

**Northern Beaches Local Area Command**

**Community Safety Community Safety Precinct Committee  
Minutes**

**Wednesday 17 November 2010**

Chairperson: Superintendent Cruickshank

**Attendees:**

Superintendent Cruickshank	Northern Beaches Police	Commander
Chief Inspector Green	Northern Beaches Police	Duty Officer
Detective Inspector Wonders	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Manager
Sergeant Jones	Northern Beaches Police	Intelligence Sergeant
Senior Constable Goodwin	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Jay Zmijewski	State Transit Authority	Security Coordinator STA
Anthony Cristie	State Transit Authority	Security Coordinator STA
Russell Wolfe	Warringah Council	Safety/Community Services
Harvey Rose	Pittwater Council	Mayor
Lindsay Godfrey	Pittwater Council	Manager Community Library & Economic Development
Brad Hazzard	Member of Parliament	State Member for Wakehurst
Rob Stokes	Member of Parliament	State Member for Pittwater

**Apologies:**

Amanda Watkins	MDECC	Drug Counsellor
John O’Dea	Member of Parliament	State Member for Davidson
Michael Baird	Member of Parliament	State Member for Manly
Keith Ralfs	State Transit Authority	Safety Officer
Domenic Laroza	State Transit Authority	Safety Officer

Meeting Commenced at 9.05am.

**Official Welcome:**

Meeting opened and official welcome by Superintendent Cruickshank.

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of previous meeting moved by Inspector Wonders and seconded by Harvey Rose.

**Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

Nil matters arising from previous minutes.

## **Crime Overview:**

Presented by Sergeant Jones.

- **Assault - Non Domestic Related**

Assault Non DV has an associated factor of alcohol related in 31% of incidents. Mona Vale and Dee Why are the hotspots followed by Collaroy and Avalon. The hot time for assaults is 9.00pm – 12.00am. Saturday is the predominant day. Occurring mainly in outdoor/public places 38% followed by residential 25%.

- **Assault – Domestic Violence Related**

Assault DV has an associated factor of alcohol related in 50% of incidents. Narrabeen equally followed by Avalon/Dee Why/Manly Vale are the current hotspot areas. The hot time period for assaults is 9.00pm. The predominant day is Sunday followed by Friday. Assaults primarily occur at residential premises 89% for October. 26% result in AOABH and the main MO is Physical Force 30% and Punch 26%.

- **Break and Enter Dwelling**

The hotspot locations are Narrabeen, Collaroy Plateau and North Manly 11% followed by Beacon Hill, Dee Why and Newport 4%. The hot times are 4.00am for night time and 5.00pm for daytime. The predominant day is Thursday, closely followed by Saturday. Main method of entry is “Other” 19% followed by ground floor rear door 10%. Inspector Wonders stated Strike force Kulai has resulted in numerous charges against recidivist Break and Enter offenders.

- **Break and Enter Non-Dwelling**

Hot spots Dee Why and Freshwater (2 in each), followed by Beacon Hill, Belrose, Church Point, Collaroy, Cromer, Curl Curl, Davidson, Nth Narrabeen, Warriewood (1 in each). Business/Commercial premises make up 38% of Non Dwelling Break and Enters. The hot time is 9.00am, 9.00pm and 12.00am. The predominant day is Friday. Main method of entry is Other 23% followed by ground floor front door 19%.

- **Stealing**

The hotspot locations are predominantly Dee Why 25% for SFP; Dee Why 36% for SFD and Brookvale 48% for SFR. The main further classification is Steal from Retail 63%, Steal from Dwelling 17% and Steal from Person 19%. The hot time period for Stealing is 12.00pm – 3.00pm. The predominant day for Stealing is Saturday, closely followed by Thursday. Sergeant Jones stated reported Stealings have increased over the last two months due to an increase in Police operations and legal actions taken by Police against offenders. Inspector

Wonders stated Shoplifting Operations are still running in which Police have worked with security guards and Loss Prevention Officers have resulted in numerous CINS and charges against offenders.

- **Steal from Motor Vehicle**

The hotspot locations are predominantly Newport 14%, Harbord 11% and Bayview, Brookvale, Mona Vale all 8%.

The hot time period for Steal from Motor Vehicle is 8.00pm to 4.00am.

The predominant day for Steal from Motor Vehicle is Saturday, closely followed by Tuesday.

- **Robbery**

Predominantly outdoor/public place 67% - 2 street level and 1 Home Invasion.

In October there were 1 each in Dee Why, Frenchs Forest and Freshwater.

2 occurred early Sunday morning and 1 occurred on Saturday night.

The main MO is Punch 33% equally followed by Personal Harm/Physical Force/Other Prohibited Weapons/Scissors 17%.

- **Stolen Vehicle**

Most vehicles stolen from this LAC are recovered locally.

The majority of vehicles were stolen from outdoor/public places 60% followed by residential premises 30% and car parks 10%.

The hotspot location is Brookvale and Newport 15% followed by Bayview, Collaroy Plateau, Frenchs Forest, Mona Vale and Warriewood 10%.

The hot time for stolen vehicles is 6.00am to 6.00pm.

Wednesday is the predominant day followed by Saturday.

