

MINUTES OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMUNITY TEAM (PACT) MEETING

23rd May 2007 – WAVERLEY POLICE STATION

Present: A/Supt Wonders - Commander
Rebecca Petroni - Executive Officer
Acting D/Insp Darren Smith – Crime Manager
A/Insp Phil Carroll – Duty Officer
Sergeant Peter Bolt – Licensing
Peter Debnam – M.P.
Russell King – WAYS
Tony Webster - Rotary Bondi Junction
Tony Falstein – Community Representative
David Ellison – Keep Bronte Beautiful Committee
George Copeland - Waverley Council
Richard Purchase - Bondi Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: Paul Pearce – M.P. Coogee
Kevin Rothschild – NSW Jewish Board of Deputies
Malcolm Turnbull – M.P. Wentworth
Graham Ford – Surf Clubs

Meeting opened by A/Superintendent Wonders at 5:35pm

A/Supt Wonders introduced himself to the members of the committee and informed them of his duties here at Eastern Suburbs LAC and also his previous roles at North Shore.

Previous minutes were previously reviewed by A/Supt Wonders and asked if the members of the committee had any questions to raise and if all members received previous PACT minutes.

Minutes were agreed and seconded.

Presentation by Sergeant Peter Bolt – Licensing / Liquor Accord

There are five venues that are tracked more intimately with Alcohol Linking Date. They include our larger Hotels and those that attract an ‘at risk’ clientele. These hotels include the Beach Road Hotel, Hotel Bondi, The Eastern, The Grand Hotel and The Tea Gardens Hotel. These hotels are all intrusively monitored by the Police and these hotels are members of the Accord and take this responsibility seriously.

The efforts that these Accord members are making so far this year are: -

- 1. Assaults (where the last drink was recorded to have been consumed at one of these hotels by the offender or victim).**

40% reduction has been recorded compared to 2005/2006.

2. Assaults (where the last drink was recorded to have been consumed at one of these hotels by the offender or victim and the assault took place on the premises).

74% reduction has been recorded compared to 2005/2006.

A total of 6 assaults only has taken place upon these licensed venues in a 3 month period with **NO** assaults at both the Beach Road Hotel and the Tea Gardens hotel.

3. Total number of affected persons linked to one of these hotels.

12% reduction has been recorded compared to 2005.

32% reduction has been recorded compared to 2006.

4. Persons assessed by reporting police as seriously affected and linked to one of these hotels.

83% reduction has been recorded compared to 2005.

75% reduction has been recorded compared to 2006.

5. Persons assessed by reporting police as well affected persons and linked to one of these hotels.

16% reduction has been recorded compared to 2005.

35% reduction has been recorded compared to 2006.

6. Reports taken by police from persons (offenders/victims) and linked to one of these hotels.

14% reduction has been recorded compared to 2005.

30% reduction has been recorded compared to 2005.

As you can see our major venues are currently leading by example. These statistics are not captured during our seasonal winter but the summer months when alcohol related crime is at its peak. We can actively show that our area is reducing alcohol related crime significantly.

The Grand Hotel was a major risk within the Command, below is the yearly comparisons between 2005 and 2006.

7. Assaults (where the last drink was recorded to have been consumed at the grand Hotels by offender or victim.

50% reduction has been recorded for 2006.

8. Assaults (where the last drink was recorded to have been consumed at The Grand Hotel by the offender or victim and the assault took place on the premises).

47% reduction has been recorded for 2006.

9. Total number of affected persons

35% reduction has been recorded for 2006.

10. Persons assessed by reporting police as seriously affected.

50% reduction has been recorded for 2006.

11. Persons assessed by reporting police as well affected persons.

55% reduction has been recorded for 2006.

- ? Police are working well with Licensees.
- ? Police are conducting walkthroughs at these licensed premises at the 'high risk' times is certainly a contributing factor in the results we are seeing this year.
- ? Noise complaints – Police are aware, especially the Beach Road Hotel. Council will need to look at when licensed premises want to redevelop.
- ? No lock out period for licensed premises at Bondi. The Eastern has a 2am lockout time.
- ? Police conduct walkthroughs at the Beach Road, they speak to security and encourage responsible service of alcohol and limit persons drinking alcohol.
- ? Car crews are tasked on a regular basis with regards to walk throughs and the problem times occurring. This has seen a reduction.

Tony Falstein – In relation to persons affected by alcohol - what occurs at the Beach Road Hotel should occur at the Bondi Hotel.

A queue is formed outside the Bondi Hotel. Police are tasked to attend the premise and this enables police to check out persons in queue affected by alcohol, this reduces people getting in.

Licensing at Eastern Suburbs LAC had a meeting with the Licensees at the Bondi Hotel – due to constraints, they have shut down the Bombora Bar on Saturday nights.

