

Minutes – Community Safety Precinct Meeting, Wednesday 8/9/10.  
Start: 10:00am

Attendees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>
Supt Gary Commins	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Commander
D/Insp. Brad Blanchard	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Manager
Insp. Lynelle Rodwell	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Duty Officer
Sgt Paul Gay	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Supervisor
S/Cst Matthew Barnes	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Prevention Officer
Mr Peter Prentice	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Analyst
Ms Margaret Buntin	Urana Shire	Mayor
Mr Peter Smith	NSW Dept of Education	School Education Director
Ms Heather Webster	Albury City Council	Community Safety Officer
Mr Bruce Holmes	Greg Aplin's Office	Advisor
Mr Gary Poidevin	Corowa Shire	Mayor
Mrs Alice Glachan	Albury City Council	Mayor

Apologies: Ms Denise Osbourne (Greater Hume Shire) and Mr Greg Aplin (State Member)

Convenor: Supt Gary Commins.

Welcome to attendees by Supt Gary Commins.

Amendment to minutes of 14/7/10 CSPM, Ms Margaret Buntin was in attendance. Minutes of previous meeting (July 2010) adopted by S/Cst Barnes and seconded by Mr Gary Poidevin.

**Actions Arising from last meeting:**

- Roadblocks to be discussed at next Cross Border meeting (Supt Commins). A cross border meeting has not occurred since CSPM in July, matter will be raised at tri-state meeting on 15/9 & 16/9/10. Supt Commins discussed role and powers of special constables and spoke about recent court matter and outcomes.
- Information regarding trucks speeding through Jindera be disseminated to HWP. Completed, information disseminated via email to HWP Sgts 14:00, 15/7/10 by Mr Prentice.

**Business arising from previous meeting:**

- Nil.

**Presentation by Sgt Paul Gay – Snapshot of business plan target compliance (year end targets)**

- A comparison of actual incidents and target incidents indicates reasonable results in most of the 18 crime categories.
- Crime categories:

- BE – Non-dwelling high, 24 incidents over target at end of August. Only one incident recorded in first 5 days of September, if this continues then incidents will come in below target in September. Cause of increase in August likely to have been return of recidivist offender or new offender in town, fall in September may indicate they have moved on.
  - Malicious damage incidents slightly above target.
  - Person search incidents and other proactive incidents below targets.
- Breakdown by LGA and town:
  - Break and enters in Henty occurred over one weekend.
  - Break and enter monthly totals by sector are shown, in July 2010 there were increases in Hume Weir (mostly Thurgoona) and in Oaklands. In August 2010, there were significant increases in Corowa sector and Henty.
- Discussion of offenders charged. Not all incidents have a known offender but some have suspects. Non legal action intervention with suspects is not reflected in legal action rates but has impact on further offender. Police making enquires and speaking with possible suspects may cause person to not offend again. Trespass offenders are mostly juveniles; younger juveniles (10-11yrs) are co-offending with older juveniles (friends and relatives).
- Legal action rates in Albury LAC:
  - Albury LAC below average for break and enter offences (non-dwelling 3.51%, 5.37%; dwelling 3.64%, 4.07%).
  - Young offenders act has an impact on legal action rates due to fingerprints only being taken when person is charged.
  - SFMV legal action rates low due to rarity of incidents being witnessed and most occurring after fingerprint identification.
  - Albury LAC legal action rate for SMV above state average (8.00%, 4.05%).
- Discussion regarding malicious damage. Reporting of graffiti has declined; reported malicious damage incidents commonly involved other incidents. Housing NSW premises damage can often cause spikes in incidents due to late reporting.
- Number of firearms inspections queried, concern about high number. The circumstances surrounding incident type explained to meeting, comments that inspections are occurring to ensure firearms are stored safely.

## **Around Table**

### **Supt Commins:**

- Albury LAC awards ceremony to be held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.
- Police Remembrance Service to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at St Matthews church in Albury, commencing 11am.
- Incidence of crime tracking targets reasonably well. Some categories off target. DV assaults incidents are below target, NSWPF want all DV assaults reported and this category is a proactive category. Cause of low numbers of reported incidents may be due to containment of

problem or to low reporting. Proactive effort required to increase reporting.

**Ms Buntin:**

- Motion carried at sub-PACT meeting seeking amendments (enforcement actions) to Act, John Williams, Member of State Parliament (Murray-Darling) has been asked to address matter. Young Offenders Act currently out of step with society. Young offenders know penalties are light and authorities are hindered by Act.
- Motion wording: *'That the State government be called upon to undertake a comprehensive review of the Young Offenders Act (1997) in order that its provisions more accurately reflect the reality of contemporary society.'*
- Discussion regarding Young Offenders Act and the effects of current legislation. Discussion of Greg Aplin's possible involvement. Mr Holmes commented that the Act may already be scheduled for review. Caution approach was highlighted by opposition as an item for review should they gain government.
- Motion: Meeting to support action of Urana Shire through local PACT and forward to Greg Aplin for his support. Moved: Mr Poidevin; Seconded: Mrs Glachan, carried.

**Mr Holmes:**

- Queried likelihood of Albury LAC receiving officers from upcoming attestation. Supt Commins responded that Albury LAC requests 5-7 new officers from each class. Unable to determine how many will be offered from any one attesting. Human Resources determine where officers go, dependant on staffing levels and need. Sufficient LAC staff to train new officer are also necessary. Albury LAC would at most be able to accept 7 officers. Review of previous attestations indicated Albury LAC had received 5 officers in total from last 3 attestations.

**Ms Webster:**

- Albury City Council (ACC) crime prevention plan approved by council after public consultation. Has been submitted to Attorney General Department (AGD). Foci of plan were malicious damage and break and enter (dwelling). Inclusion of break and enter (dwelling) due to AGD request, based on ACC ranking high in local government area rankings for this incident type. ACC role in crime prevention plan is focused on education of community and rapid removal of graffiti.
- Juvenile Justice and ACC graffiti removal agreement has been approved. Meeting later today (8/9/10) to work out logistics.
- Local Government Conference in Albury between 22/10-27/10/10. 800-900 delegates expected. Discussed at Liquor Accord meeting.
- Powderfinger concert: ACC to contribute to bus.
- Schoolies: ACC to provide information to local students and parents.

**Insp. Rodwell:**

- Meet and greet event will be re-initiated; purpose is to gain feedback from community. Events will be extended to Corowa and Holbrook.
- Henty Field Days: Operational orders completed, traffic management plan formulated.

**D/Insp. Blanchard:**

- Crime prevention: Council outdoor dining policy review requested by Albury Police. Police have no regulatory authority regarding food premises. Asked other councils to make police aware of problems of similar nature, police prepared to advise councils of observations.

**Mr Smith:**

- SLO praised highly by all principals and school staff.
- Year 12 Farewells: High schools are putting on more security for period, 22-23/9/10. Request for police patrols. Schools will be asked to support and publicise Police response to persons on premises after hours. Police will take action against offenders for trespassing.
- Leaving Age: Attempting to change paradigm, attempting to change student views on value of education.
- Amendments to attendance policies: year 10 students can leave (under 17yrs) if they have employment, if they lose employment they have to return to school, this may be problematic.
- Website: Knowledge base being developed as a resource for everyone involved with schooling. Information to be provided for dissemination.

**General Business**

**Supt Commins:** Deputy Commissioner has indicated to former Region Commander that Albury LAC will receive 2 trail bikes. Date of receipt not yet determined.

Meeting end: 11.30am  
Next meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2010