

## **Gunnedah Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting 14 December 2009 – Gunnedah Council Chambers**

**Present:** Mr Adam Marshall - Mayor Gunnedah Regional Council, Cr Gwen Griffen, Ms Bettina Pye Gunnedah Development Board, Inspector Craig Sutton, Sgt Brad Murray, Const Georgia Harvey, Mrs Jill Smith

### **Apologies:**

Superintendent Clint Pheeney, Mr Peter Draper MP, Cr Colleen Fuller- Deputy Mayor, Ms Ruythe Dufty - School Education Director – NE Region, S/C Jen Ridley, Ms Di Stacey, Mr Rod Jones – Gunnedah High

Meeting commenced: 10.15am

### **Welcome and overview of meeting by Inspector Craig Sutton.**

Inspector Sutton is impressed with what he has seen in the Gunnedah Community and how proud the people are of their community.

### **Overview of crime in Gunnedah given by Sergeant Murray (Handout provided.)**

- Increase in BES offences
- Assaults – non Domestic Violence are down but will possible increase over the warmer months.
- Drug Detection – Move On legislation is being widely used
- Major incidents – very low/non existent over past six months

### **Keyholders – Vacant Premises**

Discussion re the service available to members of the public to register with Police the dates where their houses will be unattended when they are leaving the area for a period of time. This appears to be under utilised and the Committee suggested the Community be made aware of the service. Police will then check on vacant premises and have contact details if required.

**Action:** Insp Sutton to contact Namoi Independent to have an article published.

### **“Dob in a Dealer” Project discussed.**

A form has been prepared by Inspector Sutton and has been cleared for release by State Crime Command.

Discussion as to the best way for this form to be disseminated throughout the Community. Mail outs through the rate notices, letter drops and inclusion in local papers discussed.

Action: Insp Sutton - Media campaign to be launched in February – form to be included in newspaper

Action: Council to assist by including the form in the rate notices – February mail out. Council contact – Daryl Campbell – 67402112

Action: Request to be made to Secondary Schools for information to be included in their newsletters

### **General discussion:-**

- Drug detection
- Drink spiking – Regal Hotel – tests not conducted to verify this incident.
- Hopedale Avenue area – ongoing crime issues – no real increase in crime – ongoing issues
- Staffing levels at Gunnedah
- Corrective Services – prisoner transfers
- Failed Prosecutions

Truancy Issue raised:

Cr Marshall raised concerns over the level of truancy within Gunnedah – he has heard of a program that is running in Taree where cards are issued to those students who have a valid reason for being away from school and those students who do not have a card are not served in shops/business within the Taree area. Const Harvey discussed a program that is running through Centrelink.

Action: At the next meeting Ms Dufty and Mr Jones will be asked their views on the truancy programs and if this card system would be of value in the Gunnedah area.

Meeting closed 11.00am

**Next Meeting – 5 April 2010 - 10am Council Chambers**

Minutes: Jill Smith – Executive Officer