: Point. Council met last week and discussed the reconstruction of Crawford Street. Council will be working closely with the contractor to ensure minimal disruption is caused to traffic. The process may take 6-8 months. Not sure on the start time, but expected to be mid/late July.

Point 2. Council agreed to sponsor the Australian First Independent Music festival in January, 2012. We would expect 4,000 – 5,000 people. Many areas will be utilised for this event including The Q, pubs and parks.

Action: Senior Constable Nemec to ensure event is placed on the events calendar and follow up with organisation.

Mr. Bob Frost: Question on Emergency Management and how does it fit together with council areas.

Detective Inspector Shane Box: There can be a combination of councils for emergency management areas. A mixture of workers. LEOCON is of an Inspector rank for Jindabyne, it is Inspector Rooney.

Mr. Bob Frost: From a council perspective it is more than ideal.

Action: Detective Inspector Shane Box: to follow up on information and forward to Mr. Frost.

Mz. Philippa Moss: Queanbeyan City Council are currently reviewing the Crime Prevention Plan and will be working close with the community. Currently undertaking community consultation.

Mr. John Vucic: Corrective Services at local COSP have called police on three occasions for various reasons. Police responded will. We have approached COSP and it is under review, we

hope this is completed soon. Malicious damage and break ins have been handled well. With the start of the colder months, could patrols keep an eye on traffic over the next few weeks? Congratulations on police work visibility in the area.

Action: Senior Constable Nemec: to forward information on Steal From Motor vehicle Pamphlets

Detective Inspector Shane Box: 11th of June official start of the snow seasons. All areas affected by traffic will be our main focus. High visible traffic patrols will be conducted and will continue through the snow season. .

Jindabyne Police Station will run from 18 hours -24 hours. We will have more police operations on nights of concern and weekends. This will include a focus on Cooma as well as most go through Cooma for the snow.

The Monaro Licensing Officer has resigned. We have advertised the position and officers are allocated with tasks until that position is filled.

Mr. Bob Frost: Fuel Theft. Are there any new strategies I can take back with me to combat this?

Detective Inspector Shane Box: We still promote the Pay Before You Pump (PB4UP) program and to ensure CCTV is working and of good quality.

Senior Constable Nemec: I can supply anyone with information packs on PB4UP program.

Mr. Tim Overall: Steal from Motor vehicles: With the recent arrests do you anticipate the offences will drop off?

Detective Inspector Shane Box: As an indication we have only had 1 this month. We do need to educate members of the public not to leave items in their vehicles.

Action: Senior Constable Nemec: Ensure Mr. Barilaro is able to attend the next meeting or date may be changed.

Next meeting is scheduled for 3rd August, 2011 10am, Council Chambers, Commissioner Street, Cooma.