

**LACHLAN LOCAL AREA COMMAND – COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING**

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**DATE: 19 JULY, 2010**

**TIME: 10.30AM**

**VENUE: LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL – CONDOBOLIN**

**PRESENT**

<b>Supt Robert Ryan</b>	<b>Commander, Lachlan Local Area Command</b>
<b>Dawn Fardell</b>	<b>Member for Dubbo</b>
<b>Des Manwaring</b>	<b>Mayor, Lachlan Shire Council</b>
<b>Brad Byrnes</b>	<b>Administration, Parkes Shire Council</b>
<b>John Magill</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor, Parkes Shire Council</b>
<b>George Cowan</b>	<b>General Manager, Lachlan Shire Council</b>
<b>Mary Kriss</b>	<b>Intelligence Analyst, Lachlan Local Area</b>

**APOLOGIES**

<b>Phyllis Miller</b>	<b>Mayor, Forbes Shire Council</b>
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**Minutes from previous meeting**

**Moved – Deputy Mayor Magill Seconded – Brad Byrnes**

**Address by Supt Bob Ryan**

Supt Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting and tendered apology on behalf of Forbes Shire Council. He gave brief overview of his previous duties and expressed his pleasure in attaining the Commander's position at Lachlan LAC. Supt Ryan advised that he will be out and about over the coming months, with plans to visit all townships within the Command and to attend the upcoming local Agricultural Shows. He stressed the importance of knowing what is going on in his Command.

**Review of actions allocated at 19.04.2010 meeting**

Obtain breakdown of traffic infringement issued since the speed limit reduction on the Newell Highway. Supt Ryan tabled statistics prepared by Lachlan Intelligence Office and discussed the results. Advised that although number of infringements has increased, this corresponds with a rise in the number of highway officers at Lachlan.

**Introduction of Speed Cameras**

Supt Ryan was asked about Police reaction to the speed cameras that the Government has recently introduced. Supt Ryan advised that Police are not responsible for the camera, he believes this is the responsibility of a private contractor. He advised that 57,000 persons currently have their drivers licences suspended in NSW.

<b>Supt Ryan</b>	<b>Ascertain details of who is responsible for the speed camera and how they will be deployed</b>
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## **CRIME OVERVIEW**

Supt Ryan gave overview of results for financial year July 2009 to June 2010. Lachlan LAC overall achieved excellent results, with reductions in a number of crime categories. An overview was also given of results broken down by sector – Parkes, Forbes, Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore. Again excellent results were achieved. Tottenham Sector was not included in this overview and Mr Manwaring requested if results could be ascertained

Supt Ryan stated that he is currently in the process of finalising the Business Plan for the oncoming year and that Lachlan will likely be required to achieve a 1.5% reduction on YTD previous results

<b>Supt Ryan</b>	<b>Obtain Compass end of year results for Tottenham Sector</b>
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### Peak Hill Sector

During the overview of Peak Hill Sector results Mr Magill asked the following question "When member of the public rings Peak Hill Police, when no Police are rostered on, and the Call goes through to Parkes, is the incident recorded under Peak Hill or Parkes?"

Mr Magill stated that it is the community perception that Parkes Sector receives the statistics and therefore does not reflect accurately the crime at Peak Hill.

It was explained by Supt Ryan that the incident is recorded under Peak Hill and that all incidents regardless of where the report is taken is assigned to the actual location.

Peak Hill residents are encouraged to report all crime and be assured that crime figures are correct.

### Rural Crime

Mr Magill enquired if there had been an increase in Rural Crime. Supt Ryan stated that he was not aware of an increase and that there had been a recent investigation into stock theft that was still ongoing.

### Malicious Damage

Supt Ryan highlighted the excellent result in reduction of Malicious Damage incidents, which can mainly be attributed to the reduction of incidents at Forbes Sector. The implementation of CCTV in Forbes CBD has been a major factor in achieving this reduction.

Supt Ryan gave example of incident involving the alleged attack of YP person with knife, and use of CCTV which proved this claim incorrect – the incident appears to have been fabricated.

General discussion took place in regard to CCTV and its benefits and the possibility of implementation in Parkes. Supt Ryan agreed that CCTV would be beneficial and Police would be supportive of a model similar to Forbes model.

Brad Byrnes asked would it be possible to obtain a cost analysis of reduction in Malicious Damage incidents at Forbes. Aim is to use this data to analyse the cost of purchasing and implementing CCTV in comparison to ongoing costs of malicious damage incidents.

It was explained that Police data only has an estimate of the damage cost that is nominated at the time of taking the initial report of incident. This could be compiled but could be used as a guide only.

