

PACT MEETING REPORT

LAC: HARBOURSIDE

Date: 5th April, 2007

Time: 10:10am

Core Members Other attendees	Organisation/Position	Contact Details	Attend yes/no
Elle Vincent	Cremonne Chamber of Commerce	9953 1725 ellevincent03@bigpond.com	No
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Summary of Commander's Presentation

Nil apologies.

A/Superintendent Robert McGhee, Insp Peter Houlahan, Tracy Martin were present from North Sydney Police.

Matters arising from previous minutes:

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

Crime Summary, for the period of December 2006 – February, 2007:

*Assaults: Increased from the previous quarter by 7. The hotspot is at a hotel in North Sydney, in the early hours of Fridays and on Sunday evenings. All incidents were alcohol related and all vary but tend to be unprovoked attacks, hence we have had little progress with identifying persons of interest. The hotel is making efforts to address issues of assaults and antisocial behaviour in and around its premises. Insp HOULAHAN advised the meeting that we are currently in the midst of various operations but assured everyone that the hotels issues are being addressed by NSW Police.

*Break and Enter offences: Decreased this quarter by 75. There were 3 hotspots this quarter- 2 in North Sydney are businesses in office buildings. These occurred in late December to early January and offenders stole laptops from the businesses. Our Crime Prevention Officer has attended the locations to perform security audits and make recommendations to improve security features.

The third hotspot is a residential garage in Cammeray which has been broken into a few times over the quarter with property such as bicycles and golf clubs stolen.

The Intelligence Response Team arrested a male in December in Neutral Bay who is a suspect for numerous Break and Enters within the command, and this arrest has dramatically decreased the number of residential offences.

*Robbery: The number of robbery incidents has decreased by 1 this quarter. There is no specific

hotspot for robberies this quarter. The majority of the robberies are street robberies in the early hours of the morning, and most of the victims are intoxicated at the time, making them more vulnerable. Two licensed premises were robbed in the period.

*Stealing's: The number of incidents has increased this quarter by 109. Steal from Motor Vehicle is the predominate type of stealing that occurred. The hotspot in North Sydney is mainly 'Other' stealing offences. The Crime Prevention Officer has performed audits at relevant locations. There was also a number of Steal from Motor Vehicle offences in the car parks in North Sydney in January 2007. A key offender was identified for these offences and numerous other incidents in City Central LAC; fortunately he was arrested by City Central officers and is again incarcerated. Currently Steal from Motor Vehicle offences in the command are laptops from vehicles parked in car parks and various vehicle parts stolen from cars parked on the street overnight, eg GPS, airbags and spare wheels.

*Stolen Vehicles: Increased by 1 this quarter. There were 2 hotspots for this quarter, firstly one in Mosman. The two vehicles were stolen in December, they were both Toyota's and one vehicle has been recovered in the Western suburbs stripped of parts. The second hotspot is two incidents on Waverton which both occurred in February 2007, one was a Toyota (which was recovered in the City the next day with minor panel damage) and the other was a Mazda.

*Malicious Damages: Increased by 59 from last quarter to the current quarter. The hotspot is in Mosman, at Mosman High School -graffiti and windows smashed during school holidays, 3 incidents of businesses on Military Rd having windows smashed in the evening and 7 pot plants belonging to Mosman Council smashed along Military Rd on the evening of 25/1/07 (two male persons have been charged for this matter as a taxi driver called police when he witnessed the offence occur).

A/Supt McGhee has directed a constable to investigate the most recent spate of graffiti in this same area of Mosman. The officer, Con Ross, has collected CCTV footage from numerous locations and is in the process of identifying persons of interest and taking appropriate action against them. Kay Clarke presented Insp Houlahan with details of quotes for the repairs required resulting from this graffiti for both the council and local businesses amounting to \$ 7356 so far. Insp Houlahan advised that the command would appreciate any assistance from the community in identifying these offenders as they are all believed to be local residents. Also that people have to be willing to make statements to assist police, as some resistance as been met when investigating these offences. He then explained that police are bound by the Young Offenders Act, so whilst it may seem that offenders may have gotten off lightly that police are doing all that they can within their powers. Penny Holloway advised that North Sydney Council recently received a letter from a young graffiti offender offering to clean the graffiti off during his holidays; the council will be accommodating the young person's request. Malicious damage in general, is again predominately random acts of vandalism on vehicles.

