

COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE
MEETING 18th of March, 2009

KURING-GAI LOCAL
AREA COMMAND

Hornsby Police Station
Meeting commenced:- 5.30pm

PRESENT:- Local Area Commander – Kuring Gai. Superintendant Shane White
Duty Officer - Inspector Colin Lott
Crime Prevention Officer – Senior Constable Paul CLEARY
Sgt Chapman Kuring gai CCU (partial attendance relieved by LAC)
Honourable Judy Hopwood Member for Hornsby
Honourable Jonathan O’Dea Member for Davidson
Mrs Carroll Howe- KP&CSC
Mr Jim NASH – Taxi Council, representing Hornsby Taxi Drivers
Ms Sandra Hayek – Department of Housing
Mr Tony BRAY – Berowra Waters Progress Ass.
Mr Peter KIRKWOOD – PCYC Hornsby
Ms Helen WILSON – Berowra Waters Resident Pontoon Ass.
William Parker - Neighbourhood Watch – Mt Colah
Kathie Comb - The Bush Telegraph Weekly
Ursula Tank – NHW Gordon 24
David Citer – Kuring gai Youth Development

APOLOGIES:-

Inspector Mick Banfield
Sergeant Steve Ford
Elaine Malicki Mayor Kuring gai
Honourable Barry O’Farrell Member for Kuring gai
Honourable Ray Williams Member for Hawkesbury
Bruce Edwards NHW 12
Simon Lennon NHW 11
Peter Mackenzie NHW 23
Ralph Stien NHW 27-30.
Julia Eagles NHW Gordon 24

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1. Welcome by Supt Shane White
2. Introductions by all present

Shane White

Questioned the need for CCU to be at meeting, would prefer operational police to be patrolling the streets/rail line rather than engaged at meetings unless a valid purpose to be there. Supt White praised the efforts of the CCU, citing their proactive stance and impressive results. CCU generally previously were perceived by some as an underperforming area however this certainly wasn't the case with Kuring-Gai CCU. Acknowledged their excellent work.

3. Apologies.
4. Minutes tended as correct. Accepted by Peter Kirkwood, Seconded by Tony Bray.

Shane White

In all Kuring gai LAC is going well.

Peter Kirkwood and Tony Bray asked about number plate lock screws.

Judy Hopwood replied she has written to the minister and is waiting on a reply. (OUTSTANDING ACTION).

Christmas Eve HVP and planning all went well.

HSC community safety plan. Includes CCTV in the mall. It was approved for a 2 year trial to begin April or may. Currently there is 86% capacity of staff at Kuring gai LAC.

5. Power Point show of stats and proactive areas of focus.
Discussed by Shane White as presentation is displayed.

Jonathan O'Dea

I see the figures are down but can we include clear up rates next meeting. (OUTSTANDING ACTION). Has been added to June presentation.

Judy Hopwood

Questioned

Do police move ons include the homeless. (Colin Lott) no they don't unless there is anti social behaviour or other criminal activity. Police are aware and don't abuse these powers.

Individual reports.

Peter Kirkwood

PCYC's 40th dinner went well, Steve Ford interjected all was good and supportive. Letters from the Chinese seniors group now using PCYC as a base to meet. 2,00 active members. The Novus foundation focus on PCYC Galla dinner in May now planning.

Jim Nash

Taxi rank moved to the East side in January. A little drama with the lack of signs. Trouble with buses in the Taxi rank. However all is good now. There were a couple of assaults 'on drivers'. POI was convicted \$3,000, compensation. 2nd assault at the Downing centre in May. 3rd assault in Wahroonga CCTV available and POI is to be arrested and charged. Victim is crippled Happy with police response. Taxi guards have got bad press. Mardi Gras guards were professional. Their presence ensured public felt safer.

