

Northern Beaches Local Area Command

Community Safety Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes

Tuesday 15th February 2011

Chairperson: Superintendent Cruickshank

Attendees:

Superintendent Cruickshank	Northern Beaches Police	Commander
Chief Inspector Green	Northern Beaches Police	Duty Officer
D/Inspector Wonders	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Manager
Sgt Hough	Northern Beaches Police	Licensing officer
Cst Chris Millar	Northern beaches Police	Licensing officer
Amanda Lehmann	Northern Beaches Police	Intelligence Analyst
Libby Steel	Northern Beaches Police	Intelligence Analyst
Rob Stokes	Member of Parliament	State Member for Pittwater
Brad Hazzard	Member of Parliament	State Member for Wakehurst
Harvey Rose	Pittwater Council	Mayor of Pittwater
Michael Regan	Warringah Council	Mayor of Warringah
Keith Ralfs	Pittwater Business Ltd	Director
Amanda Watkins	MDECC	Health Promotion Co-ordinator
Chris Muir	State Transit	A/Depot Manager – Mona Vale
Lindsay Godfrey	Pittwater Council	Manager Community Library & Economic Development
Rob Vanderblink	Warringah Council	Youth & Rec Co-ordinator
Apologies:		
Jay Zmijewski	State Transit Authority	Security Coordinator STA
Michael Baird	Member of Parliament	State Member for Manly
Domenic Laroza	State Transit Authority	Safety Officer
Russell Wolfe	Warringah Council	Safety/Community Services
Linda White	Warringah Chamber of Commerce	

Meeting Commenced at 9.10am.

Official Welcome:

Meeting opened and official welcome by Superintendent Cruickshank.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting moved by Mayor Harvey Rose and seconded by Inspector Craig Wonders.

Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

Nil matters arising from previous minutes.

Crime Overview:

Presented by Amanda Lehmann.

- **Assault - Non Domestic Related**

Assault Non DV has an associated factor of alcohol related in 27% of incidents. Brookvale and Dee Why are the hotspots followed by Narrabeen. The hot time for assaults is 11pm – 12am. Saturday is the predominant day. Occurring mainly in outdoor/public places 45% followed by residential 29%.

- **Assault – Domestic Violence Related**

Assault DV has an associated factor of alcohol related in 42% of incidents. Dee Why followed by Beacon Hill are the current hotspot areas. The hot time period for assaults is 5pm. The predominant day is Sunday. Assaults primarily occur at residential premises 93% for January. 31% result in AOABH and the main MO is Physical Force 31% and Punch 25%.

- **Break and Enter Dwelling**

The hotspot locations are Frenchs Forest (15%), Narrabeen (12%) & Avalon (9%). The hot times are 1-3pm for daytime and 8-10pm for night time. The predominant day is Friday, closely followed by Wednesday. Main method of entry is ground floor front door (13%), Open (11%) and Force Lock (10%).

- **Break and Enter Non-Dwelling**

The hotspot locations are North Narrabeen (18%) followed equally by Frenchs Forest/Mona Vale (11%). Business/Commercial premises make up 39% of Non Dwelling Break and Enters. The hot time is 3am – 5am, 3pm and 9pm. The predominant day is Saturday. Main method of entry is ground floor front door (25%) followed by Other (20%)

- **Stealing**

The hotspot locations are predominantly Dee Why (32%) for SFP; Frenchs Forest (23%) for SFD and Brookvale (59%) for SFR. The main further classification is Steal from Person (42%), Steal from Retail (33%) and Steal from Dwelling (25%). The hot time period for Stealing is 2-4pm. The predominant day for Stealing is Sunday, closely followed by Tuesday.

- **Steal from Motor Vehicle**

The hotspot locations are predominantly Newport (15%), Narrabeen (9%), and Collaroy / Dee Why (8%). The hot time period for Steal from Motor Vehicle is 12am to 4am. The predominant day for Steal from Motor Vehicle is Sunday, closely followed by Wednesday.

- **Robbery**

Half occurring at outdoor/public places whilst the other 50% occurring on Public Transport. Last month there was 2 in Dee Why, 1 in Frenchs Forest and 1 in North Curl Curl. Incidents occurred on Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday & Saturday and predominantly in the evenings.

The main MO is Punch (33%) followed by Fist/Feet/Body (22%) and Glass bottle/Kick/Personal Harm/Physical Force (11%).

- **Stolen Vehicle**

Most vehicles stolen from this LAC are recovered locally.

The majority of vehicles were stolen from outdoor/public places (35%) followed equally by residential premises and Carparks (10%) and Business/Commercial premises(9%).

The hotspot location is Dee Why (17%), followed by Brookvale (13%), then Forestville/Frenchs Forest/Harbord/Killarney heights/Narrabeen (9%).

The hot time period for stolen vehicles is 10pm – 12am.

Tuesday and Wednesday are the predominant days.