*Pro-activity: Pro-activity increased from the last quarter with regards to Person Searches and Move on directions, with police presence on the street increasing the number of pro-active incidents in the Command. Insp Houlahan advised that drug detections have slightly decreased this quarter but that our dedicated Drug unit have numerous ongoing investigations that will increase this figure in the next quarter.

Community Concerns and Feedback Issues Raised	Decisions taken / LAC Response
<p>Assaults: North Sydney Council are trying to revive the CBD to attract people to restaurants and cafes, but it is dangerous down there in the evening due to intoxicated people in the area. What is being done? Genia McCaffery</p>	<p>*A/Supt McGhee advised that the CBD is not too dangerous to walk around at night, but that officers regularly patrol licensed premises in the CBD as well as general patrols of the streets. Sgt Flakelar, the licensing sergeant is vigilant with all licensees particularly when it comes to Responsible Service of Alcohol. *Insp Houlahan reiterated that various measures are being put into place to address issues relating to licensed premises in the CBD.</p>
<p>Are Domestic Violence victims still receiving support? Which agency is providing this support? As in the past funding for support workers has had to be fought for by local members. Jillian Skinner</p>	<p>*Insp Houlahan informed everyone that along with the Domestic Violence Liaison police officer (DVLO) that Centre Care are providing support workers. Utilising the 'yellow card' referral system victims elect to receive this support and their details are supplied to Centre Care. We have a high rate of withdrawal for Domestic matters by</p>

	victims in this command, but this is declining with proactive work of DVLO and support workers. We are unaware of the source of funding for this program at the current moment, but can assure you that support workers are available.
Break and Enter: Is the light hotspot in Mosman from Sturrocks Boatique being ram raided? Denise Wilton	*Tracy Martin advised that the mild hotspot in Mosman near Cowles Rd was a result of 4 businesses being broken into on the one night. Insp Houlahan assured everyone that the ram raids are being investigated and that a specialist task force has been established by the region, which targets ram raiders in the metropolitan area.
Stolen Vehicles: Is vehicle re-birthing being addressed? Does someone notify car manufacturers about vehicle types that are targeted for re-birthing? Genia McCaffery	*Tracy Martin stated that vehicle re-birthing is complex crime problem which the State Crime Command of NSW Police has a dedicated teams working on the problem. Insp Houlahan added that these squads have had major impact on vehicle re-birthing with the import scanning machines on ship containers. This unit also looks at vehicle re-birthing for the whole state and they do liaise with car companies regarding the prevention of vehicle re-birthing, where it is appropriate.
If a vehicle is only attempted to be stolen does this still count as an incident and should people still report it? Jillian Skinner	*Insp Houlahan stated that the number does still count as an incident and all attempts should be reported so that patterns and trends can be identified.
Is carjacking still occurring? Collin Croll	*Insp Houlahan stated that there have only been two in just over 12 months, one in Mosman and the most recent one, which a doctor was put in the boot of the car.
Pro-activity: Can you please let officers know that the community can be friendly, as many times I have said 'hello' to officers on the street and they ignore me and seem to runaway. Jillian Skinner	* Insp Houlahan assured Jillian that he will address this with all officers. We have just received more probationary constables who lack experience, but they need to attend to their communication skills. He is always encouraging officers to get out and speak to the community they are servicing and create a rapport with people.
Is Business Watch still running? And is Neighbourhood Watch still going? Kay Clarke	* A/Supt McGhee stated that Business Watch is not running in a formal mode but that if the councils or Chambers of Commerce wants police to come and address meetings or group talks that we are happy to attend and provide as much help as we can. If you can contact us as early as possible, we can make arrangements for an officer to attend. Insp Houlahan stated that Neighbourhood Watch is also not formally running as community interest waned but a new program is being established called Community Precinct scheme. He is unsure of the details as it is still in the process of being developed but our Crime Prevention Officer, Con Sean Campbell knows about the program and he will get him to contact Kay to discuss it.
North Sydney Council- Cremorne Shopping Area Streetscape Committee concerns regarding Hotel Cremorne and McDonalds restaurant trading hours and the impact on malicious damages and other offences in the immediate area.	*A/Supt McGhee explained that in late 2006 McDonalds closed down for renovations, during this period crime in the area dropped significantly. On its first day of opening the McDonalds Manager at Cremorne advised him that they had made 50% more then they had targeted and were extremely happy with the renovations. In a meeting with the manager, A/Supt McGhee advised them that he will be watching crime in the area and if assaults and antisocial behaviour increases at the location that police will not hesitate in doing all that they have to, to diffuse

