



NSW POLICE FORCE

Community Safety Precinct Committee

MINUTES

Monday, 9 August 2010

ATTENDANCE

Mr David BAMFORD	DB	(Rotary Club of Blacktown City)
Mr George GIANNIKOS	GG	(Westpoint Shopping Centre)
Mr Nathan REES MP	NR	(Local Member for Toongabbie/Seven Hills)
Mrs Susan VOGELS	SV	(Sydwest Multicultural Services)
Mr Neal VAUGHN	NV	(Blacktown Workers Club)
Ms Natalie CHIAPPAZZO	NCh	(Blacktown Youth Services Association)
A/Superintendent Paul Glinn	PG	(Blacktown Acting Commander)
Inspector Paul Mc HUGH	PM	(Blacktown LAC Duty Officer)
Sgt Emma HUCKINS	EH	(Blacktown LAC Intelligence)
Cst Mark Harrison	MH	(Blacktown Youth Liaison Officer)

APOLOGIES

Superintendent Mark WRIGHT	MW	(Blacktown LAC Commander)
Inspector Gary HUTCHEN	GH	(Blacktown LAC Crime Manager)
Mr Paul GIBSON MP	PG	(Local Member for Blacktown)
Mr Tony ROBERTSON	TR	(Seven Hills Centro Shopping Centre)
Ms Michelle PARR	MP	(Doonside Community Cottage)
Councillor Charlie LOWLES	CL	(Mayor of Blacktown)
Mr Mitchell Struyve	MS	(Principal Hills Sports High School)

MINUTE TAKER

Inspector McHugh (Blacktown LAC)

MEETING OPENED: 09:10 am

PG: Welcomed committee members and guest Jim Buckley (JB) (Blacktown Workers Club).

EH: Powerpoint presentation – Crime Overview for Blacktown LAC covering the months of May, June & July 2010.

General Discussions with respect to the Crime Overview.

DB: Wished to congratulate Police on the good work being done in the area. Mentioned the Com4unity group (youth focus) in which Police are involved.

DB: Question to Mr Rees. Is there any way we can give some positive press to Blacktown. Mentioned Bureau of Crime Statistics and reference to Blacktown LGA with respect to crime, which takes in a much wider area than Blacktown LAC, including Mt Druitt LAC and Quakers Hill LAC.

NR: Point well made. Difficult in terms of statistics. Does not give pinpointed information.

PG: As the statistics are LGA based, there is a community perception in relation to the rate of crime in Blacktown itself rather than the LGA.

EH: Talked about an increase in proactivity when crime rates are reduced as more time is available to be proactive when not investigating crime. Our bail check lists, checking curfew conditions makes a difference. We have had success.

DB: Makes reference to June newspaper reports in relation to crime.

JB: Lives in Lalor Park area. Good to see Police out and about at Lalor Park Shops.

PG: I was at Lalor Park Shops with Mr Rees last week. We need to know what is going on.

NR: Thanks for your efforts at Lalor Park. I attended a Mobile Police Station launch. There is also work being done on the Graffiti front. Just seeing Police there, the kids causing trouble do not hang around. Keep up the good work.

NV: Now is the time to give Police a wrap. We don't have any licensed premises in the top 100 list. Chris Stanley (Licensing) needs a pat on the back. He is really getting the message out about RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol). Chris has always given his time. The Liquor Accord is working well. Police deserve credit.

PG: Licensed premises are strong in support of our stance.

NV: We need to increase the size of non-alcohol areas in Blacktown. This would assist the retail area. I am pushing that with Council.

- NR: 9.50am Local Member for Toongabbie/Seven Hills Mr Rees (MP) leaving to attend another meeting. Thanks group.
- SV: What details are available regarding migrants, represented in crime as victims/offenders.
- EH: Cannot give a comprehensive answer. Well represented in driving offences. Some victims of Assault/Robbery. Domestic Violence may be slightly different.
- DB: We are seeing them on our Driving program.
- SV: Funding received for a driving program to be coordinated through Sydwest.
- PM: **Introduction of Blacktown LAC Youth Liaison Officer - Constable Mark Harrison.**
- Constable Harrison gave the committee some insight into his background, working with youth, an overview of his role, including current challenges and initiatives.**
- GG: Raised the work of the Com4unity group who meet regularly at Westpoint. Working with youth through this process has created positive change.
- DB: I have been asked to get involved. With the likes of Police and Marist Youth Care etc involved it is a worthwhile process.
- MH: Talked about Com4unity links, connecting agencies for the benefit of our youth. A recent Sydwest meeting discussed issues being faced by some young Sudanese girls with regards to family stressors. Hillsong have come on board through Com4unity to offer a program for girls called 'Shine'. It is the co-operation between agencies, working together that makes this happen.
- MH: Advised of the upcoming Com4unity Cup Soccer Gala Day on 2 September 2010 involving local high school children playing a round robin style competition, competing against a Blacktown Police team, a Com4unity committee team, with the event sponsored by local business. Invitation open to attend. Youth Off The Streets staff are cooking a sausage sizzle for lunch.

General Business

- NV: With the current upgrades and building works around the Workers Club, mentioned the use of anti-graffiti paint used around the

exterior of the building. Mentioned the area around Blockbuster Video as a current problem re graffiti.

ACTION: Refer to CPO to assess.

- GG: Indicated Westpoint do something similar which assists.
- SV: Mentioned current research regarding Refugee youth assimilation into society, how they settle into the life here. Also mentioned a reduction in issues reported to her involving Police which is really positive. Indicated Police are doing a great job.
- DB: Mentioned Joe and Joanne Tau involved with Com4unity developing a program called 'Switch' requiring funding. Rotary agreed to apply for funding in relation to this program. As a result Rotary is pleased to advise a sum of \$17,600 was made available through the club grants process for 'Switch'. Significant contribution by the Blacktown Workers Club and also the Seven Hills/Toongabbie RSL.
- DB: Talked about current driving program 'Under the Radar' aimed at Year 10 & 11 students. It will take place this year at the Blacktown RSL on 26/8/10. Currently 34 High Schools have been notified.
- DB: We also run the Traffic Offenders Program. Recently Macquarie University has become involved in the program. Rotary forwarded correspondence to the Premier's office through Member for Blacktown, Mr Paul Gibson to discuss the program delivered by Rotary in more detail.
- NV: As licensed venues we have a responsibility to talk to young people about responsible behaviour in licensed venues. We should talk further with DB at Rotary about this.
- DB: Difficult to get into schools as they do not have the space to add programs.
- SV: Could we incorporate something in our programs for young people at Sydwest.
- DB: Difficult. We run an eight week program.
- GG: Concur re earlier comments about Chris Stanley (Licensing Officer). He has been terrific.
- PG: Senior Constable Alison Raynard has been assisting Sergeant Stanley in the Licensing role.
- GG: Discussion re CCTV implementation in certain areas of CBD outside Westpoint. Funding available through Westpoint until end of September. Awaiting Council approval.

GG: Customer base up by 1.2 million this year. Hoyts and Myer 20% above.
Things going well.

PG: Closed the meeting and thanked all who attended.

MEETING CLOSED: 10:40 am

Next Meeting: 9am Monday 1 November 2010 Blacktown Workers Club

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