



NSW POLICE FORCE

# Community Safety Precinct

## MINUTES

Monday, 9 November 2009

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### ATTENDANCE

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The Honourable Nathan REES MP	(Local member for Toongabbie)
Mr Robert GRIEVE	(Office of the Premier)
Mr David BAMFORD	(Rotary Club of Blacktown City)
Mr George GIANNIKOS	(Westpoint Shopping Centre)
Mr Tony ROBERTSON	(Seven Hills Centro Shopping Centre)
Mrs Susan VOGELS	(Sydwest Multicultural services)
Ms Jo-ann LOCK	(Principal Doonside Primary School)
Ms Michelle PARR	(Doonside Community Cottage)
Mr Neal VAUGHN	(Blacktown Workers Club)
Mr Mitchell STRUYVE	(The Hills Sports High)

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Superintendent Mark WRIGHT	(Blacktown LAC Commander)
Inspector Paul Mc HUGH	(Blacktown LAC Duty Officer)
Inspector Gary HUTCHEN	(Blacktown LAC Crime Manager)
Senior Sergeant KRAUS	(Blacktown LAC Crime Co-ordinator)
Acting Sergeant Mathew FISHLOCK	(Blacktown LAC Intelligence Supervisor)

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### APOLOGIES

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Mr Paul GIBSON	(Member for Blacktown)
Councillor Charlie LOWLES	(Mayor of Blacktown)

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**MEETING OPENED: 09:20 am**

Mr WRIGHT: Welcome and overview of the Blacktown LAC role in respect of the Community Safety Precinct Committee. Identified that only the invited committee members are able to attend the meeting process, however the elected officials on the committee are able to delegate their attendance if unable to attend.

A/SGT FISHLOCK: Powerpoint presentation - crime overview of the last three months. This included a detailed breakdown of Crime Categories/involvements/gender, age of POI's and Victims.

Further discussions with Insp HUTCHEN explaining the figures/breakdown of crimes.

Overview of Police Operations for previous three months.

### *General Discussions*

Increase in crime, due to warmer months and more police operations targeting specific areas, ie: shoplifting, assaults which in turn increases recorded offences. Also, greater encouragement to report offences.

Mr WRIGHT: Discussion on previous media release from Saturday night News (7<sup>th</sup> Nov) where Taxi Drivers reported an increase in Assaults and Robberies upon them. This had not been brought to the attention of local Police.

Meeting with Indian student Navjot Singh, in relation to perceived problems within the Indian Community. No evidence to suggest crime reported against Indian community is planned/targeted.

Susan VOGELS: Spoke about a community education program being run from SYDWEST, to inform and educate community members.

Mr WRIGHT: Youth workers and local community members currently working with Local Police on Thursdays nights, interacting with youths. Large number of youths engaged over the last 5 weeks, with surveys returned to Police. Positive feedback from youth workers.

Father Chris Riley has sought funding and blessing from elders to engage with local Sudanese youth.

Council currently working with police organising activities (dance comps, music, sporting, mentoring) to engage the local youth. Westpoint assisting with facilities for certain activities.

Jo-Ann LOCK: Asked whether Police Operations will continue throughout the busier summer months. It was indicated that they will.

Mr WRIGHT: An education programme to be brought into schools through the Youth/School Liaison Police, about the new Graffiti laws.

*General Discussion* about Graffiti problems in the area.

Michelle PARR: States that some local residents are still attending the Doonside Cottage expressing their concern about local youth problems. Some still fearful to report incidents to police.

It appears that the youth problem has moved from Vesper Way, further up to the causeway. (Action item for *CPO*)

Inspector HUTCHEN: Suggested Hillsong may be interested to engage problem youths in Doonside area.

Susan VOGELS: New Youth Worker commenced work with SYDWEST, who is able to work after hours, specialising in education and employment.

SYDWEST requiring a 12 seater bus to transport youths to and from sporting activities on a regular basis. All attempts so far have proven un-successful.

David BAMFORD: 'Roteract' not well supported as yet, however are persevering to get the group up and running. Requires at least 20 youths to get started.

Mitchell STRUYVE: Year 9 students state-wide will be issued with their own Laptop until completion of the HSC. Possible issues with theft, robbery etc once it becomes community knowledge. Each laptop fitted with high tech security, which can be remotely shutdown and tracked back to its location. It needs to be communicated that these laptops will be of no use to anyone else due to the security features.

Police to be aware that McDonalds supply free WiFi access for laptops, which may encourage youths to congregate at our local restaurants.

Snr Sergeant KRAUS: To work with School Safety Response Unit, to enable awareness amongst the schools/community. (Requested for action to be taken at State level).

Neal VAUGHAN: Increase in CCTV coverage within the Blacktown Workers Club premises, as well as an increase in Security to prevent problems. States there are major graffiti problems within their sporting complex during school holidays. Overall states that the club is being very pro-active with licensing.

*Next LICQUOR ACCORD meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009.*

**MEETING CLOSED: 10:40 am**

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**Next Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

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