	<p>situations even if this interferes with their business, as we have a greater responsibility to the community. He reminded the manager that in the past there has been problems at this location, he advised that officers will frequently perform business inspections, especially on the weekends when they are open 24hrs. He also reminded them that their security officer has to be active and not act as a host to patrons, as has occurred in the past. The Manager was supportive of police assistance and advised that she will co-operate with police on any issues that may arise. The Hotel Cremorne has had its share of problems also, which differ from McDonalds as it is a licensed premise. Sgt Flakelar, from licensing, has addressed many problems and they have been co-operative and the establishment has improved dramatically. A/Supt McGhee stated that he does not believe that the Hotel Cremorne is the problem here, it is that intoxicated persons coming from the city get taxi's and buses back to Cremorne McDonalds, they eat and then attempt to get into Hotel Cremorne and due to Responsible Service of Alcohol they are refused entry to the hotel and this is when assaults, malicious damages and antisocial problems are arising. He supports the hotel in their refusal and believes that McDonalds being open 24hrs is creating a meeting/stopping spot for intoxicated persons.</p>
<p>Mosman Festival has been moved due to daylight savings, to Sunday 28th October 2007. The council would appreciate Police support again this year for the event. Kay Clarke</p>	<p>* Insp Houlahan advised that Police will gladly support the event and reminded everyone that for such events they should liaise with licensing Sgt Flakelar to ensure all activities are abiding to licensing legislation.</p>
<p>Shoreshocked youth festival is on 14th April 2007 in St Leonards Park and the council has implemented more security, traffic management and escalation plan. It will run from midday to 7pm but should trouble start or drugs become a problem it will be shut down immediately. Penny Holloway</p>	<p>* A/Supt McGhee advised that local licensed premises have been responsive with regards to sale of takeaways on the day and secondary supply issues.</p>
<p>Residents and community members have expressed concerns regarding Greenway apartments (Dept of Housing) again and a meeting will be scheduled soon to address issues. Are Police keen to participate and assist with this project? Jillian Skinner</p>	<p>* Insp Houlahan stated that he is very keen to participate and assist in anyway and has agreed to liaise with Jillian to meet even before this meeting to discuss various issues.</p>
<p>Can we have regular discussions and meetings to prepare for New Years Eve celebrations in the North Sydney LGA, as issues arose at McMahons Point this year which concerned Milsons Point residents also, due to the follow on of crowds. Genia McCaffery</p>	<p>* Insp Houlahan stated that this can be organised, in preparation for 2008 celebrations.</p>
<p>Will APEC in September impact on this area with road closures etc as it did with</p>	<p>* A/Supt McGhee stated that APEC has its own police unit preparing for the event in September. Due to security</p>

the US Vice president visit?

Kay Clarke

reasons the LAC does not know of any specific information until much closer to the date.

Meeting Closed: 11:15am