



# NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE

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## Albury Community Safety Precinct Committee Albury Police Station 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2011

### Agenda

1. Welcome by Superintendent COMMINS
2. Apologies
3. Quarterly Crime Review – Sergeant GAY
4. Matters Arising
5. General Business – Around the Table
6. Next Meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2011

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### Minutes – Community Safety Precinct Meeting, Wednesday 16/03/2011.

Start: 10:05am

#### Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Title
Supt Gary Commins	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Commander
D/Insp. Brad Blanchard	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Manager
Insp. Lynelle Rodwell	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Duty Officer
A/Insp. Peter Owen	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Duty Officer
Sgt Paul Gay	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Supervisor
S/Cst Matthew Barnes	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Prevention Officer
Mr Peter Prentice	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Analyst
Ms Denise Osborne	Greater Hume Shire	Mayor
Mr Peter Smith	NSW Dept of Education	School Education Director
Ms Heather Webster	Albury City Council	Community Safety Officer
Mr Rodney Shaw	Tumbarumba Shire Council	Councillor
Mr Ian Chaffey	Tumbarumba Shire Council	Mayor
Mrs Alice Glachan	Albury City Council	Mayor

Apologies: Ms Margaret Buntin

Convenor: Supt Gary Commins.

Welcome to attendees by Supt Gary Commins.

#### Actions arising from previous meeting:

- Mrs Glachan has discussed issues raised in Sen Cst. Barnes' letter. Audits have been conducted at 10am and in early morning. Numerous breaches were detected, mainly at 10am.

**Business arising from previous meeting:**

- Minutes were not disseminated by email for perusal. Were supposedly available on internet, in NSW Police page. Ms Webster commented that minutes were not available 1 week ago. Action: Sgt Gay to make enquiries regarding the publishing of meeting minutes on NSW Police internet site.

Minutes of previous meeting (December 2011) adopted by Sgt Gay and seconded by Mr Smith. Carried.

**Issues Discussed**

- Graffiti, licensing, cyberbullying.

**Actions arising from meeting:**

- Action: Sgt Gay to make enquiries regarding the publishing of meeting minutes on NSW Police internet site.
- Action: Insp Blanchard to request RCLO to disseminate information to assist in prevention of rural crime for inclusion in newsletters to either Ms Osborne or Hume Shire staff.

**Presentation by Sgt Paul Gay – Snapshot of business plan target compliance (year end targets)**

- Crime categories:
  - DV Assault down, Insp Blanchard commented on reasons for this incident type being considered a proactive category.
  - Retail Theft is above target, possibly due to greater detection over Christmas period.
  - Fraud, increased due to increase in fail to pay incidents in recent months.
  - Injury/Fatal crashes above target
  - Steal from MV, largest concern.
  - Non dwelling break and enters (businesses and schools) were over target but problem contained.
  - Drug supply incidents above target due to several drug unit operations.
  - Malicious damage, this time last year was of real concern, this year there has been significant improvement.
- Query regarding graffiti from Mrs Glachan. Sgt Gay commented that Albury LAC averages 12 reported graffiti incidents per month. Mrs Glachan commented that Albury Youth Council are leading on Graffiti Cleanup Day (May 15<sup>th</sup>).
- Year to date: Predicting that Albury LAC will match or better target (be green) in all but 4 incident categories. Drug possession and DV assault will be below target (proactive). Steal from MV and retail theft will be above target (reactive).
- Supt Commins:
  - Asked Ms Osborne whether Jindera problems had been resolved. Problems have settled down, Ms Osborne's only concern was traffic speeds through towns.
  - Commented on stats-targets. Steal from MV incidents are convenience or opportunity crimes. Has been discussed at Crime Prevention meetings. Discussion on how to inform motorists.
- Sen Cst Barnes commented that VIPs follow-up all steal from MV incidents. Also mentioned anti theft screw day held at Bunnings on 12/3/11.
- Sgt Gay commented on the change in criminal culture. It has become harder and/or riskier to commit break and enters to residences and business. Stealing from vehicles is much easier/safer.
- Queries regarding firearms inspections, and what an intention offence was. Sgt Gay explained these incident categories.
- Ms Webster asked whether DV assaults were down or just reporting of. Insp Blanchard and Supt Commins responded that Albury LAC has had systems in place for several years to ensure that there is a high level of reporting. NSWPF Albury maintains a strong network with other agencies.