- **Malicious Damage**

The hotspot locations are Dee Why, Brookvale, Mona Vale, Nth Narrabeen & Narrabeen.

The majority of Malicious Damage has occurred at outdoor/public place closely followed by Residential, Carpark and Education premises.

The hot time is 11am - 1am.

Thursday to Sunday are the predominant days.

Graffiti currently accounts for 10% of reported Malicious Damage.

- **Injury or Fatal Crash**

Narrabeen is the main location followed by Brookvale/Frenchs Forest/Mona Vale (10%).

During January the majority of accidents had no associated factor (90%) and 10% were speed related.

The hot time is 8am-9am, 12pm and 3pm.

Wednesday is the predominant day.

- **Mona Vale CBD**

Malicious Damage, Graffiti and Proactivity maps were shown of Mona Vale CBD. Drug detection maps were shown of Mona Vale CBD & Avalon CBD.

- **Transit Related Offences**

Maps highlighting public transport incidents from Nov 2010 – Jan 2011 were shown with the majority of incidents occurring on buses followed by taxi.

General Discussion:

TRANSIT RELATED OPERATIONS

- Mayor Harvey Rose thanked police and STA for their efforts regarding combating anti-social behaviour on buses through a number of recent transit operations and as a result buses were now safer for passengers. Chris Muir from State Transit also commented that

he had received feedback from bus drivers that they felt more comfortable driving buses since the operations had taken place and also commended police for their recent efforts.

Open Forum:

- Superintendent Cruickshank provided feedback regarding Australia Day, 2011. Buses were targeted along Mona Vale Rd and alcohol was confiscated. PORS was also present and despite the hot weather and large numbers of people that congregated on the beaches, there were few incidents. Supt. Cruickshank advised that discussions regarding Australia Day 2012 would begin in October 2011, with plans to run separate operations to Manly LAC. The number of police allocated on the day will be reviewed as well as a focus on creating alcohol free zones on and around the beaches. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas please raise them with Supt. Cruickshank.

Supt. Cruickshank also commented that the Christmas and New Year period was relatively quiet, crime wise. A COMPASS meeting between Northern Beaches and the Commissioner of Police will be held next Wednesday 23rd February, 2011 to discuss the crime throughout the Northern Beaches, however, there is expected to be no areas of concern regarding the level of crime within the LAC.

- Inspector Wonders reiterated that high police visibility will continue on the streets with particular attention paid to anti-social behaviour, especially evident in Summer months.
- Sgt Gill Hough was introduced by Supt Cruickshank in her new role as Licensing officer. Sgt Hough discussed her intentions to liaise more with the hotels in particular Mona Vale Hotel which is frequented by up to 1600 people on a Thursday night. Sgt Hough further stated that herself and Cst Millar attend Mona Vale Hotel on Thursday nights and Newport, Dee Why and Brookvale Hotel on Friday and Saturday nights. There is continued liaison with the licensees of the premises as well as security staff. Sgt Hough also assured Amanda Watkins, that the Liquor Accord meeting will continue with a greater push on attendance by all interested and concerned parties including police and council members. Brad Hazzard raised the issue of the noise emanating out of some of the premises along the Strand including Deck23 and Stranded. Cst Millar advised that no complaints had been received by residents, however, Licensing police were looking at ways to reduce the noise between the two premises.
- Inspector Colin Green discussed developments of the program Pacific and Maori Work on the Streets (PMWS) which has been underway since October. So far there have been positive results with active targeting of youths around Dee Why, Brookvale and Narrabeena CBD's. This has been in conjunction with MDAC (Manly Drug & Alcohol), Point Zero and Youth Reach which has been lending a bus & will be working with Manly Sea Eagles. Funding by Council is hoped to be achieved in the future to enable work with local communities to continue.
- Mayor Michael Regan informed that the DA has been approved for Dee Why bus stop. He further requested that attendees visit the website yoursaywarringah.com and leave feedback via the online discussion forum.
- Supt Cruickshank informed the attendees that the Crime Prevention Officer position while temporarily vacant will be filled by returning officer Rochelle Bird next month and Kylie Boss the following month.

- Lindsay Godfrey reported positive feedback from the midnight basketball games held at Warriewood. Youth Reach is hoping to continue the program in Terms 3 and 4 with the support of Pittwater Council.
- Brad Hazzard raised the issue of traffic congestion along Warringah Rd as an ongoing problem that needs attention. Insp wonders concluded that the Northern Beaches Traffic Sergeant will be informed of the issue raised and liaise with RTA to discuss traffic congestion and traffic light sequence. **Outcome to be discussed at next meeting.**
- A letter from a concerned resident in Dee Why was read out by Mayor Regan highlighting anti-social behaviour that was occurring at Walter Gors Park, Howard Avenue. This location was noted and will be highlighted in police taskings and also given to the PMWS group to target.

Meeting concluded at 10.25am

Date of next meeting to be arranged.