



**PENRITH LOCAL AREA COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE PENRITH/ST MARYS COMMUNITY SAFETY
PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

**Penrith Police Station
High St, Penrith
14 September 2009**

Meeting Opened: 10:10am, by Chair, Supt Z (Ben) Feszczuk APM

Attendees: Superintendent Ben Feszczuk APM, Commander, Penrith LAC
Superintendent Ray Filewood, Commander, St Marys LAC
Sgt Simon Curry, St Marys LAC
Mrs Deanne Bell-Smith, Executive Officer, Penrith LAC
Detective Insp Grant Healey, Crime Manager, Penrith LAC
Ms Karyn Paluzzano, Member for Penrith
Mr David Burns, Penrith City Council
Ms Yvonne Perkins, Penrith City Council
Ms Gladys Reed, Penrith City Centre Association
Mr Max Harrison, Kingswood Traders Association
Mr Mark Gold, Security Manager, Westfield
Mr Adrian Fong, Retail Manager, Westfield
Ms Sharon Everett, Wollondilly Shire Council

Apologies: Ms Melissa Dransfield, CEO, Centre Management, Westfield
Insp Anthony Holton, Crime Manager, St Marys LAC
Mr Allan Shearan MP, Member for Londonderry
Ms Diane Beamer, Member for Mulgoa
Ms Jill Woods, Chief Executive Officer, Penrith Chamber of
Commerce

**Adoption of previous
Minutes:**

Minutes accepted by David burns and seconded by Gladys Reed

**Business arising from
Previous CSPC minutes:**

🚦 Kingswood Traders – Max Harrison.

Mr Harrison advised that he was not present at previous CSPC meeting but noted in minutes a discussion regarding police to further meet with the traders Association regarding the reporting of Crime. Mr Harrison requested that it be notes that he has had an excellent relationship with the Penrith and St Marys Commands for over 10 years and both Commands still attend to all incidences. It is also noted that the drug use along the main rd has diminished.

🚦 Request for Crime statistics relevant to Kingswood area.

Supt Filewood advised of recent operation “Lorn 2” and that full breakdown of statistics would be shown in St Marys presentation.

Sgt Simon Curry advised of deployment hrs over previous three months as follows:

Kingswood	38Hrs
St Marys	28Hrs
Werrington	18Hrs
Cambridge Park	14Hrs
St Clair	10Hrs

Karyn requested these statistics be provided at each CSPC.

Supt Filewood advised that the relevant statistics would be present, however, it was prudent to remember that Kingswood is the 2nd largest CBD outside of St Marys

🚦 Outcomes of proposal from Warragamba to be managed by Penrith LAC

Supt Feszczuk advised that the proposal would not be escalated as the residents of Warragamba were satisfied with current reporting arrangements. Supt Filewood advised that current Constable attached to Warragamba is to be replaced with Snr Constable who will also take up residency.

🚦 Feedback re CPP Supt Feszczuk for Insp Grant Healey

The Penrith CPP submitted it's returns to Steering Committee and they were accepted. All targets set for the CPP were met and there was a good participation from most of the partners.

The partnership will be ongoing for the next financial year and Penrith have now removed the robbery action plan and replaced it with Malicious Damage. This plan is currently being developed with great assistance from council. It will be placed before the steering committee once it is finalised.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: minutes of previous minutes and Agenda

Crime Review:

 **Penrith LAC – Presented by Supt Ben Feszczuk**
Crime: Penrith LAC

Compass crime data for the period June 2008 to August 2009 was reviewed.

Overall Results

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Top Ten Crime Categories

A chart showing the top ten crime categories was tabled, with Stealing, Malicious Damage, and Assault being the three most frequently occurring crimes in the current financial year to end August 2009.

Crime by Suburb

A chart showing crime by suburb was tabled, with Penrith (44%), Cranebrook (15%), and Glenmore Park (10%) being the suburbs which account for 69% of the crime occurring in Penrith LAC.

Trends

Assault

Assault (Non-DV) is trending slightly below last years' actual level and is currently 0.7% below BP target. 27% of all Assault incidents are alcohol related, however Alcohol Related Assault is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 11.5% below BP target. DV Related Assault is trending slightly below last years' actual level and is currently 7.3% above BP target. Sexual Assault is trending below last years' actual levels however is currently 9.5% above BP target.

Break and Enter

Break and Enter (Non-dwelling) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 22.6% below BP target. Break and

Enter (Dwelling) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 28.7% below BP target. A chart showing Break and Enter by suburb was tabled, with Penrith (25%), Cranebrook (15%), and Glenmore Park (25%) being the suburbs which account for 65% of the crime occurring in Penrith LAC. In the year to date

Robbery

Robbery is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 5.7% below BP target.

Stolen Vehicles

Stolen Vehicles is trending well below last years' actual level and is currently 5.7% below BP target.

Fraud

Fraud is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 4.5% below BP target.

Malicious Damage

Malicious Damage is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 13.5% below BP target.

Stealing (ex SFMV)

Stealing (ex SFMV) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 64.0% below BP target. 21% of Stealing is Steal From Retail Store.

Steal From Motor Vehicle (SFMV)

Steal From Motor Vehicle is trending well below last years' actual level and is currently 16.2% below BP target. Year 2009 to date

Proactive Policing

Charts for year to date 2009 were tabled showing tasking and deployment of police by crime category and by location.