## **Around Table**

### **Supt Commins:**

- All commanders have received a survey about CSPM, asking opinions regarding value of the meeting. Supt Commins has commented that current format is good and meeting is a good way to communicate and exchange information.

### **Mrs Glachan**

- Nil to report from councillor perspective. Several large events have occurred, how did they go, is there a need for council to assist in the management of these events. Council staff may be able to assist with future events. Supt Commins responded: Nothing has stuck out as problem. There has been some expectation by organisers that user pays police will turn a blind eye to issues organiser doesn't wish them to address, this will not happen. Police will enforce law impartially.
- Clarified above question, queries were about after effects of large events. Large crowds leaving and person movements to and in Albury CBD. Response that there has been no extraordinary issues regarding licensed premises in CBD. Licensees need to be aware of regulations.

### **Ms Osborne:**

- There was a write up on the apprehension of property offenders in local newsletters.
- Traffic problems have been highlighted at a recent meeting. Heavy vehicles still a problem in early morning (6am) in Burrumbuttock.
- NHW: Police involvement desired. S/Cst Barnes enquired about the NHW organisations operating in Hume Shire; there may be one operating in Holbrook and certainly in Jindera but unsure of other locations. Discussion regarding survival of NHW and rural watch and dependence on funding and sponsorship.
- Current livestock prices and stock thefts raised by Sgt Gay. Ms Osborne commented that there are numerous town newsletters published monthly. Action: Insp Blanchard to request RCLO to disseminate information to assist in prevention of rural crime for inclusion in newsletters to either Ms Osborne or Hume Shire staff.

### **Mr Smith:**

- Cyber bullying – Being strongly address. Strategies and resources being disseminated to schools.
- Leaving age: Courses are being implemented to improve retention. Trades education centre to be built.
- Kandeer model to be modified to improve attendance and outcomes.
- Department of Education appreciative of all Police assistance.
- Supt Commins commented that SLO is currently unavailable, YLO is taking on part of role.

### **Ms Webster:**

- Alcohol plan consolation:
  - Facilitator for table discussion event expert in community engagement.
  - Each table will discuss one facets of plan and persons will swap between tables.
  - Request that Supt Commins or representative would attend and speak, Albury Mayor, NSW Health representative and the facilitator will also speak.
  - Public online survey planned.
- As representative of Liquor Accord: Letters have been sent out to high schools, suggesting that a member of the liquor accord and a council/police representative come and speak to students about safe alcohol use. Letter will also be sent to Army and to University. Request that information be sent to S/Sgt Nugent.
- Country Energy sponsoring a painting competition. Seeking designs for power boxes.
- Crime prevention plan: Different agencies reporting back regarding actions they are taking to combat crime. Heartening to see what is being done to fight crime.

### **Mr Shaw:**

- Concerns regarding cannabis plantations. Good to see action taken against. Discussion regarding Police actions regarding cannabis plantations.
- Staffing comments from Supt Commins, housing requires repairs, NSWPF may need council assistance.

**Insp Rodwell:**

- Response times are under targets (good).
- Harmony Day – Community groups are invited to function on 29/3/11, aim is to promote confidence and trust of police in refugees and to break down cultural barriers to reporting.

**Sen Cst. Barnes:**

- To Tumbarumba Council representatives: AFZs are not being enforced, licensed premises are not complying. 2 police on duty can't stop everyone walking from pub to club with open alcohol. Fire doors are being left open. Request the council send licensed premises a warning letter about observed breaches, will allow Police staff to work with licensed premises to improve situation rather than just issuing infringements. Response was that council have already sent licensed premises letters regarding side doors being left open. Issue is smokers.

**Mr Chaffey:**

- Asked if there had been any outcomes/arrests regarding rural break and enters in late December. Insp Blanchard responded that there had been some arrests made but couldn't recall details.

**Sgt Gay:**

- Asked if Tumbarumba Council was happy with Tumbafest this year, did event go well, response that Council was happy with outcome and there were few problems. S/C Barnes complimented security, Police weren't required to act as security managed problems quickly and efficiently.
- Complimented the teachers from Murray High School involved in the DV assault matter between Bhutanese brothers. Handling of issues was great, care and empathy was shown for all the children. Wished for compliments to be passed on. Mr Smith said they would be.

Meeting end: 11.30am  
Next meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2011

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