Inspector Wonders stated dirt bikes are being stolen Sydney wide and there is no pattern to the offences. Multi-LAC approach being considered.

- **Malicious Damage**

The hotspot locations are Dee Why, Brookvale, Frenchs Forest and Newport.

The majority of Malicious Damage has occurred at outdoor/public place closely followed by Residential, Education and business/commercial premises.

The hot time is 12.00am.

Friday and Saturday nights are the predominant days.

Graffiti currently accounts for 23% of reported Malicious Damage.

- **Injury or Fatal Crash**

Dee Why, Forestville and Mona Vale are the main locations followed by Belrose and Frenchs Forest 10%.

During October the majority of accidents had no associated factor 94% and 6% were speed related.

The hot times are still 12.00pm - 3.00pm and 7.00pm – 10.00pm.

Saturday is the predominant day.

Sergeant Jones stated the majority of collisions on main roads such as Warringah Road are not speed related.

- **Mona Vale CBD**

The hot times are Friday and Saturday nights.

The hot times are between 8.00pm and 2.00am.

The main offences in Mona Vale are Assault 18%, Malicious Damage 31% and Stealing 51%.

Police conducted 49 Move Ons and 58 Person Searches.

- **Transit Related Offences**

Sergeant Jones provided comparisons between August – October 2009 and August – October 2010. These were elaborated upon by Inspector Wonders and Chief Inspector Green.

### **General Discussion:**

Rob Stokes stated there are young people who are carrying large amounts of alcohol onto buses. These persons are often consuming alcohol on the buses.

Harvey Rose enquired as to the general level of Police activity on STA buses. Commuter crime will be involved in Operations from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November onwards every second week end.

Harvey Rose stated women and the elderly avoid riding on the buses in the evening as they feel intimidated by the aggressive behaviour of young persons and young adults on the buses.

Superintendent Cruickshank stated Police have conducted transit related Operations which have been productive and have had a short term impact of reducing Transit related crime.

Anthony Cristie of the STA stated the STA provide an additional Security Vehicle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights plus 4 – 6 security guards who ride the buses.

### **Open Forum:**

Chief Inspector Wonders stated there will be Vikings Operations most weekends. Most weekends will have a Drug Dog Operation, a Licensing Operation, a Traffic/highway Operation and/or a Shoplifting Operation.

Superintendent Cruickshank stated Transit related Operations will be conducted each weekend. Some Operations will be conducted in conjunction with STA security and some Operations will be conducted solely by Police. The Operations will target offenders on buses, particularly on the L190 line. Commuter Crime will ride on buses from the city and Manly and travel to locations on the Northern Beaches. Commuter Crime will be attending the main bus stops and bus shelters at which offences have been committed in the past. Police will issue TINS, CINS and Charge as appropriate. On a two night Transit Operation Police issued 51 TINS on the first night and 63 TINS on the second night.

Brad Hazzard queried the number of Police utilised on Transit related Operations.

Superintendent Cruickshank stated the numbers of Police involved vary with the Operations. Frequently two Police are with STA security plus additional Police on Vikings. The number of Commuter Crime Police varies from two to six.

Further general discussion about young persons and alcohol. Superintendent Cruickshank stated young persons who have committed alcohol related offences are frequently placed into diversion programs such as “Your Choice.”

Chief Inspector Green provided a briefing on the Northern Beaches Pacific and Maori Work on the Streets (PMWS). Pacific Islanders are overly represented in crime, particularly in the suburbs of Dee Why and Brookvale. PMWS has elders and young people who are Street Wardens who engage with young persons of various backgrounds. Youth Reach and Point Zero are also involved and work in conjunction with PMWS. The PMWS will be re-evaluated after a three month trial. Brad Hazzard suggested the PMWS visit the primary schools in Dee Why and Brookvale to build up contact with children before they become adolescents. Superintendent Cruickshank said the Northern Beaches PMWS is modelled on an initiative which has been running successfully at Campbelltown for several years.

Lindsay Godfrey requested statistics for the Mona Vale CBD from 2009 and 2010.

Brad Hazzard requested statistics regarding motor vehicle accidents on Warringah Road in which trucks are involved. Brad Hazzard queried whether a speed camera should be placed on Warringah Road in the vicinity of the intersection with Pittwater Road.

Superintendent Cruickshank stated Warringah Road is heavily patrolled by General Duties Police and Highway Patrol in marked and unmarked vehicles.

Rob Stokes thanked Northern Beaches Police for policing McCarrs Creek Road in relation to traffic offences.

Rob Stokes has received notification of a proposal for a PCYC to be set up in the Northern Beaches.

Detective Inspector Wonders stated Police are notified regarding gaol releasees and parolees. Police visit and monitor these offenders once they are released.

Lindsay Godfrey stated Midnight Basketball is proving very successful. 80 young people are registered with an attendance averaging around 55 people a night. 50 volunteers have registered.

Lindsay Godfrey also stated Point Zero has commenced operating; the Mona Vale Chamber of Commerce has been relaunched and the Narrabeen District Chamber of Commerce has been launched.

Meeting concluded at 10.28am.

Date of next meeting to be arranged.