<b>Supt Ryan</b>	<b>Malicious Damage Vs Cost Analysis (as above)</b>
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Condobolin Alcohol Free Zones

Supt Ryan stated that AFZ due for expiry at end of July 2010, and need to be renewed. Mr Mainwaring advised that the AFZ has already been renewed with no changes. **Supt Ryan requested that signage be updated to reflect new dates.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Resident of Tullamore had written to Council and expressed that there is not a viable Police presence in the town. Supt Ryan explained that there is a full time officer attached to Tullamore Sector at present and that he resides at the Police residence. However this officer has requested a transfer and the position has been advertised.

Supt Ryan advised that Police has also received a letter raising concerns re traffic matters – not wearing of seatbelts, picking up children from school and speeding. He advised that he has spoken to the resident who wrote letter.

Supt Ryan advised that he has arranged for Highway Officers to be tasked to spend more time at Tullamore and that an Education Campaign will be put into place. Sgt Park has been assigned this task

<b>Supt Ryan and Sgt Nicholas Park</b>	<b>Education Campaign at Tullamore Sector – traffic related</b>
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**POLICE DEPLOYMENT**

Supt Ryan advised that 2 new probationary constables will be arriving in August 2010. Possibly more probationary constables will be deployed in December, dependant on graduating numbers.

Condobolin has recently filled three positions and has advertised outstanding Sergeant Position. Further explained that historically Condobolin has been a hard to fill location despite the incentives on offer. General discussion took place about incentives and what is remote and special remote.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Magill – Advice re Gophers

Gophers appear to becoming more prevalent with one family in Parkes having 4 persons using them. Seeking advice on where and how these can be driven, what are the road rules in regard to usage and can persons drink and drive. Issue also raised of standard of footpaths and the access to allow the flow of gopher traffic. Possibility of parking bays.

<b>Supt Ryan</b>	<b>Make enquiries re the law in terms of Drink and Drive gophers.</b>
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Dawn Fardell advised that she is currently involved in committee "Vulnerable Road Users" and this might also be a forum to raise concerns.

Bradley Byrnes – Neighbourhood Watch Reward System

Heard that Forbes Neighbourhood Watch Group has in place a system that rewards persons who supply information – how does this work? Supt Ryan advised that he is not aware of this system but would make enquiries with Senior Cst James Dolbel (Lachlan CPO).

<b>Supt Ryan</b>	<b>Make enquiries with Senior Constable James Dolbel in regard to how the reward system works with Forbes Neighbour Watch Committee</b>
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Bradley Byrnes – MOU between Parkes Shire Council and Lachlan Local Area Command

Explained that currently there is in place an informal process that allows the exchange of information in regard to Motor Vehicle Accidents in Parkes Shire Council. Would like to formalise this arrangement with the implementation of a MOU. Supt Ryan requested that application for MOU be forwarded to Lachlan LAC for consideration.

<b>Mr Brad Byrnes</b>	<b>Forward draft MOU to Lachlan Local Area Command</b>
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Local Shows

Many areas within Shires have local shows in August and September 2010. Supt Ryan advises that the Licensing Officer at Lachlan LAC will be involved in ensuring that there are controlled licensing areas and that responsible service of alcohol is maintained. Supt Ryan is looking forward to attending these events.

Condobolin Police Station

This is not a 24hr station and issue raised that sometimes the telephone call goes to Parkes Police Station and caller not always happy with the response they are given. Supt Ryan stressed that customer service is a corporate issue and always high on the agenda. Every effort is made to ensure that customers are given a professional service. Unfortunately there is no option to change the telephone service with the PABX being old and unable to be updated. Should the need arise Police can be recalled to attend to urgent jobs.

New Police Station

Supt Ryan gave an overview of progress to date in regard to the building of a new Police Station at Parkes. Verbal agreement has been received to purchase the land behind the Court House. Further negotiations are being conducted looking at location of Fire Station and traffic arrangements.

Mr Magill advised the meeting that he is on the Council Traffic Committee and plans are currently being considered to narrow the intersection area of Court and Hill Streets. This could affect traffic movements or access to the planned new station.

Brad Byrnes raised the issue of possible future services such as Corrective Services being involved in prison offender's transport and need to consider this in planning.

Retirement of Assistance Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

Supt Ryan advised the meeting that Assistance Commission Bradshaw will be retiring in November 2010. His last Region Meeting will be held in Broken Hill in October and any details of his farewell will be advised as they come to hand. Assistant Commissioner Peter Gallagher has been nominated as Mr Bradshaw's replacement.

**NEXT MEETING – 18 OCTOBER 2010 – FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL – 10.30AM**