



**PENRITH LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
MINUTES OF THE PENRITH/ST MARYS COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

**St Marys Police Station  
King Street, St Marys  
9 June 2009**

**Meeting Opened:** 10:10am, by Chair, Supt Ray Filewood

**Attendees:** Superintendent Ben Feszczuk APM, Commander, Penrith LAC  
Superintendent Ray Filewood, Commander, St Marys LAC  
Sgt Simon Curry, St Marys LAC  
Mrs Deanne Bell-Smith, Executive Officer, Penrith LAC  
Ms Karyn Paluzzano, Member for Penrith  
Mr David Burns, Penrith City Council  
Ms Alison  
Ms Gladys Reed, Penrith City Centre Association  
Ms Melissa Dransfield, CEO, Centre Management, Westfield  
Mr Allan Shearan MP, Member for Londonderry  
Mr Michael Banasik, Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council  
Ms Diane Beamer, Member for Mulgoa  
Ms Jill Woods, Chief Executive Officer, Penrith Chamber of Commerce

**Apologies:** Detective Insp Grant Healey, Crime Manager, Penrith LAC  
Insp Anthony Holton, Crime Manager, St Marys LAC  
Ms Yvonne Perkins, Penrith City Council  
Mr Jim Aitken, Mayor, Penrith City Council  
Mr Max Harrison, Kingswood Traders Association.  
Ms Wendy Hearne, St Clair Community Group  
Mr Philip Costa, Member for Wollondilly Shire

**Adoption of previous Minutes:** Ms Karyn Paluzzano advised of notation for presentation of CPP action plan and list of associated Govt bodies not provided within minutes.

**NB Action plan and relevant Gov't bodies associated with CPP provided at end of this document.**

Minutes of Inaugural CSPC accepted by Ms Karyn Paluzzano and seconded by Mr Davis Burns.

**Business arising from  
Previous CSPC minutes:**

- ✚ **Feedback re CPP Supt Feszczuk for Insp Grant Healey**  
Supt Feszczuk advised there was little to report except to say the CPP was going extremely well. It is governed by the Premiers Dept who are happy with the current workings of the Partnership. The issue of steal from motor vehicle has been addressed and the Local Council has received a grant to introduce a “screw” system to attached number plates to vehicles to circumvent their theft.

Supt Filewood advised members that the CPP is not undertaken by the St Marys LAC and was only enforced upon the Penrith Command.

**Correspondence In:** Nil

**Correspondence Out:** minutes of previous minutes and Agenda

**Crime Review:**

- ✚ **Penrith LAC – Presented by Supt Ben Feszczuk – March 2009 to present**

Supt Feszczuk explained new statistical system of COMPASS which is a corporate reporting system for the NSW Police.

**Crime: Penrith LAC**

Diane Beamer questioned the difference between actual and target figures against business plan targets with explanation of breakdown provided by Supt Feszczuk.

Mayor, Michael Banasik requested understanding of what crime category graffiti was placed with explanation of category type Malicious Damage.

It was noted by Ms Beamer that a peak in all crime categories was demonstrated during October/November and questioned if any reasoning could be attributed to this. Without further analysis, this basis could be attributed to the pre Christmas season and warmer weather.

## **Overall Results**

Compass crime data for the period July 2008 to May 2009 was reviewed.

## **Overall Results**

In all but two of the key crime categories the Penrith LAC is performing better than BP target. Only the crime categories Break and Enter – Dwelling and Fraud are over target by 2.4% and 1.4% respectively. The incidence of Break and Enter – Dwelling is 1.1% higher and Fraud 2.4% lower when compared with the same period last year.

## **Top Ten Crime Categories**

A chart showing the top ten crime categories was tabled, with Stealing, Malicious Damage, and Assault being the three most frequently occurring crimes in the current financial year to end May 2009.

## **Crime by Suburb**

A chart showing crime by suburb was tabled, with Penrith (44%), Cranebrook (14%), and Glenmore Park (11%) being the suburbs which account for 69% of the crime occurring in Penrith LAC.

## **Trends**

### **Assault**

Assault (Non-DV) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 8% below BP target. 32% of all Assault incidents are alcohol related, however Alcohol Related Assault is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 13.9% below BP target. DV Related Assault is trending slightly below last years' actual level and is currently 1.4% below BP target. Sexual Assault is trending below last years' actual levels and is currently 18.1% below BP target.

### **Break and Enter**

Break and Enter (Non-dwelling) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 14.1% below BP target. Break and Enter (Dwelling) is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 2.4% above BP target. A chart showing Break and Enter by suburb was tabled, with Penrith (31%), Cranebrook (13%), and Glenmore Park (25%) being the suburbs which account for 69% of the crime occurring in Penrith LAC. In the year to date 72% of Break and Enter incidents were committed upon residential premises, while 14% were committed upon Commercial/Business premises.

**Robbery**

Robbery is trending well below last years' actual level and is currently 30.3% below BP target.

**Stolen Vehicles**

Stolen Vehicles is trending well below last years' actual level and is currently 19% below BP target.

**Fraud**

Fraud is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 1.4% above BP target.

**Malicious Damage**

Malicious Damage is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 14.7% below BP target.

**Stealing (ex SFMV)**

Stealing (ex SFMV) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 13.9% below BP target. 21% of Stealing is Steal From Retail Store.