"Hot zone" on presentation slide showed of activity surrounding Rodley Ave. Council have requested statistics of this area to determine if this activity is associated to the two Lane ways in this area.

ACTION: statistics relating to criminal activities surrounding Rodley Ave to be collated and presented to Council members of CSPC.

Gladys Reed advised of recent incident where security observed persons "tagging" and attempted to make contact with police. Further explanation was provided of the incident with following conversation regarding authority to arrest by security officers.

ACTION: meeting between Police and Security to be organised for purpose of expectations of services and assistance to each other.

 **St Marys LAC – Presented by Supt Ray Filewood**

Karyn Paluzzano questioned the boundaries for which grants provided by Penrith Valley Community Safety were bound in respect to funding being provided for Malicious Damage issues in the Kingswood area. Insp Grant Healey advised that Malicious Damage was now being looked at by the CPP and that would encompass the St Marys LAC.

CRIME:

Assault Non DV – Below BP/Compass target
Robbery – Above BP/Compass target
Sexual Assault – Above BP/Compass target
Break and Enter Dwelling – Below BP/Compass target
Stolen Vehicles – Below BP/Compass target

PROACTIVITY:

Drug Detection – Possess: Above BP/Compass Target
Powers Move On - Above BP/Compass Target
Powers Person Search - Above BP/Compass Target

OTHER:

Traffic Incidents – Below BP/Compass Target (due to industrial action)
Injury/Fatal Crashes – Below BP/Compass Target

CRIME HOTSPOTS:

Hotspot crime map shows that St Marys and Kingswood CBD have the highest volume of crime
Statistically, St Marys has the highest amount of crime followed by Kingswood, then St Clair then Werrington

CRIME CATEGORIES:

Assault – 49% is domestic violence related, 22% personal violence related and 13% alcohol related
Assault Non DV- just over the BP target
Assault Alcohol Related – slightly over the BP – majority is in residential premises
Assault DV Related – just over the BP target. The onus is now reversed and target is based on reporting of incidents, not decreasing them.
Robbery – under BP for July but over for August. Hotspot for robbery is St Marys around CBD, Rail Corridor. 48% occurred in outdoor/public place

Sexual Assault – in line with BP. Most sexual assaults are reported incidents to JIRT
BES Dwelling – travelling well, below the BP. Hotspot for BES is Kingswood, Werrington and St Marys.
Stolen Vehicles – below the BP. Main hotspot is St Marys, particularly around the CBD then Kingswood and St Clair
BES Non Dwelling – well below the BP. Hotspot is the industrial area of St Marys. 35% occurring in schools (particularly around Kingswood), 35% in business/commercial and 25% industrial.
Drug Detection – Supply – about level with BP target, new category

Fraud – Below BP 61% are Fail to Pay offences
Malicious Damage – was below BP for July but above for August 81% is damage to property, 18% graffiti. St Clair, St Marys and Kingswood were the worst affected suburbs. Operation LORN and LORN 2 targeted graffiti and other associated street crimes in those suburbs with good success.

Steal from MV – below the BP, hotspots St Marys CBD and Kingswood
Stealing (excluding SFMV) below BP
Drug Detection Possession – above BP
Move On – About par with BP
Person Search – above BP
Traffic – below BP due to industrial action
Crashes – below BP

Contentious Issues:

Joan Sutherland/Westfield grass lands. – lengthy discussion regarding the benefits and downfalls of the current utilisation of this area. Some persons utilising area as they feel safe whilst others hold fears given the number of persons in attendance and that alcohol consumption is not banned.

Members advised that the area is a public space and police cannot just ask persons to “move on” without cause

Penrith Valley Community Partnership currently have a sub committee who are looking at different social activities and utilisation of this area.

It was acknowledged that Council Rangers now have authorisation to execute powers re “move on”. This duty has not at this time been undertaken by Council rangers as terms of condition for staff have yet to be determined. Prior to any action by the council a memorandum of Understanding will need to be completed.

ACTION: Insp Healey to obtain statistical data regarding all crime reported in this area and broken down in to categories and with associated factors such as alcohol.

Once relevant statics are obtained it will then be decided if this issue is to be responded to by the CPP.

General Business

PLATE SAFE initiative will roll out in October this year. Council are currently looking at an alternative to this one way screw. This would involve the removal of a panel from certain vehicle to affix plate. As a result, it would not be viable to complete all applications over a weekend period. Consideration is being given to a voucher system where persons may attend a certified installation site for implementation at a later time.

ACTION: Council to provide Ms Karyn Paluzzano with full briefing upon completion of plate safe initiative.

Next Meeting:

Monday 7th December 2009, St Marys LAC. 10:00am

Meeting Closed:

12:50pm

Actions

ACTION: statistics relating to criminal activities surrounding Rodley Ave to be collated and presented to Council members of CSPC.

ACTION: meeting between Police and Security to be organised for purpose of expectations of services and assistance to each other.

ACTION: Insp Healey to obtain statistical data regarding all crime reported for area between Plaza and Joan Sutherland centre and broken down in to categories and with associated factors such as alcohol.

ACTION: Council to provide Ms Karyn Paluzzano with full briefing upon completion of plate safe initiative.