

**Mid North Coast Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes  
Nambucca Shire Council  
9 May 2017**

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**Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Supt FEHON	NSW Police
Det /Insp K FEHON	NSW Police
Sgt SAINSBURY	NSW Police
S/Con CHERRY	NSW Police
Rhonda HOBAN	Nambucca Shire Mayor
Darren GROSE	Kempsey Community Corrections
Rosemary PENNY	Community member
Stan OULD	Community member
Vicki MELOUNEY	Community member
Jim BARRIE	Community member
Pamela LANGFORT	Community member
Joshua GUY	Community member

**Apologies:**

Katherine EMERTON	Dept Premier & Cabinet
Liz CAMPBELL	Kempsey Shire Council
Kathy OLIVER	Kempsey Shire Council
Marilyn BREEN	Kempsey Shire Council
Graeme CUNYNGHAME	Community member

**Start:** 10am

### **1) Introduction and Welcome**

Supt FEHON welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and interest. Police officers present were introduced to those in attendance.

### **2) Matters arising from previous minutes**

An alternate date was agreed to for the November meeting at Kempsey. The new date is the 28 November.

### **3) Crime review by Sgt Sainsbury**

- **8 major crime categories**
- **Comparison for the past 4 months (Jan-April) compared to the same period last year & the same period in 2007 (10 years ago)**
- **Brief offence specifics**

## **Hastings Cluster:**

Jan to April Comparisons

### **Assaults**

**2017 - 185**

2016 - 221

2007 - 250

74% common assault, 25% ABH assault

49.7% DV related, 40.5% Alcohol related, 3.2% Drug related

64% residential, 18% public places, 5% businesses

### **Break & enter**

**2017 - 115**

2016 - 121

2007 - 298

61.7% residential, 17.3% businesses, 7.8% industrial

### **Drug Detections**

**2017 - 125**

2016 - 145

2007 - 55

78% possession, 10% cultivation, 3% supply

60% public places, 30% residential

83 cannabis, 20 meth/amphetamine, 10 pharmaceutical, 5 MDMA (ecstasy), 5 other drug

### **Fraud**

**2017 - 83**

2016 - 129

2007 - 17

31% fail to pay, 31% deception offence, 10% other fraud

55% businesses, 35% residential

Average of only 4 per month over the past 17 months. Past 4 months have been below this average. Projection for May 2. 43% fail to pay offences

### **Malicious Damage**

**2017 - 198**

2016 - 209

2007 - 341

8% graffiti

53% residential, 27% public places, 7% business

### **Robbery**

**2017 - 4**

2016 - 5

2007 - 6

25% armed robbery

75% businesses, 25% public places

No robberies this year to date.

### **Stealing**

**2017 - 295**

2016 - 438

2007 - 527

54% other steal, 20% steal from m/veh, 13% from retail store, 32% public places, 31% residential, 22% business

## **Stolen vehicle/vessel**

**2017 - 42**

2016 - 45

2007 - 41

No vessels stolen in this period

40% residential, 31% public places, 14% carparks

Average of 6 per month. Projection of only 2 in May. 93% vehicles (only 1 vessel this year to date)

## **Macleay Cluster**

### **Assaults**

**2017 - 179**

2016 - 153

2007 - 223

Current average of 51 per month. Projection for May currently at 35. 37% alcohol related, 36% DV related

### **Break & enter**

**2017 - 135**

2016 - 173

2007 - 160

58% residential, 14% business, 10% recreational, 7% industrial

### **Drug Detections**

**2017 - 82**

2016 - 121

2007 - 78

76% possession, 10% cultivation, 9% other detection

38% public places, 33% law enforcement, 23% residential

55 cannabis, 11 meth/amphetamine, 9 pharmaceutical, 4 heroin, 9 other drug type

### **Fraud**

**2017 - 38**

2016 - 42

2007 - 22

42% deception offence, 16% fail to pay, 16% counterfeit currency

71% business, 18% residential

### **Malicious Damage**

**2017 - 180**

2016 - 128

2007 - 170

7% graffiti

47% residential, 36% public places, 6% businesses

### **Robbery**

**2017 - 3**

2016 - 2

2007 - 8

66% armed robberies

66% public places, 33% businesses

Average of 1 robbery per month. Projection for May currently at 1. Offences occur on a variety of premise types.

## **Stealing**

**2017 - 258**

2016 - 248

2007 - 216

38% other steal, 30% steal from m/veh, 24% from retail store

35% public places, 30% businesses, 30% residential

Current average of 109 per month with the past 2 months below this figure/ Projection for May currently at 74. 48% other steal, 24% steal from motor vehicle & 17% steal from retail store.