**Steal From Motor Vehicle (SFMV)**

Steal From Motor Vehicle is trending well below last years' actual level and is currently 22.5% below BP target. Year 2009 to date Steal From Motor Vehicle represents 43% of all Stealing.

**Proactive Policing**

Charts for year to date 2009 were tabled showing tasking and deployment of police by crime category and by location.

 **St Marys LAC – Presented by Supt Ray Filewood**

Ms Karyn Paluzzano requested St Marys provide statistics relating to Kingswood be broken down and supplied. Supt Filewood to supply at next meeting.

Discussion regarding Operation LORN which targeted anti-social behaviour and graffiti on the 22 – 23 May. The Operation included 50 officers and 31 arrests were made over the two day period.

Ms Paluzzano states that the Kingswood area had been classified as a “hot spot” for too long and advised that she had not sighted any pro-active policing in that area. Supt Filewood to provide times and dates of pro-active police activities conducted by the St Marys LAC at next meeting.

Supt Feszczuk provided detailed statistics relating to the tasking and deployment of the Commuter Crime Unit for the areas

between Emu Plains and St Marys for the months of March, April and May 2009.

Statistics as follows:

Totals	March 2009	April 2009	May 2009
Hours Spent	43	78	42
Number of Police	92	128	100
Move On's	6	5	4
Person searches	21	20	6
RINS	36	47	33
Charges	1	6	10
Intel's	9	13	6

Members advised of tasking of police at Kingswood railway re youth gangs involved in public order incident which appears to be a retaliation for an assault. This taking resulted in excellent Intel reports.

Supt Filewood advised that continued tasking of the Kingswood area would remain and the Command is currently working with the Dept of housing in regard to person who are continuing to come under police notice.

Further discussion ensued regarding the attendance of police at meetings of Kingswood business traders to enhance reporting of offences to police with suggestion by Ms Jill Woods for reporting of crimes to be advertised in localised publications.

### **ST MARYS – CRIME**

State Plan Offences: Sexual Assault is in the red. All other categories in green. Sexual Assault figures are coming down and there were only two offences in May, both Indecent Assaults  
Non State Plan: Alcohol Related assault, Break and Enter Non Dwelling, Fraud, Malicious Damage and Steal from Motor Vehicle all in the red.  
Assault (DV Related) was green and Stealing (excluding SFMV).

The Top 10 Categories for volume crime were:  
Malicious Damage, Stealing, Domestic Violence No Offence, Assault, Break and Enter, Fraud, Personal Violence, Drug Detection, Robbery, Street Offence.

The All Crime Map shows that the hot spots for the LAC are Kingswood and St Marys.

Crime by Suburb: St Marys, Kingswood, St Clair then Werrington were the highest.

Assault (Non DV): Under the business plan. Domestic Violence related accounts for the most.

Sexual Assault: Was above the business plan from Nov - Mar but actual number of offences are low. Most reported sexual assault offences are JIRT related matters.

Stolen Vehicles - under the business plan. Hot spot areas are the car parks in St Marys CBD

Robbery - well below the business plan

BES Dwelling - Currently below the business plan. St Marys then Kingswood are the two hot spots.

Alcohol Related Assault - Above the business plan. Kingswood is the hot spot. Most AR Assaults occur in residential premises and are linked to domestic violence.

BES Non Dwelling - Above the business plan. UWS Kingswood was being targeted but a male was arrested and charged.

Malicious Damage - Remains high. Most are random acts. 20% is graffiti. The offence was targeted through Operation LORN.

Stealing (excluding SFMV) - Currently just below the business plan. Most are random acts of stealing from residential premises.

Assault (DV Related) - Currently below the business plan.

Fraud - Majority are Fail to Pay for petrol offences. There has been about 9 incidents of counterfeit money being passed.

Steal from Motor Vehicle - Above the business plan. The hot spots are the car parks in the St Marys CBD and Kingswood.

Warragamba - Crime rates remain low. Still being targeted by Operation REPON.

**Contentious Issues:** **Supt Feszczuk** advised of overtures by Supt Filewood for the Penrith LAC to encompass the Warragamba area with inclusion of the current building and one police officer.

Supt Filewood held discussion of this matter over to be discussed in General Business.

## **FEEDBACK FROM PACT MEMBERS**

Ms Paluzanno aware of AG's grant and any activity undertaken by the CPP should be reported to the CSPC.

Mr Davis Burns advised of Rail Corp meetings and control comparative study site for theft of motor vehicles from railway to be undertaken. Feedback from study will be present to CSPC

**New Business:**                    **Warragamba sector** – Lengthy discussion regarding which LAC should be overseeing/have control of the Warragamba police station. Discussion topics included: strategic policing, cost effectiveness, no of officers required for effective policing, opening of 2<sup>nd</sup> picnic area, opening of viewing area, contentious issues as raised by police, logistics of movement. Superintendents have not reached an amicable decision and matter is to be promulgated thru the Region Commander.

**St Marys staff levels** – Ms Diane Beamer raised issue of previous industrial staffing levels of the Command with response from Supt Filewood advising the St Marys Command has additional six positions, fifteen probationary officers received in last class and an additional three to come from next class with Command being a total of three over strength.

**Next Meeting:**                    14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Doug Kelly Room, Penrith Local Area Command

**Meeting Closed:**                12:10pm

## Actions

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