

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND
MINUTES OF ARMIDALE/URALLA/GUYRA PACT
HELD AT NEW ENGLAND LAC
18th NOVEMBER, 2010
COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM**

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Present: Supt MARTIN Chair, Insp Lynch, A/Sgt Gayner, A/Inspector Jason Burton, S/C Amanda Waters, Mr Richard Torbay MP, Member for Northern Tablelands; Mr Peter Ducat, Mayor Armidale Dumaresq Council; Mr Hans Hietbrink, Mayor, Guyra Shire Council; Mr Michael Pearce, Deputy Mayor, Uralla Shire Council; Ms Eve Woodberry, UNE; Mr Steve Widders, Aboriginal representative; Chris Milne Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Insp Stier, Mr Kevin Ward, Mayor, Uralla Shire Council.

WELCOME: Superintendent MARTIN welcomed all participants.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING RATIFIED: Mr Torbay – seconded Mayor DUCAT.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Home safe brochure.

Completed and in local newspapers.

Licensing – Presentation by S/C Borger, NELAC Licensing Officer

- Armidale has one of the earliest lockout times at 12.30am.
- Newcastle is 5am
- Voluntary with liquor accord
- Lockouts can be examined if there is significant increase in crime. This is not happening in Armidale
- Covert and overt operations are being conducted in Armidale
- Ms Sue Durham is valuable as a CSPC member re licensing and accord issues.
- Nightrider bus is working well. Thanks from the meeting to the UNE for this initiative.

Commander introduced S/C Vaughan to the meeting as the new Crime Prevention Officer (CPO)

Some crime prevention initiatives -

- Safety net column in newspaper
- Domestic Violence (DV) articles in newspapers

- White Ribbon race day on 11 December in Armidale
- International students spoken to re security
- Blue light discos being examined
- Issues with PCYC. Staffing needs filling and no current management. CPO willing to assist.
- Visited outstations. Tenterfield, Glen Innes etc. Will be used as a LAC resource.

Crime Presentation – Powerpoint – A/Sgt Gayner

Crime trends and issues discussed.

Staffing:

No real change. Getting 2 Probationary Constables out of the next class. Long term sick is an issue. Uralla and Guyra going well re crime. New Detective has commenced in Armidale

MATTERS OF INTEREST

Mayor Hietbrink – Appreciates the police and HWP presence in Guyra. Rotary park is a problem with loitering. Council is looking at lighting

Uralla – Some reports of vehicles speeding. HWP will be contacted.

Mr Widders – Policing of alcohol free zones. Residents have requested tightening. Need more calls from local residents regarding these issues.

IPROWD – Aboriginal recruitment. New England is part of the scheme and it is being encouraged by the ACLO. Police and ACLO are invited to attend Council Aboriginal Committee meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12md as well as the meeting at Kent House on the last Friday of the month and 9.30am. ACLO to be released where possible, to attend.

Mr Ducat – Giraween safety audit coming to Council next Monday. Not a lot of feedback from the community since the audit.

Ms Woodberry - Nightrider bus will continue until the end of the year. CPO did a good job with International Students. Needs to continue this good work and CPO will liaise and assist in this regard. There are also issues with international persons not attached to the University. Mr Ducat and Mr Torbay will assess measures for these persons.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

See matters of interest.

Meeting closed: 11.00am.