## **Stolen vehicle/vessel**

**2017 - 40**

2016 - 35

2007 - 46

No vessels stolen in this period

48% residential, 30% public places, 15% carparks

## **Nambucca Cluster**

### **Assaults**

**2017 - 68**

2016 - 87

2007 - 95

75% common assault, 19% ABH assault

55.8% DV related, 38.2% Alcohol related, 1.4% Drug related

63% residential, 21% public places, 7% licensed premises

### **Break & enter**

**2017 - 50**

2016 - 53

2007 - 110

60% residential, 10% business, 10% educational

Only 15 in April

### **Drug Detections**

**2017 - 38**

2016 - 40

2007 - 29

61% possession, 26% cultivation, 5% supply

45% residential, 39% public places, 8% business

27 cannabis, 8 meth/amphetamines, 1 pharmaceutical, 2 other drug

Average of 23 per month over the past 21 months. Projection for May 18

### **Fraud**

**2017 - 30**

2016 - 10

2007 - 40

43% fail to pay, 23% deception offence, 13% counterfeit currency

60% business, 30% residential, 10% licensed premises

Average of 10 per month. Peak in November 2015 due to a stolen credit card being used 28 times.

Projection for May currently 11.

## **Malicious Damage**

**2017 - 96**

2016 - 63

2007 - 133

3% graffiti

49% residential, 17% public places, 11% educational

Current average of 33 per month has been maintained for the past 16 months. Projection for May 23.

## **Robbery**

**2017 - 3**

2016 - 0

2007 - 3

100% armed robberies

66% business, 33% public places

No significant issues with robbery offences. Projection for May 0

## **Stealing**

**2017 - 95**

2016 - 101

2007 - 144

42% steal from m/veh , 35% other steal, 9% from retail store

40% residential, 31% public places, 15% businesses

Current average of 64 per month. Projection for May 58.

## **Stolen vehicle/vessel**

**2017 - 19**

2016 - 14

2007 -x 46

5% vessels (1)

58% public places, 32% residential, 10% carparks

Average of 10 per month. Projection of 3 for May

## **CRIME DISCUSSION**

Whilst crime review was taking place several discussions with regard to Locking/unlocking of credit card. Enquiries revealed that it is up to the individual credit card as to what settings are available. Frauds on line and over the phone. These need to be reported to Police and Scamwatch.

Drug operations were discussed at length. Covert operations, resources used, money spent.

**Supt FEHON:** Heroin in lower socio economic areas. Continued focus on drug supply.

**Sgt SAINSBURY:** On the MNC for the first time there were more Random drug testing charges than Random Breath testing charges.

## **Significant Arrests**

**Inspector K FEHON** informed the attendees of recent significant arrests of offenders wanted for serious offences such as robbery, break and enter, serious assaults and others.

## Charges – January to April 2017

Offence Type	Hastings	Macleay	Nambucca	Grand Total
Traffic offence	351	164	33	548
Violence offence	117	133	38	288
Drug offence	95	68	23	186
Property damage	70	47	33	150
Property theft	60	63	24	147
Intimidation	77	41	22	140
Breach of order	69	33	21	123
Fraud	38	41	6	85
Detention application	44	28	6	78
Anti Police offence	40	25	7	72
Weapons offence	27	28	13	68
Public order offence	26	19	5	50
Sexual offence	25	17	5	47
Other offence	16	19	5	40
Vehicle theft	8	10	3	21
Robbery	5	2	1	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2051</b>

## NAIDOC WEEK

**Supt FEHON** Naidoc Week is from 3 July to 7 July 2017.

**Mayor HOBAN** Last year the Naidoc week Celebration was held at Macksville so I believe it will be held at Bowraville. I am unsure of what day it is to be held this year.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**R PENNEY** I wish to inform the meeting of the North Coast Area Health Service Innovation Awards that are being held in Port Macquarie in June that the Health Literacy Program run at Farrington Village which included Constable CHERRY has made it to the top 3.

**SUPT FEHON** mentioned that a new mental health initiative for patients deemed possible suffering mental illness be assessed within 45 minutes of attending Macksville Hospital. Funding has been approved for this project. Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Kempsey currently have declared facilities..

**MAYOR HOBAN/ J GUY** mentioned issues about a group of 5 to 6 kids and teens that are terrorising people in the Macksville area by throwing rocks and smashing windows, shoplifting, trespassing, offensive behaviour etc etc.  
(Names of these juveniles were given to Police at end of meeting. Enquiries by the YLO revealed the majority of these youths came from one or two families in the area. Youth on Track and Mission Australia are both involved with one of these families and Police are making further enquiries.)

**INSP K FEHON** Explained in a brief version the Young Offenders Act with regard to warnings, cautions, conference and charge/court. If they continue they need to go to juvenile detention.

**SUPT FEHON** Police advise all members of the community that they need to report crime so that Police can do something about it. Youth on Track is a program that offers intervention in breaking the cycle of crime committed by Youth.

Kempsey, Macksville and Bellingen are going back to their own Court Circuit.

**Future Meeting Dates**

9.30am on 15 August at Port Macquarie (Victory in the Pacific Day)

10am on 28 November 2017 at Kempsey.

**Finish 11.35am.**

<b>Action Items</b>			
<b>Intended Outcome</b>	<b>Agreed Strategies</b>	<b>Partner Agencies / Community member</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>