

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND
MINUTES OF ARMIDALE/URALLA/GUYRA CSPC
HELD AT ARMIDALE POLICE STATION
WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2009
COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM**

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

PRESENT Supt Greg Martin; Mr Ron Filmer, Mayor Uralla Shire Council; Mr Peter Ducat, Mayor Armidale Dumaresq Council; Mr Hans Heitbrink, Mayor Guyra Shire Council; Ms Eve Woodberry, University of New England; Insp Matt Lynch; A/Sgt Greg Dufty; S/C Jo Habgood; Mr Steve Widders, Aboriginal representative; Mrs Sue Durham, Armidale Liquor Accord, Mr Chris Milne Executive Officer;

APOLOGIES: Mr Richard Torbay, Member for Northern Tablelands;

WELCOME: Mr Martin thanked all parties for attending and welcomed all members. Mr Martin congratulated Mr Filmer on his re-election as Mayor of Uralla.

Minutes of last meeting ratified.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Graffiti: S/C Habgood working with Phil Brown of Council. Cameras were set up, but cameras had been moved prior to the graffiti. On going liaison is occurring and action continuing. Council, Chamber of Commerce and Police will liaise re rapid removal of graffiti. Graffiti issues will be raised and incorporated into next lighting committee meeting. No graffiti problems at Guyra or Uralla.

**** Action** CPO to examine package re evidence gathering to prosecute taggers as well as the pro's and con's of a legal graffiti wall****

White Bull cameras and Taxi rank issues: Carried over from last meeting. Crime Manager is aware of issues raised at the last meeting and will contact Council for continued consultation.

- **Presentation of Crime including Hotspot mapping to show the identified crime, charts depicting peak times and days for crime, an overview of the intelligence process used to identify crime hotspots.**

Crime Reports:

- Sector Control Charts maps and supporting material presented to CSPC members as a slideshow.

Armidale

Assault: Static figures – dropping somewhat. Licensed premises being targeted as well as intoxication within hotels. DV assaults have dropped well.

Break and Enter: (Dwelling) Up and down month by month. Police are targeting known offenders. Opportunistic crime especially motels with open doors and windows. (Non dwelling) Static figures. Industrial area is a problem policing especially with hiding places and poor security.

Drug detection: Controlled operation caused a spike in Sept. Good results. (Supply) extremely low numbers.

Major Traffic Crashes: Dropped in the last 3 months. Weather is an issue. HWP give good coverage.

Malicious Damage: Spiked recently. Minor incidents mainly, with some exceptions such as school and cemetery.

Stolen Motor Vehicles: Dropped very well recently.

Steal from Motor Vehicles: Crime Prevention Officer is examining. Not a car park issue, mostly driveways. Issues with GPS being stolen. Items re these stealing's have appeared in local papers.

Stealing: Downward trend.

PROACTIVITY

Move on and Person Search: Very good proactivity

Uralla

Very low figures overall. No major issues.

Guyra

Very good figures overall. Small numbers

Tingha

No Major issues.

Agenda items:

Emerging issues:

Staffing Issues: Positions filled or being filled so that Command is at strength. Some issues regarding maternity leave affecting first response.

Interagency Development: Hold until next meeting.

Matters of Interest:

- Mr Widders questioned the number of police at the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. Supt Martin mentioned that it is the policy of the NSWPF to give this type of coverage to an event of this nature. Mr Martin would like to meet personally with anyone who had concerns and discuss any issues that they may have.
- Mr Widders wanted it noted that in his view the event was over policed and said that the response was racist. He also wants the issue of police numbers raised for the next event especially inclusion of Riot Squad and horses and bikes which in his view was totally unnecessary.
- Insp Lynch gave a briefing on the current fire situation outside of Tingha.
- Mrs Durham raised the issue of super departments and liquor accords. Concerns are being raised that the accords will be devalued and representations will be raised with Mr Torbay. Mr Martin thanked the liquor accord for their contribution to the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout regarding their donation of food to the PCYC for Aboriginal youth.
- Ms Woodberry mentioned that summer schools will be run at the University. A new Vice-Chancellor has been appointed. Growth areas at the Uni are in the new subjects being offered and as a result the university has expanded with more students attending.
- Mr Ducat thanked the police in planning and involvement in knockout event. He mentioned problems with Boscar figures in that they don't include youth.
- Mr Heitbrink praised police for their contribution to the Group 19 event. All ran smoothly.
- Mr Ducat raised issues at Lambert Park regarding antisocial behaviour and the fact that all shrubs are being removed to increase visibility as a deterrent.

General Business:

Nil

Meeting closed: 11.30am