

**GOULBURN MULWAREE
CRIME AND COMMUNITY MEETING
Goulburn Mulwaree Council Chambers
11.00am 21st September 2011**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Superintendent Gary Worboys
Inspector John Sheehan
Detective Sergeant Matt Woods
Plain Clothes Senior Constable Brad Croker

Geoff Kettle from Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Chris Berry from Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Neil Penning from Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Chris Stewart from Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Jeff Woods from NSW Ambulance
Leigh Bottrell from the Goulburn Post
Narelle Lloyd from Goulburn Public School
Susan Bradley from Wollondilly Public School
Martin Purcell from Mulwaree High School
Craig Hawes from Southern Youth and Family Services
Simon Bennett from Anglicare
Bon Kirk from Goulburn Liquor Accord

APOLOGIES:

Alby Schultz	Liberal member for Hume
Pru Goward	Liberal member for Goulburn
Sue-Ellen Nell	St Josephs Primary School
Cr Denzil Sturgiss	Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Principal	Goulburn South Public School
Annette Broadbent	Goulburn West Public School
Cr Andrew Banfield	Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Peter Alley	NSW Rural Fire Service

INTRODUCTION TO MEETING:

Inspector John Sheehan welcomed all the participants and gave an overview on the meeting including that it provides an opportunity for local Councils and community members to meet with Police Local Area Commanders and share their perspective on local crime and safety issues. It provides the opportunity for community members and business owners to get involved in strategies designed to address local crime concerns. It also provides an opportunity for Local Area Commanders to promote accurate local crime information and raise awareness of crime prevention approaches.

Goulburn Police Local Area Command will be divided into the four local government areas being Goulburn Mulwaree, Wingecarribee, Yass and Upper Lachlan who will all have their own meetings with a specific name.

Each LGA will have their meetings quarterly with one of those meetings being an entire Local Area Command Forum where all four LGA meetings will be invited.

Goulburn Mulwaree LGA's meeting will be known as the Goulburn Mulwaree Crime and Community Meeting. What I propose to do is to showcase the different sections of Policing and the work they are doing at each meeting rather than just sitting here and going over large amount of statistics.

PRESENTATION ON BOSCAR CRIME FIGURES FOR GOULBURN MULWAREE LGA

Inspector John Sheehan gave a presentation on the Goulburn Local Area Command and provided boscar data for the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government area as well as providing police staffing numbers for the command.

Superintendent Worboys reinforced with participants that the figures are only reported crime and that some crimes are under reported.

GRAFFITI IN GOULBURN

Inspector Sheehan discussed graffiti and reduction strategies including Police keeping a database of tags and the need for all graffiti to be reported to Police. Police encourage the removal of graffiti as soon as possible to stop additional graffiti being added. There were some problems with residents and building owners not removing the graffiti in a timely manner.

Superintendent Worboys stated that he would be happy to send a letter to building owners if needed to document the need for the graffiti to be removed.

Council representatives spoke of a new graffiti hotline that was being instigated with the Goulburn Correctional Facility that would soon be set up and one telephone call will see the gaol send staff and inmates to clean up graffiti.

Superintendent Worboys spoke about Police having a Crime Prevention Officer who is available to attend and assess business, houses and alike that are repeat victims and provide strategies to reduce the chance of being a victim of crime. This is known as target hardening and involved strategies and design approaches to reduce the chance of being the victim of break and enters, malicious damage etc.

Chris BERRY stated that there were a lot of business owners in the CBD who did not reside in Goulburn, however the council had a database of business owners and would be happy to inform owners of the available of using the service.

Council representatives spoke about the recent damage to the Lady Belmore tree and that in all likelihood it would stay in it's current location due to the chance that it would not survive a move to another location.

Superintendent Worboys explained a recent initiate that occurred in the Wingecarribee Shire where business owners and members of council conducted a night walk through the CBD with Senior Constable Lou RAYMOND (Police Crime Prevention Officer) as she conducted a Community Safety Audit. The audit

highlighted the risks and a number of simple strategies to reduce the potential for businesses to become victims of crime.

ACTION: Goulburn Police Crime Management Unit to contact council and arrange a Community Safety Audit

DRUG PRESENTATION:

Plain Clothes Senior Constable Brad CROKER from the Goulburn Drug Unit then gave a power point presentation of drugs and drug crime.

Superintendent Worboys spoke of the lack of assistance that was provided by the community to Police in the form of information about drug crime and drug offenders.

The question was asked whether particular areas such as skate parks were a higher risk in regards to drugs.

Superintendent Worboys stated that there were more drugs being sold in the Goulburn CBD than in any other area. It involved all facets of the community from the young to the old and from the wealthy to the poor.

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Principal Susan BRADLEY encouraged the Police to attend and walk through the schools and speak with the kids. The more the children get to know the Police and become comfortable with them the more likelihood that they would speak with Police about what is happening in the community.

Principal Martin PURCELL agreed that it was good to see the Police in the schools and praised the work of Police Youth Liaison Officer Barbara BEARD.

Principal PURCELL raised the question of a School Liaison Officer.

Inspector Sheehan stated that senior Constable Gary MUTTON had been appointed to the position and was currently in Sydney receiving training and would be taking on the role and would soon make contact with the schools.

Councillor Neil PENNING stated that he believed the Police needed to increase Police interaction with Primary School aged children to encourage them to speak with Police.

It was also mentioned that the recent bicycle ride held in Goulburn over the weekend was well run by the Police with a number of comments made by spectators and participants.

Inspector Sheehan also thanked the Goulburn Mulwaree Council for providing the facilities for the meeting and particularly Chris STEWART for arranging the use of the room.

The meeting was asked if they had a particular subject for the next meeting in which a presentation could be made. The forum requested information on FACEBOOK.

ACTION: Presentation on FACEBOOK be provided at next meeting on the 22nd February 2011

NEXT MEETING:

Goulburn Local Area Command meeting on the 7th December 2011 at Yass with everyone being welcome.

The next Goulburn Mulwaree Crime and Community Meeting would be on the 22nd February 2011.

Meeting closed: 12.30pm