Judy Hopwood

1ST meeting queried about the sale of Berowra and Brooklyn police stations. There are public inquiries into this. Berowra needs a 24 hour police station. Water police staffing changed. **(Shane White) replies**, Kuring gai is the same and won't change. There are no formal water police positions 'operating out of Kuring gai'. Kuring gai LAC have a launch with local police accredited to operate the vessel in order to service water access only communities and conduct various operations, however no formal Water Police Unit as such. In addressing Brooklyn and Berowra police stations, Supt White advised that this matter would be determined by the NSW Police Force executive and/or the government of the day, the decision was not a local decision, nor had any formal advice been received regarding the disposal or otherwise of the station. Supt White advised that regardless, police would continue to be deployed from Hornsby to patrol and respond to calls for assistance in those communities.

Jonathan O'Dea

St Ives Village Green and the issues with youths. **(Shane White replies)**, There is a continuing focus on the area by police. There were 2 police assaulted recently, The POI has been charged.

Kathie Comb

I concur with Judy (Hopwood) in regards to Berowra and support that the station remain open. It was in the HSC housing planning committee 5 story flats opposite Berowra Railway station. Recently a relative was not happy with Gosford police. Thanked Paul Cleary and Kuring gai Detectives. Although the incident was in Moonie Moonie. Questioned if Hornsby police attended to incidents across the river. **(Colin Lott replied)** Initially we would respect the (LAC) boundaries, But Kuring gai will help if people are not happy with Gosford police. **(Shane White adds)**, If not happy (with response) at Gosford ring the Duty Officer at Gosford, if you're not still happy ring me direct.

Sandra Hayek

No issues to raise.

(Peter Kirkwood leaves meeting).

Lesley Pickup

Regarding P plate issues in Wahroonga I wish to thank police for their response to the matter.

William Parker

All good in Mt Colah no issues.

Tony Bray

Mark Formston and Kevin Comber need more launch personnel. **(Shane White replies)**, That issue is in the process of being addressed. In Brooklyn at low tide the launch is beached. The area needs to be dredged. It is a long standing issue. **(Shane White replies)**, I have attended with work cover and have issued a work order to fix the situation.

The fuel bowsers and facilities are now OK. There is concern about Berowra Waters. There is 32,000 people living there, and no police station. We want a shop front. The community want it. (Sandra Hayek leaves). There are still issues with Malicious damage and SFMV in the Berowra Waters car Park. We need Berowra Police station. **(Shane White replies)**, KU 17 (Kevin and Mark) are dedicated to Brooklyn and Berowra as an extra car. We are looking to increasing the presence when numbers are available. There are also issues with School Holidays and fisho's (rubbish and vandalism). **(Steve Ford replies)**, We task to Berowra Waters when needed generally 11pm to 5am. There is CCTV but it is poor quality.

Helen Wilson

In the last 2 months there have been no issues. All is good.

Carroll Howe

We had a successful Parent of Young Drivers program with 102 attended with 130 booked. 16th of June. Is the next NHW meeting. Last meeting we'd like to thank police and appreciate their attendance.

Ursula Tank

Funding for the NHW stickers failed.

OUTSTANDING ACTION Flag the issue funding for NHW initiatives. Received reply from Julia Eagles The funding failed because it was submitted as an individual not a group or business.

David Citer

Representing Kyds. (parenting seminars) funding and programs. They are school based referrals, from the YLO and school counsellors. There is no waiting they immediately attended too. North Shore there are 1 in 3 youths using Cannabis and binge drinking. **(Jim Nash asks, who's the CEO)**. David Bennet chairman Westmead. There are 1,800 Kids in Sydney. Originated at Lindfield Rotary took 7 years to establish. Basically now Kuring gai based. But have Hornsby and Waitara referred there as well. **(David Citer Passes around a letter of support it is signed by all present)**. Brochures handed out to police, **Have been placed in the station foyer**. Happy with police referrals

Wanted to advise appreciation of Mark Formston and Kevin Comber.

General business not discussed at meeting.

Next meeting 10th of June.

Meeting ends . 7.13pm