King – What areas does the Liquor Accord cover?

Covers all licensed premises within the Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command.

The Liquor Accord has the ability to reprimand.

Power Point presentation – Crime Hotspots and Crime Reduction Strategies

A presentation was given by A/Detective Inspector Darren Smith explaining to the committee what roles and duties the Crime Management Unit consists of.

The Crime Management Unit consists of: -

Crime Manager – Detective Inspector Jason Smith

- ? Responsible for the development and management of criminal investigations and crime reduction strategies.
- ? Responsible for the efficient running of the CMU.
- ? Responsible for the technical and quality aspects of investigation within the LAC.

Intelligence Supervisor – Sergeant Donna Schott

- ? To supervise and develop intelligence data and provide timely information on criminals and management issues affecting LAC operations.

Education and Development Officer – Senior Constable Jen Turner

- ? To coordinate and implement training and staff development within the LAC.

Licensing Supervisor – Sergeant Peter Bolt

- ? To direct and coordinate activities for the provision of an effective licensing administration and enforcement with LACs.

Team Leader Proactive Teams (New Division) – Detective Senior Constable Neaves

- ? Responsible for the supervision of staff and operations targeting mid level high volume crime and proactive policing.

Traffic Supervisor – Sergeant Michael Leary

- ? To supervise LAC personnel regarding the performance of traffic duties and provide effective policing response to traffic management issues within LACs to minimise road trauma, promote orderly and safe road use and ensure the free flow of traffic and people.

Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO) – Cst Jessica Bills

- ? Provide and coordinate a system of support for victims of domestic violence.

Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Cst Fiona O'Brien

- ? To assist in the implementation and coordination of community based safety and crime prevention strategies and programs with the LAC.

Youth Liaison Officer (YLO) – Cst Amanda Taylor

- ? Responsible for dealing with issues such as education, diversionary and inter-agency programs pertaining to youth with the aim of diverting young people away from criminal activity.

Scenes of Crime Officer

- ? Responsible for the provision of scientific and technical support services with regard to the gathering and interpretation of forensic evidence at minor/volume crime scenes.

Investigations Manager – Detective Senior Sergeant Dickson

- ? To supervise lead and conduct criminal investigations by all staff of the LAC. Ensuring the efficient management of the Criminal Investigations office, including the submission and quality of all briefs of evidence produced within the LAC.

Crime Co-ordinator – Sergeant Twentyman

- ? Ensure the efficient management of the Local Area Command Crime Management Unit (CMU) and the coordination of its staff. The position reports to the Crime Manager and has the staff of the CMU reporting to it.

A/D/Insp Darren Smith then presented to a Power Point presentation of graphs depicting crime within the Eastern Suburbs Command. The presentation addressed the following:

Crime Statistics and Figures for April (Broken down into categories): -

- ? Assaults – Up, mostly occur Friday – Sunday evenings and early hours of morning (btw 10:00pm and 3:00am).
- ? Break and Enter – Up, occur mostly during the week/daylight hours.
- ? Stolen Vehicles – Up 33, from 31.
- ? Malicious Damage – Slight increase. Slightly above business plan. Mostly malicious damage to property, mostly graffiti.
- ? Stealings – Increase, business plan target 200 – this reporting period 206 last month 204. Hot spots are Bondi beach area between noon and 4:00pm Thursday – Sunday.
- ? Theft– Slight increase – Mostly occurring on the beach and licensed premises.
- ? Robberies – Very low rating. Projected total for March 4 this period 5.

Crime rates have dropped significantly in the last 5-10 years.

Peter Debnam – Who are the people committing the crimes in the area, where are they coming from and are they juveniles?

To address our local offenders in addition there is a percentage of offenders who come into the command commit the crime and then leave. These are usually committed by young males aged between 18-24.

The STMP program identifies high risk offenders, they are alerted to the command and draws attention to the Police. All staff attend daily briefings AM and PM. High Risk Offenders are looked at and car crews are tasked to keep a look out for them.

Consult Intelligence Unit and get update information for next PACT meeting.

Graffiti – The Intelligence Unit ask car crews to take photographs of new graffiti tags.

Russell King – Why kids drink in parks –Sundays Herald.

WAYS were misquoted in article, the article was not favourable toward police. Strategies were discussed as to what Eastern Suburbs LAC are doing to combat juvenile drinking.

Tony Falstein – How does the RTA camera system work. Does the RTA download unregistered persons, vehicles wanted?

Its number plate recognition. High Way Patrol manage the use of the camera and we incorporate the use of the device in on-going traffic operations with the Eastern Suburbs Command.

Next meeting of the PACT Committee – 22 August 2007 (please diarise).

Meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Minutes taken by Rebecca Petroni, Executive Officer - Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command.

Minutes Accepted.